

Grow ... Go ... Gather
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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Order of Service (Divine Service 4)

The Call to Worship/Prelude

The Opening Hymn: LSB 907, "God Himself is Present"



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 203

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

LSB 203

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

The Psalm of the Day – Psalm 26

P: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

C: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind.

P: For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.

C: I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.

P: I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

C: I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,

P: Proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

C: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

P: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

C: In whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

P: But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

C: My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

The Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✠ The Scripture Readings ✠

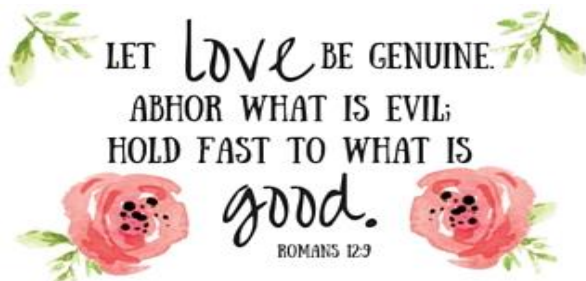
The Epistle Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:21-28

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

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

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**



The Sermon Hymn: "Come to Jesus" (Chris Rice)

Verse 1

Weak and wounded sinner
Lost and left to die
O raise your head for Love is passin' by
Come to Jesus
Come to Jesus
Come to Jesus and live

Verse 2

Now your burden's lifted
And carried far away
And precious blood has washed away the stain
So sing to Jesus
Sing to Jesus
Sing to Jesus and live

Verse 3

Like a newborn baby
Don't be afraid to crawl
And remember when you walk sometimes we fall
So fall on Jesus
Fall on Jesus
Fall on Jesus and live

Verse 4

Sometimes the way is lonely
And steep and filled with pain
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain
Then cry to Jesus
Cry to Jesus
Cry to Jesus and live

Verse 5

O and when the love spills over
And music fills the night
And when you can't contain your joy inside
Then dance for Jesus
Dance for Jesus
Dance for Jesus and live

Verse 6

And with your final heartbeat
Kiss the world good-bye
Then go in peace and laugh on glory's side
And rise to Jesus
Rise to Jesus
Rise to Jesus and live
Rise to Jesus
Rise to Jesus
Rise to Jesus and live

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The Sermon: "Ancient Hymns of Faith for Today – Psalm 26"

The Nicene Creed

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

The Offering Prayer

The General Prayer of the Church

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.**

A Hymn: LSB 946 "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise"

1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 Δ A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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Announcements
Blessing for Online Worshippers

✠ **The Service of the Sacrament** ✠

Preface

LSB 208

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary....

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Words of Institution

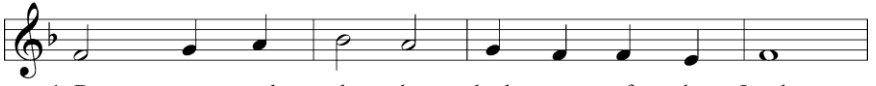
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LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

A Hymn: LSB 637, "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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The Distribution

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) *LSB 211*



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



The Post-Communion Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 Benedicamus and Benediction LSB 212

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**
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 924, "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling

joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,

Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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COMMUNION

What do I do?



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. James Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as Jesus says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who:

- trust His words,
- repent of all sin,
- and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their spiritual harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed in this church, *any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, unrepentant of sin, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or deacon.*

If you are unsure about receiving Holy Communion but desire to receive a blessing, we invite you to come forward at the time of Holy Communion to receive a blessing from Pastor Schaeffer. We ask that you cross your arms over your chest so that he knows you are not partaking of Holy Communion but desirous of a blessing.

NOTE: For those whose diets restrict the intake of gluten or alcohol, gluten free wafers are available as well as non-alcoholic wine. As Pastor Schaeffer is distributing the wafer, let him know you prefer a gluten free wafer. For those who require non-alcoholic wine, please take the purple foil individual cup as the deacon passes by you with the individual cup tray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: August 30 to September 6, 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:** **The Office is closed on Labor Day**
 10:00 a.m. Registration for **September 6** Worship begins
- Wednesday:** **10:00 a.m.** Bible Study with Darrell
 12 Noon Devotion w/ Pastor on Facebook Live
- 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.** Communion Worship at St. James (for registered members) and on Facebook Live
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook Live

Karen will be out of the office the week of September 7th.

