



9:30 a.m. Service October 10th, 2021



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Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church

The mission statement of our congregation is:

To bring people to Christ, encouraging relationships with Him and others.

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TO ALL GUESTS...

- **THANKS** for joining us for worship today. We hope your experience will be one of being touched by God and of being enriched through our experience of fellowship. **Please fill out the Connection Card found in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.** And please come again!!

- **PARTICIPATE**
 - The worship service is printed in the bulletin and can also be viewed on the video screen for your convenience. Bulletins are emailed to all members each week.
 - **Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off during the worship service.**
 - The service is streamed live and available online afterward on YouTube. Links can be found on the [St. James website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

- **COMMUNE** — All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is present with his body and blood in the bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. The ushers will direct those receiving the sacrament down the center aisle to the altar rail.

- **NEED ASSISTANCE?**
 - **Hearing devices** are available for those who have trouble hearing through the loudspeaker system.
 - Hand sanitizer is available on the tables in the Narthex and in the pews.
 - Please feel free to ask an Usher for assistance, they will be happy to help you.

THE 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Traditional Worship
October 10th, 2021

Meditation/Prelude

The disciples were sold out for Jesus. They had left behind everything and everyone to follow Him, but when a wealthy man chose his riches over following Jesus, the disciples were concerned and left wondering how it was even possible for someone like this man to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus knew that a change of heart was required for this man to have the strength to give up his life for God, and that transformation would only be possible through God, not people. We are called to follow Jesus and give up the comforts, riches, and treasures of this life that tend to pull our focus away from God. Being sold out for the Kingdom of God is possible, but only through God alone.

Welcome

Please Stand

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

We Offer our Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

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

Silence for self-reflection and examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart nor our neighbors as ourselves. 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.

We Receive God's Forgiveness

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your 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.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Call to Worship *(based on the Psalm of the day)*

A: Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

C: Relent, LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.

A: Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

C: Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

A: May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.

C: May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands.

Hymn of Praise *(sung)*

A: *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia*

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gathering Prayer

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray.

C: Amen.

Please Sit

First Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

There will always be lovers of evil, but we must seek good in the midst of dark times. The Lord is with those who hate evil and love good.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: *Please stand for the gospel.*

Gospel Acclamation

Change My Heart, O God ELW 801

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay.

**Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:17-22

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P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please Sit

Children's Sermon

Please Stand

Hymn of the Day

How Can I Keep From Singing

Words on screen

Message

Please Stand

Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People

Sharing Christ's Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you!

Worshippers share a sign of peace with one another.

Offering

Offertory

Please Stand

Offering Response

Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray: Generous God, teach us to use our possessions wisely, by offering them back to you and helping other people.

C: Amen

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving (*spoken*)

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, Holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Jesus

Lord's Prayer

C: 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

Please Sit

Communion Distribution

Lamb of God

C: *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

He Knows My Name

Words on screen

Please Stand

Blessing after the Meal

Prayer after the Meal

C: Amen

Final Blessing

C: Amen

Closing Hymn

Rise Up O Saints of God

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Dismissal

C: Amen.

Thank you to Pastor Doug Gast for preaching today!



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Calendar for this week:

Sunday, October 10th

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

Monday, October 11th

- 11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, October 12th

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 13th

- 11:30 a.m. Worship Committee
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 14th

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee via Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Council Team on the Constitution
- 7:00 p.m. Southern Comfort Christ Care

Sunday, October 17th

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
- 3:00 p.m. New Members Class

