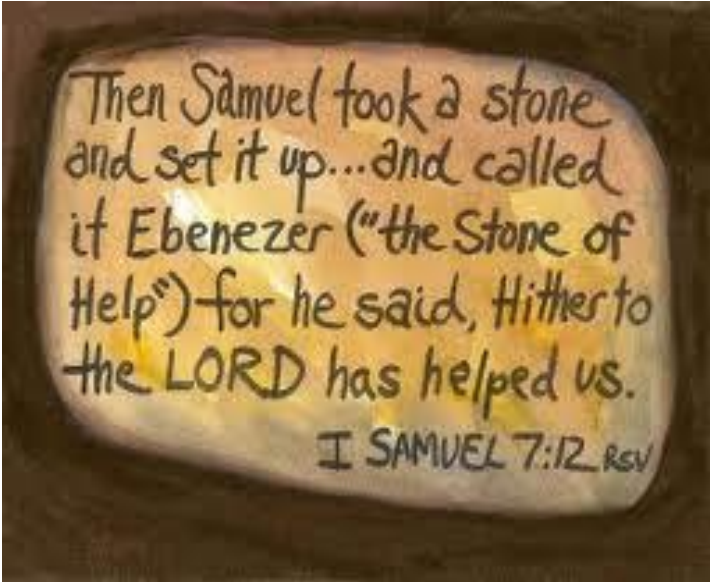


Grow ... Go ... Gather
July 19, 2020



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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service (Setting Four)

The Call to Worship & Welcome (Please turn off your Wifi)

(Please wear your masks when singing)

The Opening Hymn: LSB 873 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa-nied by Thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.
Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine, Scat-ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.
Till they in-ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
More and more Thy-self dis-play, Shin-ing to the per-fect day.

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

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.

Prayer for Forgiveness

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred to holiness of living; 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 Epistle: Romans 8:18–27

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as

sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

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: LSB 686 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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The Sermon

The Offering

The Prayers & Lord's Prayer

A Hymn: *LSB 810* "O God of God, O Light of Light"



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and
4 Then raise to Christ a might - y song, And shout His name, His
King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo - ry bright The song of
mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on
praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne,
earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!
The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry
For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -
He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.
throned to reign, All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.

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A Blessing and Announcements for our Online Worshippers

The Service of the Sacrament

A Song: "All Who are Thirsty"

Verse

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy

As deep cries out to deep
(We sing)

Chorus 1

Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
(REPEAT)

(Sing verse)

Chorus 2

Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
(REPEAT)

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The Words of Institution

The Distribution

The Song of Simeon (LSB 211)

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 -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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: Ancient Words

Verse 1

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

Verse 2

Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus

***Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart***

Verse 3

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ (**Chorus**)

Verse 4

Martyr's blood stains each page
They have died for this faith
Hear them cry through the years
Heed these words and hold them dear (**Chorus**)

Ending

We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart
O let the ancient words impart

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: July 19 to July 26, 2020

- TODAY:** **9:30 a.m.** Worship (with Communion) at St. James and service on Facebook Live
 11:00 a.m. Bible study w/ Pastor on Facebook Live
- Monday:** **10:00 a.m.** Registration for July 26 Worship begins
- Wed.:** **7:00 p.m.** Deacon's Meeting (Zoom)
- 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 w/ Pastor on Facebook Live

July Altar Guild: Phyllis Schultz and Jeanne Kerr

August Altar Guild: Suellen Pfannkuch and Amanda Donigan

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (July 12, 2020)

	<u>Offering</u>
General Fund	\$2775.00
Building Expansion	50.00
Plate Collection	898.00
Roof Repair Fund	75.00
Tessaro Ministry – Nigeria	70.00
Memorial – Mary Schulz	25.00
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Scent free if possible

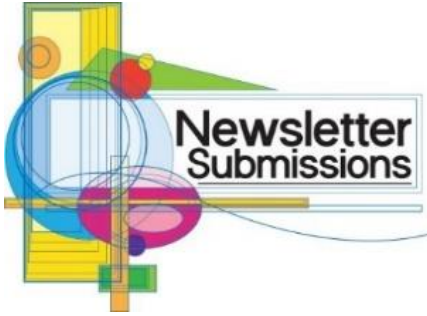


It is important to register every week.

In order to register for the 9:30 a.m. worship service, please go to the St. James Eventbrite page: bit.ly/stjamesgr.

1. Go to bit.ly/stjamesgr
2. Click on the worship service you wish to attend. Exp. **Worship Service – July 26th 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. Enter **only 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.

Each person planning to attend the worship service will need to have their own ticket. For example: a family of four will need to register for four tickets. *(Add all first names of those attending to the “First Name” prompt box when registering.)* Once a worship service has reached capacity (75), the event will be closed, and no further registrations will be accepted. If you do not have access to the internet, contact the church office (616-363-7718) to register. *(Note the office is closed on Saturday. Please call before noon on Friday.)*



Any group or organization that has a meeting/event during August, contact the office to get your meeting date, time & location on the calendar.

NEWSLETTER FUN!

The question for the month of August is: "What did you do for the 4th of July?"

Was it backyard fireworks, a BBQ, an out-of-town adventure, a patriotic act, an age-old family tradition ... the start of a new tradition? Share your thoughts and experiences with us by e-mailing the office at: office@stjamesgr.com.

Read your August newsletter for the results.



The deadline for ANY newsletter submission is tomorrow, July 20th.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

"The Cost of Following Self or Christ" – this is the YouVersion Bible reading plan Pastor Schaeffer will begin on **Monday, July 27**. Those of you who are his friends on YouVersion will receive an invitation from him to join him in this nine-day devotional plan. If you are not on YouVersion but you have a smartphone and would like to participate, contact Pastor Schaeffer and he will help you get set up with the YouVersion Bible app.



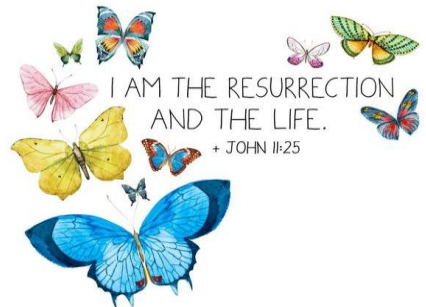
Dear members of St James:

Thank you for the beautiful cards and messages of sympathy at the passing of my mother, Mary Schulz. We take comfort that she is with the Lord in heaven and others who have passed before. A special thank you to Karen Swanson for making her feel part of the congregation. She loved being a greeter and seeing her name in the bulletin as one.



<https://www.wymanfuneralservice.com/m/obituaries/Mary-Schulz-9/media/viewer/LTVideo/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001>

*Best regards,
Ken and Lori Martin*



FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (July 5, 2020)

	<u>Offering</u>
General Fund	\$5,080.00
Roof Repair Fund	125.00
Plate Collection	2,012.00
ISJ Academy	100.00
Tessaro Ministry – Nigeria	25.00
<u>Memorial - Mary Schulz</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total: \$7,367.00	

Life Quote for Sunday, July 19:

“Lifting each other up, as we share our faith in Christ Who came to make all things new, is the only hope we have. Let us not waste this life God has given us, but let us move forward in faith, together, knowing that ultimately the gates of hell will not prevail against those who love God.”

Abbott Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington

