



# JAMES

## FAITHWORKS

OCTOBER 24, 2021  
8AM TRADITIONAL





Christ Lutheran Church is focused on Developing Dynamic Disciples for Christ. Within this focus, we picture four environments as our Pathway to Engagement: **Worship, Connect, Learn and Serve.**



## WORSHIP

Celebrate God Together

[christlamesa.org/worship](http://christlamesa.org/worship)

### Traditional

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

### Contemporary

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Refreshments served after each worship service for fellowship.



## CONNECT

Develop Faith Relationships

[christlamesa.org/connect](http://christlamesa.org/connect)

### Adult Life Groups

### Youth Groups

*God Squad (Grades 4-6)*

*Refuge (Grades 7-8)*

*Senior High (Grades 9-12)*



## LEARN

Know to Live God's Word

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### Adult Bible Study

Children's Sunday School

Senior High Sunday Morning

Confirmation (Grades 7-8)

Christ Lutheran School



## SERVE

Bring Christ's Love to Others

[christlamesa.org/serve](http://christlamesa.org/serve)

### Community Service

Mission Trips

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Music

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFIRMATION TESTIMONIES THIS WEEK!**

You are invited to come hear powerful faith testimonies from our confirmands this Friday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

## **SATURDAY IN THE PARK**

Families with children 0 to 5 years old are invited to Harry Griffen Park in La Mesa on Saturday, November 6 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Children can wear costumes, and parents can compare notes with other parents facing similar issues.

## **NOVEMBERFEST!**

Come join us Sunday, November 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the gym and upper Terrace for hot dogs and brats, sauerkraut, salads, fruit, soft pretzels, and desserts. Includes KidFest at 12:00 Noon on the school playground with organized games and a root beer garden. Suggested donation is \$5 for kids and \$10 for adults. Proceeds will help fund the Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas in July of 2022.

## **FLOWERS**

Flowers are given in praise and glory to God for his love, compassion, provision and answered prayer.

## AS WE GATHER

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church! Today we continue the message series called "Faith Works" exploring texts from the book of James. Today's message explores James 3:13-4:6, "Faith Works Heavenly Wisdom". James characterizes two kinds of wisdom: that which comes from the world, and that which comes from God. Godly wisdom is humble, pure, and peace-loving, and it results from the Spirit's presence within each believer. *"Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness."* (James 3:18)

**PRELUDE** (*Sabbath Sound Handbells*)      **BE THOU MY VISION, ARR. BY J. HONORE**

## WELCOME / INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

## OPENING HYMN

## LSB 979, GOD, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard  
And took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray,  
And where the Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,  
Let there be light!

Lord, who once came to bring, on Your redeeming wing,  
Healing and sight, health to the sick in mind,  
Sight to the inly blind: oh, now to humankind  
Let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove,  
Speed forth Your flight; move on the water's face,  
Bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light!

Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, love, might! Boundless as ocean's tide,  
Rolling in fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide,  
Let there be light!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. Let us confess the darkness of our sin to the Lord of light and life.

**People: God of light, we confess that we have lived in darkness. You are Wisdom, but we are dull with sin. You are Love, but we have hated one another. You are Mighty, but we are weak and helpless. You are Humility, but our hearts are full of envy and selfish ambition. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus. May our lives show Your humility and wisdom, that we may be peacemakers in this world of discord. Amen.**

Leader: God hears our confession, and He bears the lamp of His abundant grace. In Christ, all our sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

## JAMES 3:13-4:6

Reader: In James, the third and fourth chapters, Christians are commanded to avoid envy and selfish ambition in favor of humility and submission.

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

<sup>17</sup>But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

<sup>4:1</sup>What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup>When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

<sup>4</sup>You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? <sup>6</sup>But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

## **MATTHEW 5:1-11**

Reader: To honor the words and works of Jesus, please stand for the Holy Gospel. Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount, in the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them. He said: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me".

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

## APOSTLES' CREED

**People:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## RACHEL DUGGIE

## HYMN

## CH 562, BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

## MESSAGE:

**FAITH WORKS HEAVENLY WISDOM  
PASTOR RICHARD BURKEY**

## SONG OF RESPONSE

## CH 690, HE LEADETH ME

He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught.  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:  
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine,  
Content, whatever lot I see, Since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:  
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:  
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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***A limited number of paper connection cards are located at the after-  
Communion tables.***

## PASTOR APPRECIATION

**PHIL LAMONICA, APOSTOLIC COUNCIL CHAIR**



## PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we  
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**Leader:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon  
you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give  
you peace.

**People:** Amen.

## HYMN

### LSB 728, HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!

## POSTLUDE

### HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION, BY WILBUR HELD

# THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

## PREACHER

Pastor Richard Burkey

## WORSHIP LEADER

8:00 am: Jacob Sitze

10:30 am: Tim Walsworth

## MUSIC LEADER

8:00 am: Roger Howard

10:30 am: Kathy Barkett

## ACOLYTE

8:00 am: Alex Miller

10:30 am: Lucas Winkler

## READER

8:00 am: Don Mathiowetz

10:30 am: Julie Brown

## MEDIA TECHNICIANS

8:00 am: Kim Fiskratti

10:30 am: Joseph and Mark Arzillo

## SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 am: Sabbath Sound Bells

## COMMUNION ASSISTANT

10:30 am: Tom Egan, Scottie Miller

## WORSHIP PARTNER

8:00 am: Bob Maass

10:30 am: Roger Howard

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# MESSAGE FROM GOD'S LIFE-BUILDING WORD

## Faith Works Heavenly Wisdom

October 24, 2021

**Introduction:** Get Wisdom!

***Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. (James 3:13)***

1. Wisdom isn't just something you think, it's something you do.

- James 4:1-2a <sup>1</sup> What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? <sup>2a</sup> You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight.
- James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

2. Wisdom isn't loud and proud, it's humble and helpful.

- James 3:14-16 <sup>14</sup> But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.



