

St. James Lutheran Church

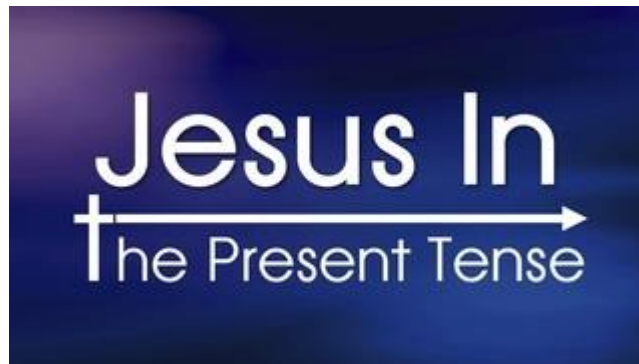
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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus Heals Our Ills

June 19, 2022



Meditation: *When Jesus arrives on shore after sailing from Galilee, He is met by a demon-possessed man who was called Legion because of the many demons that had gone into him. The man lived in the tombs and the demons had many times seized him. Even though he would be chained, he would break the chains. Interestingly, the demons immediately recognize Jesus as Son of the Most High God and beg Him not to torture them. The demons begged Jesus not to send them to the "Abyss" but send them into a herd of pigs instead. When they entered into the pigs, the pigs rushed down a steep bank and drowned.*



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*Doug Gast, Interim 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 OF HOLY COMMUNION

June 19th, 2022 Second Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Joe Faith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

† **We Lift Our Hearts in Worship** †

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. We come before God, confessing our sins, known and unknown, trusting in God's gracious word of forgiveness for all those whom he has called and chosen in Jesus. (Ephesians 1:3-4)

(silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have failed to put away falsehood and anger, and have grieved your Spirit with that which has torn down rather than built up the communion of saints. Help us to lead a life worthy of the calling you have put on our lives so that we might know the riches of your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: By the command and authority of Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We who were once dead through the trespasses and sins in which we once lived, are now forgiven and renewed out of God's great love for us in Jesus Christ. He has made us alive together with Christ through grace.

C: **Amen.**

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OPENING HYMN

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

LBW Hymn 423

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice Bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home - less; Still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your love's re - veal-ing light

F B \flat Am 7 Dm F B \flat F

Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, Worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
 Still the cap - tives long for free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
 In its height and depth and great - ness Dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,

F C Dm C Dm B \flat maj 7

We, your ser-vants, bring the wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
 Mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens Your com-pas - sion bids us bear,

C Dm B \flat F Gm 7 Am Gm 7 F

Con-se - crat - ing to your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 By your Spir - it send your pow - er To our world to make it whole.
 Stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.

CALL TO WORSHIP

A: We come to worship God, who has made us and knows us.

C: We come to celebrate God's presence among us!

A: We come to follow Jesus, who leads us to new life;

C: We come with joy, knowing in Christ we have eternal life!

A: We come to listen to the Holy Spirit, who calls us forth;

C: May we enter this worship knowing the Spirit is alive among us! Amen.

Opening Prayer

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray Jesus, we praise you today for the Gospels that reveal to us who you are. Our Redeemer and Savior, a servant with a humble heart, a teacher. And a Miracle Worker! Oh the miracles You performed when You walked the earth-healing the lepers, restoring sight to the blind. And casting evil spirits out of the demon possessed. Jesus, we know you don't want anyone to be lost. And we know that today you are still performing miracles and breaking the chains of those in the grip of sin. We give you thanks Jesus for your incredible mercy and grace. Help us Lord to proclaim your transforming power! And we pray in Your Holy Name.

C: Amen!

Please be seated

† We Hear God's Word †

FIRST READING

Galatians 3:23-29

(pg. 1003 in pew Bible)

Before Jesus, we were held in bondage by the Law, for our own protection! But now Jesus, born under the law, redeems those under the law. And we are no longer held captive but are children of God.

Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. ²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

THE “GOSPEL ACCLAMATION”

Words on screen

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face.*

*And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

(pg. 889 in pew Bible)

Jesus restores a demon-possessed man and in the process shows that He is both judge and Savior.

They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. ³⁰ Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. ³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵ and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Joe Rudy

SERMON HYMN

"Build My Life"

Words on screen

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Please be seated

MESSAGE FOR OUR OLDER DISCIPLES

Joe Rudy

Please Stand

† We Respond to God's Word †

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father who created the heavens and earth and created us in His image.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Savior of the world;

He was ridiculed, mocked, and crucified as a ransom for my sin.

He rose from the dead overcoming the power of sin and death in the world,

He ascended into heaven and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

He sent his Holy Spirit to empower us to live for Him.

I believe in the Holy Spirit broke into our world to give us faith and give life to the Church.

I believe the Spirit empowers us to believe, to have faith and be the church together.

THE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Please be seated

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 as we now offer our offerings and tithes.

Please Stand

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

A: Benevolent God, you have granted us in abundance all the good things that life has to offer. In joy and thanksgiving we offer to you what you have first given to us, our resources, our time, our very lives. Receive them and use them for your holy purposes. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: 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: We bow before You, Holy Father, for You have sent Your Son as Your Word of reconciliation into our world. You offered Him as the sacrifice for our sins. By His death, we are forgiven, and in His empty tomb, we are set free to live as Your children. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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

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.

LAMB OF GOD

"Lamb of God"

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

"Who Am I"

Words on Screen

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

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Please stand

THE BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL

P: We have tasted the goodness of God in the body and blood of His Son. He has spoken redemption into our lives, and we are free.

C: May we who here have tasted the grace of God be empowered, by the Spirit, to live under the authority of Jesus.

THE BENEDICTION

P: We go to live as the people of God, free to speak the name of Jesus in a world which refuses to listen. May the Father bless us, the Son keep us, and the Spirit direct us.

C: Say the Word, Lord, and we will do our best to follow you in all of our daily words and deeds. Amen

† We Depart in Peace †

PRAISE, THANKSGIVING

) God beyond All Praising

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1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
 2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
 3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
 its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
 that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
 but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown -
 and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
 though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
 we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
 for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
 to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

In reverence of Christ, we invite you to follow the cross as it is carried out. You may use your hymnal to sing as you turn.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Joe Rudy for preaching today!

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

This Week, June 19th	9:30 a.m. Joe Rudy	Next Week, June 26th	9:30 a.m. Pastor Doug Gast
Assisting Minister	Christian Gries	Assisting Minister	Debbie Mowrey
Lector	Christian Gries	Lector	Dawn Hahm
Ushers	Tracy Guffey Neal Guffey	Ushers	Linda Hess Wanda Stephens-Wooten
Greeters	John Shaw Joan Shaw	Greeters	John Shaw Joan Shaw
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott	Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	Karen Bell	Communion Assistant	June Gries
Acolyte	Luke Soberalski	Acolyte	Darrel Turner
Sound Technician	Ronald Kissell	Sound Technician	Dan Ivers
Video Technician	Neal Guffey	Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower
Bread Baker	Janet Farrow	Bread Baker	Janet Farrow
Children's Sermon	Joe Rudy	Children's Sermon	June Gries
Counters (Monday) Wk3	Christian Gries Phil Miller	Counters (Monday) Wk4	Christian Gries Maggie Bode