

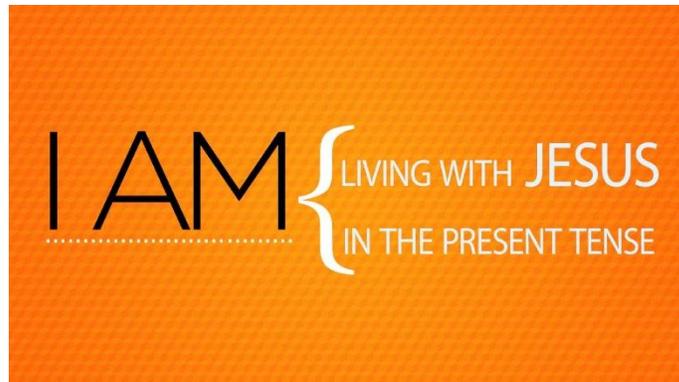
St. James Lutheran Church

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To bring people to Christ,
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Jesus Gives
Us Work To Do
July 3, 2022**



Meditation: We live in a world where the glitz and glamour of the stars in the news and on TV can easily make us feel like we are insignificant. That cannot be further from the truth. We may look at ourselves as JUST ordinary people, yet it is the ordinary people of the world that make the incredible contributions. There is great hope for you and me as ordinary people because we underestimate the extraordinary impact we can make in the lives of people. Have you ever thought about it? Think how boring your Christian life would be if you were never able to name a person you impacted with the gospel. Jesus called ordinary people to do life-changing work and he calls us to do the same.

Today's chancel flowers are donated by Jessie Stearns in memory of Jeff Stearns
And
In honor of Tina Beck's 80th Birthday



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*Richard Blue, Pastor
Joe Faith, Music Director*

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.

SERVICE

July 3rd, 2022 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am

PRELUDE

Joe Faith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

† We Lift Our Hearts in Worship †

INVOCATION AND PRAYER

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

C: Amen.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5)

C: Amen

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

(Silence for self-reflection and examination.)

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: **According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen. (Psalm 51)**

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. As the Word of God proclaims: If any are in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:17-18) C: Amen.

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This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

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here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

CALL TO WORSHIP

A: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

A: Jesus selected 70 disciples and sent them ahead of him in pairs to every place where he intended to go. This is what he told them to do.

C: We will need many workers to bring in this bountiful harvest for the Kingdom.

A: Be on your way, but be careful. The work you will do can be hazardous.

C: Travel light. You won't need a purse, a bag or sandals.

A: When you enter a home, greet the family with "peace," and eat whatever food is placed in front of you.

**C: Wherever you go, announce the good news that "God's Kingdom has come near to you."
We are all sent to serve in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

A: Let us pray . . .

All: Almighty God, we are glad to be here to worship you in spirit and in truth. We give you praise and honor for creating this world and humanity. We thank you for making yourself known, in the person of your Son, Jesus Christ. He has provided the perfect example for us through his acts of love, mercy, humble service, teaching, preaching, and outreach to the world. As Jesus appointed many to spread the Good News, may we accept His appointment for us to do the same---knowing that lives will be changed and the Lord will be glorified. In the mighty name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

Please be seated

† We Hear God's Word †

[Read aloud both the introduction and Scripture]

FIRST READING

Galatians 6:1-10 (pg 1004-1005 in pew bible)

The apostle Paul tells us that we reap what we sow,

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. ⁴ Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, ⁵ for each one should carry their own load. ⁶ Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia!”

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*Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-20 (pg 891-892 in the pew bible)

Jesus called a group of 70 to visit towns that he would visit later. They were ordinary folk who had a mission to labor for the souls of people. These are their instructions:

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two^[a] others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

⁵ "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸ "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.' ¹² I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹³ "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades.^[b]

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

¹⁸ He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Tracy Guffey

THE SERMON HYMN

"You Are Still Holy"

Words on screen

Holy, You are still holy
Even when the darkness surrounds my life
Sovereign, You are still sovereign
Even when confusion has blinded my eyes
Lord I don't deserve Your kind affection
When my unbelief has kept me from Your touch
I want my life to be a pure reflection of Your love

CHORUS:

And so I come into Your chambers
And I dance at Your feet Lord
You are my Savior, and I'm at Your mercy
All that has been in my life up to now

It belong to You
You are still holy
Holy, You are still holy
Even though I don't understand Your ways
Sovereign You will be sovereign
Even when my circumstances don't change
Lord I don't deserve Your tender patience
When my unbelief has kept me from Your truth
I want my life to be a sweet devotion to You

CHORUS:

And so I come into Your chambers
And I dance at Your feet Lord
You are my Savior, and I'm at Your mercy
All that has been in my life up to now
It belongs to You
I belong to You

And so I come into your chambers
And I dance at Your feet Lord
You are my Savior and I'm at your mercy
All that has been in my life up to now
It belongs to You
I belong to you

You are still holy, You are still sovereign
You are still holy, Lord
You are still righteous
You are all knowing
You are still holy, You are still holy

Please be seated

MESSAGE FOR OUR OLDER DISCIPLES

Pastor Richard Blue

Please Stand

† We Respond to God's Word †

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the Creator and sustainer of the world and all that it contains. We believe that God is the maker of beauty, the source of every breath, and the author of all gifts. We believe that God consoles us in the same way a mother consoles a child. It is perfect love and out of this love, God sent His only Son to give us an abundant life.