- James 3:17-18 <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

3. Wisdom isn't something you inherit, it's something you ask for.

- James 4:2b-3 <sup>2b</sup> You do not have because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup> When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

*"In light of my past experiences, my present circumstances, and my future hopes and dreams, what is the wise thing to do?" -- Andy Stanley*

- James 4:4-6 <sup>4</sup> You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? <sup>6</sup> But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

**Conclusion:** And the winner is ...

***Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:***

## G.P.S. – GROW, PRAY, STUDY GUIDE

Get the weekly GPS on your computer/phone/etc. by going to the site: [www.clcm-gps.com](http://www.clcm-gps.com). You can also get automatic notifications by sending a text to 81010 with the text @clcm-gps, or by subscribing through Feedly.com (or any other RSS reader).

**Day 1:** Read *James 4:1-2a*. Wisdom challenges us to ask ourselves two questions: 1. Who is calling the shots in my life? 2. What makes me do what I do in my life? How do you answer those 2 questions for your life? How do your answers align with God's answers for your life?

**Day 2:** Read *James 3:13*. Think of the wisest person you know. Does their wisdom match James contention that wisdom isn't based on what you know, but what you show?

**Day 3:** Read *James 3:14-16*. For James, what is the danger of "**earthly wisdom**"? Why is it so dangerous? How have you seen it at work in others? Yourself? Where do you need to ask for forgiveness today?

**Day 4:** Read *James 3:17-18*. For James, what are the benefits of “**heavenly wisdom**”? Why is it such a blessing? How have you seen it at work in others? Yourself? Where do you need to ask for heavenly wisdom to be at work in your life today?

**Day 5:** Read *James 4:2b-3*. For Andy Stanley the best question ever is to ask, “*In light of my past experience, my present circumstances, and my future hopes and dreams, what is the wise thing to do?*” Think of a decision you’re wrestling with today. Pray about it through Andy Stanley’s question. How do you sense God leading you?

**Day 6:** Read *James 4:4-6*. James realizes humility is not our default response life. Humility does not come naturally, but supernaturally. Who is a humble person you know? How do you see God at work through their humility? Through your humility?

## GOING DEEPER & NEXT WEEK

- **Book:** *The Best Question Ever* by Andy Stanley
- **Next Sunday:** James 4:7-5:6 “Faith Works Trust”



# WHAT'S GOING ON THIS WEEK?

## TODAY | OCTOBER 24

- 8:00 am—Traditional Worship
- 9:15 am—Christian Education Hour
  - Focus*—Room 101
  - Bereans*—Room 203
  - The Village*—Room 202
  - New Member Class*—CLS Teachers' Lounge
- 9:15 am—Sunday School
  - 3yrs - Kindergarten*—Lucas Hall, Top Floor
  - Grades 2-6*—Youth Center, Room 1
  - Confirmation*—Lucas Hall
  - Senior High*—Youth Center Room 3
- 10:30 am—Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
- 4:00 pm—Divorce Care, DC4K, DC4Teens—Rooms 201-203
- 5:00 pm—Senior High Sunday Night—Youth Center

## MONDAY | OCTOBER 25

- 9:15 am—Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry—Lucas Hall

## TUESDAY | OCTOBER 26

- 7:00 pm—Sabbath Sound Bell Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm—Alcoholics Anonymous in Youth Building Room 1

## WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 27

- 10:00 am—Women's Bible Study—Lucas Hall
- 6:30 PM—Christ-like Servant Leader Class/Gathering—Lucas Hall

## THURSDAY | OCTOBER 28

- 9:30 am—Insights—Lucas Hall
- 6:30 pm—Al Anon Meeting—Fireside Room
- 7:00 pm—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

## FRIDAY | OCTOBER 29

- 6:00 pm—Confirmation Testimonies—Sanctuary

## SATURDAY | OCTOBER 30

- 7:30 am—Men's Bible Study in Lucas Hall

**Our calendar is always available at [christlamesa.org/calendar](http://christlamesa.org/calendar).**



# In Our Prayers



## REJOICING

We rejoice that God has answered our prayers to fill our church administrator position. We welcome Patti Maass to our leadership team and pray God's blessings on her ministry in our business office.

As we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Sunday, we rejoice that God has blessed Christ Lutheran with dedicated pastors who help our congregation thrive. We pray for Pastor Burkey, Pastor Travis, and Pastor Peterson as they serve with the gifts God has given them.

## ASKING

We pray for our twelve confirmands as they prepare to share their testimonies this week, that God would give them powerful words to witness to His goodness in their lives of faith.

We pray for Pastor Travis and his family as he reaches the halfway point of his deployment, that his remaining service would pass quickly and accomplish great things for God's kingdom.

We pray for Luca Ferguson as he recovers from pneumonia, that God would grant him complete healing and strength to return to preschool.

## CALLING

We pray for Julia Warren, student teacher from Liberty University serving in Casey Sitze's fifth-grade classroom this semester, that God would bless her service among us and prepare her effectively for teaching ministry.

We pray for the sons and daughters of our congregation who have entered full-time church work, that God's kingdom would grow as a result of their ministries around the United States and the world.

## SERVING

We pray for the mission dollars that Christ Lutheran sends around the world and here at home, that they would strengthen the sharing of the Gospel and be used wisely by good stewards of God's blessings.

We pray with thanks for Tania Fiero and Jennifer Humora, parent volunteers who led the planning and implementation of the CLS Sock Hop, that they would be blessed through their efforts to create lasting memories for our students.