

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2022

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jim & Penny Cleveland; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Darlene Welsh; Walt & Carolyn Trier

GUEST PREACHER & PRESENTER: today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador, who will preach for us and present during the Bible Study hour.

CHOIR REHEARSAL today at 11:30am. New voices are always welcome! The choir will be singing for Reformation (Oct. 30) and All Saints' Day (Nov. 6).

YOUTH GROUP MEETS TONIGHT with supper at 6:00pm. Join us!

TRUNK OR TREAT & potluck will be next **Sunday, Oct. 30, at 3:00pm.**

ALL SAINTS' BANNER: pin a ribbon to our All Saints' banner (fellowship hall) in memory of a loved one who has died in the faith. We'll display it in church at our All Saints' Day services (Sun., Nov. 6 & Wed., Nov. 9).

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: the voters' meeting for 2023 budget and elections is **Sunday, November 8.** Positions to be elected are president, vice president, secretary, elder (1), and trustee (2). Submit nominations to Jeremy Hammel (president) or another member of the elders or council.

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2023: talk to Linda LeFever asap!

FAITH CARPOOL NETWORK: do you or someone you know need a ride to church? Are you willing to give someone a ride? Talk to Vicar Woodhouse!

CALENDAR

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| Sun. Oct. 23 (St. James of Jerusalem) | 8:00 & 10:00am Worship <i>Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador</i> 9:00am Bible Study/Sunday School/Confirmation 11:30am Choir 6:00pm Youth Group |
| Mon. Oct. 24 | 8:30am Discussion of next Sunday's readings |
| Wed. Oct. 26 | 8:30am Matins 9:00am Book of Concord Study (Lg. Catechism) 7:00pm Divine Service |
| Thu. Oct. 27 | 7:00pm Bible Study (Genesis) |
| Sun. Oct. 30 (Reformation) | 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Study/Sunday School/Confirmation 11:30am Choir |

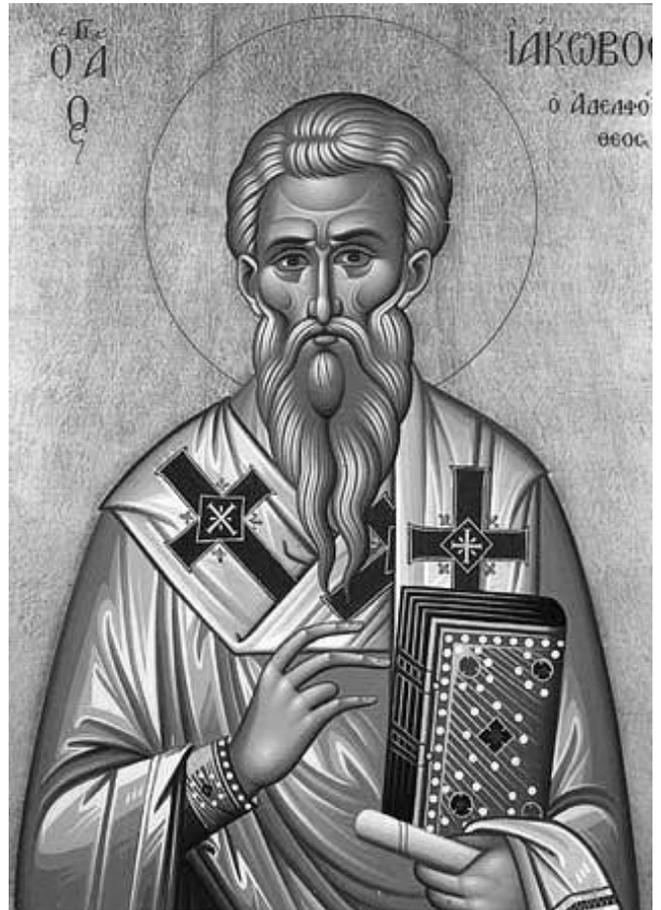
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This week the Church celebrates the Festival of St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus & Martyr. Who was St. James?

St. James of Jerusalem (or “James the Just”) is referred to by St. Paul as “the Lord’s brother” (Galatians 1:19). Some modern theologians believe that James was a son of Joseph and Mary and, therefore, a biological [half-] brother of Jesus. But throughout most of the Church (historically, and even today), Paul’s term “brother” is understood as “cousin” or “kinsman,” and James is thought to be the son of a sister of Joseph or Mary who was widowed and had come to live with them. Along with other relatives of our Lord (except His mother), James did not believe in Jesus until after the resurrection (John 7:3-5; 1 Corinthians 15:7).

After becoming a Christian, James was elevated to a position of leadership within the earliest Christian community. Especially following St. Peter’s departure from Jerusalem, James was recognized as the bishop of the Church in that holy city (Acts 12:17; 15:12ff.). According to the [Jewish] historian Josephus [ca. AD 37 – 100], James was martyred in AD 62 by being stoned to death by the Sadducees.

James authored the Epistle in the New Testament that bears his name. In it, he exhorts his readers to remain steadfast in the one true faith, even in the face of suffering and temptation, and to live by faith the life that is in Christ Jesus. Such a faith, he makes clear, is a busy and active thing, which never ceases to do good, to confess the Gospel by words and actions, and to stake its life, both now and forever, in the cross.



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