Today's Deacons: John Weiss, Craig Popma and Bryan Ensing

August Altar Guild: Suellen and Amanda

September Altar Guild: Melissa Ensing and Marjie Weiss

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (August 23, 2020)

	<u>Offering</u>
General Fund	\$4,846.00
Roof Repair Fund	75.00
Plate Collection	1,380.00
Tessaro Ministry Nigeria	200.00
ISJ Tuition Assistance	800.00
<u>ISJ Academy</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$7,401.00

It is important to register every week.

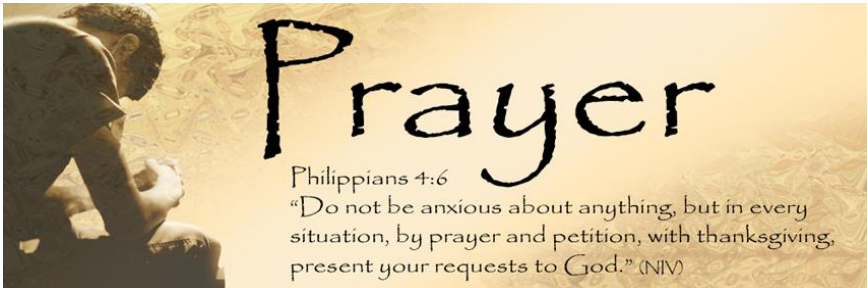
1. Go to bit.ly/stjamesgr
2. Click on the worship service you wish to attend. **Worship Service –September 6, 9:30 am**
3. Click on the green “register” box.
4. Put in the **number attending**.
5. Click on the orange “register” box.

Enter **your first name** and **ALL** the **first names** of those attending with you in the “first name” box.

i.e. Martin, Katie, Margarete, Magdalena, Elisabeth, Paul, Hans and Jr.

Enter **only one last name, e-mail address and confirm e-mail address.**

6. Click on the orange “register” box.
7. Your ticket(s) will arrive in your e-mail inbox confirming your sign-up.



Looking for a Mid-week Boost? Pastor Schaeffer will be on Facebook Live leading a short devotion **Wednesdays at 12 Noon**. 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.



ISJ Academy

To ensure the safety of each student at ISJ ACADEMY, each student will have their own **school supplies** this year.

ISJ is also doubling their efforts with disinfecting the school. They are in need of **sanitizing supplies**; disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, Lysol spray, etc.....

If you would like to help defray the cost of school supplies and/or disinfecting supplies, please consider a donation to the school for these needs.

Please send your donation, **labeled "Supplies"**, to the school at:

ISJ Academy
2066 Oakwood Ave. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 363-0505.



Thank you! Your help is appreciated!



We have a need for Altar Guild help for October and November. If you would like to oversee Holy Communion set-up and clean-up in one, or both, of these months, please contact Karen in the office.

Church Cleaning for Worship Services

In order to maintain the church in a clean and safe condition for our worship services, the following cleaning methods are being used:

- All pews designated for seating are sprayed and wiped with an anti-bacterial solution.
- Door handles, door plates, and light switches are wiped down with a bleach solution recommended by the CDC guide lines.
- The entire main floor bathroom near the coat room is washed down and disinfected with the bleach solution. This includes the sink, faucet handles, toilet, handicap bars, baseboards, floor, waste basket and paper towel holder.
- The tables in the entryway with the reading materials are wiped down with anti-bacterial disinfecting wiping towels.
- The tables in the narthex are wiped down with anti-bacterial disinfecting wiping towels.

It is important that members remain in the designated safe area in the church at this time which are identified with the signs. If other areas of the church are opened for use, appropriate cleaning practices will be implemented.