We believe in Jesus Christ, this Son, begotten of the Father. Jesus died on the cross at Calvary and in that death took on the sins of humanity. We believe that we have been made righteous through the

blood that was shed on that cross and that we cannot boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the power that counsels us and inspires to sow good seed—leading to a harvest on this earth and ultimately a harvest unto eternal life. We believe that as we embrace this power, we will be vessels used to change lives forever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

Now we join with Christians all over the world in worshipping God through our giving of our financial resources. If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. Instead, we hope that we are able to give something to you. We welcome you to give only as your heart desires. For members and friends, the vision and ministry of St. James depends on your giving. We thank you in advance for your generosity. This time of offering is a significant act of worship and we now offer our offerings and tithes

THE OFFERING RESPONSE “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LBW #564

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness. We are so grateful that we can always count on you. Out of your abundance and great mercy, you have given us so much. And so we give you this offering today. With it we worship you and give our whole selves to you. Take it now and use it for your kingdom and your glory. Extend and multiply its reach and influence, we pray. May it be a great blessing to many. We ask all this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

† We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper †

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins

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: God of peace and forgiveness, a meal has been prepared and we are ready to humbly receive it in honor and remembrance of all that You accomplished in sending Your Son, Jesus Christ into our lives. We know that His birth, death, and resurrection were accomplished for our sake and we are eternally grateful. Nourish us now with these elements – the body and blood of

our Lord Jesus Christ. And so we join with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, as we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Congregation sings:)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power 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.

THE WORDS OF JESUS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Please be seated

THE DISTRIBUTION

Ushers will direct those receiving the Sacrament down the center aisle. For those who prefer, white grape juice is located in the center of the pre-filled trays. Common cup is also available. If you

wish to kneel at the communion rail as you receive the Sacrament, please feel free to do so.

Please dispose of your cup in the basket near the side aisle.

Communion Hymn

“At the Cross (love ran red)”

Words on Screen

There's a place
Where mercy reigns
And never dies
There's a place
Where streams of grace
Flow deep and wide
Where all the love
I've ever found
Comes like a flood
Comes flowing down

CHORUS:

At the cross, at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You
I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red

And my sin washed white
I owe all to You
I owe all to You Jesus
There's a place
Where sin and shame
Are powerless
Where my heart
Has peace with God
And forgiveness
Where all the love
I've ever found
Comes like a flood
Comes flowing down

CHORUS:

At the cross, at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You
I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red
And my sin washed white
I owe all to You
I owe all to You
Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down
Here I bow down
Here arms open wide
Here You save my life
Here I bow down
Here I bow down

CHORUS:

At the cross, at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You
I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red
And my sin washed white
I owe all to You
Jesus (oh)
Where Your love ran red
Your love ran red

THE BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL

P: Celebrate this meal – given to us ordinary people to strengthen us to accomplish extraordinary things. May this body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ give you strength as you labor in the world and make a difference in the lives of people you meet.

ALL: Amen!

THE BENEDICTION

P: May the peace of God that surpasses all human understanding surround you and guide you in all that you do for the sake of God's Kingdom. We are sent into the world to deliver the gospel message. Go, and be imitators of Christ!

ALL: Amen!

THE CLOSING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

THE DISMISSAL

† We Depart in Peace †

Worship Assignments

This Week, July 3rd	9:30 am Pastor Richard Blue	Next Week, July 10th	9:30 a.m. Pastor Richard Blue
Assisting Minister	Tracy Guffey	Assisting Minister	Joan Shaw
Lector	Maggie Bode	Lector	John Shaw
Ushers	Jim Jackson Deb Jackson	Ushers	Linda Hess Wanda Stevens-Wooten
Greeters	John Shaw Joan Shaw	Greeters	Ron Westerfield
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott	Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	Diana Clements-Scott	Communion Assistant	Diana Clements-Scott
Acolyte	Luke Sterns	Acolyte	Andrew Turner
Sound Technician	Ronald Kissell	Sound Technician	Ronald Kissell
Video Technician	Neal Guffey	Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower
Bread Baker	Kenya Ostermeijer	Bread Baker	Kenya Ostermeijer
Children's Sermon	Tracy Guffey	Children's Sermon	Tracy Guffey
Counters (Monday) Wk1	Ron Westerfield Marcia Westerfield	Counters (Monday) Wk2	Maggie Bode Cindy Gregory