

Grow ... Go ... Gather
August 16, 2020

Blessings

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(LCMS)**

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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Call to Worship/Prelude (Please turn off your Wifi)

Welcome

(Please wear your masks when singing)

The Opening Hymn: LSB 905, "Come, Thou Almighty King"



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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The Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Exhortation

LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

The Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

The Declaration of Grace

LSB 151

- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **C** **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: "This is the Feast"

LSB 155

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ The Scripture Readings ✠

The Old Testament Reading: Psalm 67

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us

C: and make his face to shine upon us

P: that your way may be known on earth,

C: your saving power among all nations.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C: let all the peoples praise you!

P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C: let all the peoples praise you!

P: The earth has yielded its increase;

C: God, our God, shall bless us.

P: God shall bless us;

C: let all the ends of the earth fear him!

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

C 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. From thence He will come 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.**

The Sermon Hymn: "Who Am I?" – Mark Hall

Verse 1

Who am I that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name
Would care to feel my hurt
Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way
For my ever wand'ring heart

Pre-Chorus

Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who You are

Chorus

I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean
A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am
I am Yours

Verse 2

Who am I that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love
And watch me rise again
Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me **(Pre-Chorus and Chorus)**

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The Sermon: "Ancient Hymns of Faith for Today" –
Psalm 67

The Offering Prayer

The Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

**☒ 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.**

***Announcements and Departure Blessing to
Online Worshippers***

A Hymn: "*The Barocha*" (Michael Card)

Chorus 1

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine upon you
And give you peace and give you peace
And give you peace forever

Chorus 2

The Lord be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face towards you
And give you peace and give you peace
And give you peace forever (***Repeat Chorus 1 and 2***)

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mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Distribution

LSB 164

The Post-Communion Canticle *LSB 164*

☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.
 He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

The Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray....

C Amen.

The Benediction *LSB 166*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and
be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: *LSB 936* "Sing Praise to the God of Israel"



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: August 16 to August 23, 2020

- TODAY:** 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship at St. James and service on Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook Live
- Monday:** 10:00 a.m. Registration for **August 23**
Worship begins
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Tuesday:** 6:00 p.m. ISJ Board Meeting
- Wednesday:** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Darrell
- Friday:** 12:00 Noon Registration closes for phone-in
Worship registration.
- Saturday:** 6:00 p.m. Registration for Worship is closed
- Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. Worship at St. James (for registered members) and on Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook Live

TODAY'S DEACONS: Bryan Ensing and John Weiss

Next Week: Craig Popma and Bryan Ensing

August Altar Guild: Suellen Pfannkuch and Amanda Donigan

September Altar Guild: Melissa Ensing and Marjie Weiss

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (August 9, 2020)

	<u>Offering</u>
General Fund	\$4,555.00
Future Building Expansion	40.00
Roof Repair Fund	125.00
Plate Collection	653.00
ISJ Academy	575.00
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Total	\$5,948.00



Registration
Information

It is important to register every week.

1. Go to bit.ly/stjamesgr
2. Click on the worship service you wish to attend. Exp. **Worship Service – August 23, 9:30 am**
3. Click on the green “register” box.
4. Put in the **number attending**.
5. Click on the orange “register” box.
6. Enter **your first name** and **ALL the first names** of those attending with you in the “first name” box. Enter **only one (your) last name, e-mail address and confirm e-mail address**.
7. Click on the orange “register” box.
8. Your ticket(s) will arrive in your e-mail inbox confirming your sign-up.



There is still time to fill out your survey. You will find it on our website (stjamesgr.com) and in the August newsletter. There is also a direct link: <https://www.stjamesgr.com/survey>.

A few paper copies are in the church main entryway. Please return your surveys by mail, at the “schoolhouse” box in the main entryway or filling it out on-line.

Your opinion is important.

Lutherans for Life Quote: August 16

“Christianity proclaims a God who valued humanity so much that in Jesus, God took on flesh, becoming human. He took on His own jar of clay and in so doing gifted all of humanity with immeasurable treasure.”

Margaret Manning Shull, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
www.lutheransforlife.org



Submissions for the **September newsletter** are due this week.

This is an opportunity to update the congregation on what your group, organization, bells & choir, CIA group, Bible study.....will be doing this Fall.

Looking for a Mid-week Boost? Beginning Wednesday, September 26th, at 12 noon, Pastor Schaeffer will be on Facebook Live leading a short devotion. Your mid-week boost will include Scripture, a devotional thought, a prayer and a hymn.

You are invited to submit prayer requests and hymns you would like to sing.

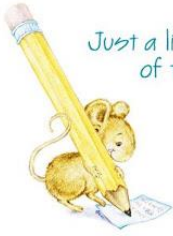


Employment opportunities:

- a) **Aftercare aides:** ISJ Academy is looking for someone who can work 3-6 p.m. daily with our aftercare program. If you are interested or have questions contact Jen Welch at ecc@mychristianschool.com
- b) **Substitute teachers:** I am looking for multiple people to be substitute teachers. Even if you are only available for a certain day of the week, please let me know. If you are interested or have questions, contact me at jalexander@mychristianschool.com
- c) **Custodial position:** St. James Church is looking for someone to work Tues-Thurs for about 4-5 hours a night cleaning the school. This is an important part of our back to school plan. We need the building to be cleaned daily. If you are interested or have questions, contact Dale Rosema at dale.m.rosema@gmail.com

Blessings on your day,
Jason Alexander
Principal





Just a little note
of thanks...

*Dear members of St. James,
Thank you to everyone for the
prayers and cards during my
time in the hospital this past
month. They were deeply
appreciated.*

God bless you all!

Sandy Ryke

