

# St. James Lutheran Church

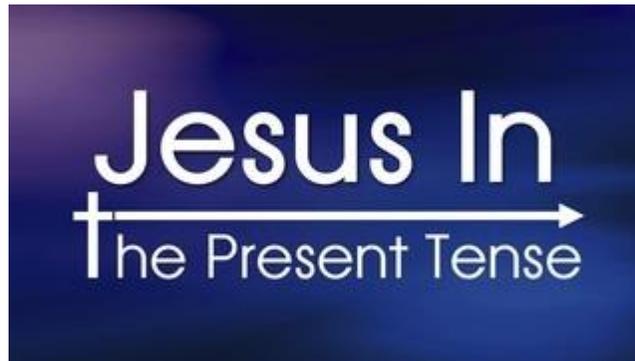
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encouraging relationships with Him and others.*

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus Calls Us Beyond  
Our Excuses

June 26, 2022



**Meditation:** Jesus sets out on His final journey to Jerusalem. He knows He will soon suffer and die. He seems to be highly focused and resolute. He is also teaching his disciples and anyone they come across what it really means to follow Him. He uses words that seem shocking. When one man says let me bury my Father first, Jesus says let the dead bury their own dead. When another asks to say goodbye to his family, Jesus says they are unfit for service in the Kingdom of God.

Today's chancel flowers are given by Dawn Hahm in honor and appreciation of Pastor Doug, Pastor Martins, Mary Jo, Ben, Joe R. and their families for all the blessings they have bestowed on St. James the last two plus years.



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## Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church

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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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

THE WORD

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Thy Strong Word

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark-ness; At thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark-ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ-teous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth

speaking it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -

light we thank thee, While thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 thy sal - va - tion, Breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 ev - er beam - eth All thy bright re - deem - ing light.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
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thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!  
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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

A: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who calls us to come and follow, the love of the Father who created us and calls us His own, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.

**C: And also with you!**

A: Bless the Lord, o my soul, and all that is within me. The Lord is good!

**C: The Lord is merciful and kind.**

A: He gives strength to the weary, hope to the hopeless, and is bountiful in good fruit.

**C: May we walk with His Spirit.**

**Opening Prayer**

A: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us pray . . . . Heavenly Father, we are to have no other gods before you, no idols. Nothing comes before you. You are to be first in our lives. Jesus, You did not promise us prosperity or anything easy for following You. In fact, you said we would have problems. There is a cost, a price to be paid for following You. Help us to understand this. Show us how to do it. We need Your guidance to live the life You would have us live. Correct our thoughts, give us the right words, lead our actions. Increase our faith. In Jesus' Name we pray.

**C: Amen!**

*Please be seated*

## **Holy Baptism of Cash and Seth Young**

† We Hear God's Word †

**FIRST READING** Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (page 1004 pew bible)

*Followers of Jesus are set free from the acts and desires of the flesh. If we walk by the Spirit we will not gratify the desires of the flesh. The fruit of the Spirit and the acts of the flesh are contrary to each other.*

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. <sup>13</sup>You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup>For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. <sup>16</sup>So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup>idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup>and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## THE “GOSPEL ACCLAMATION”

*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 9:51-62

(pg. 891 in pew Bible)

*Jesus uses hyperbole and exaggeration to get His point across on where He should stand in the lives of His followers.*

<sup>51</sup> As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them<sup>[a]?</sup>” <sup>55</sup> But Jesus turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then he and his disciples went to another village. <sup>57</sup> As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup> Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup> He said to another man, “Follow me.” But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup> Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup> Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.” <sup>62</sup> Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated*

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

*June Gries*

## Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

## Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

## Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

## Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus Yours is the victory

## Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

## Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

*Please be seated*

**MESSAGE FOR OUR OLDER DISCIPLES**

*Pastor Doug Gast*

*Please Stand*

**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: Let us take with joy the Lord's body and blood.

**C: Let us rejoice wholeheartedly in His sacrifice that led to our freedom.**

**P:** Thank you, Jesus, for setting us free from sin. May we walk in Your ways and with You Always.

**C: May we be nourished with this holy meal for the journey ahead.**

P: We look forward to Your coming, Lord. We eat and drink in humble reverence of You. And 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*

## 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

*"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 saviour, 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 saviour, and I'm at Your mercy  
All that has been in my life up to now  
It belong to You  
You are still holy

*Please stand*

**THE BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL**

P: May the Spirit of God fill You with His fruit. May He carefully guide your steps.

C: **May we follow the Spirit and keep in step with Him.**

**THE BENEDICTION**

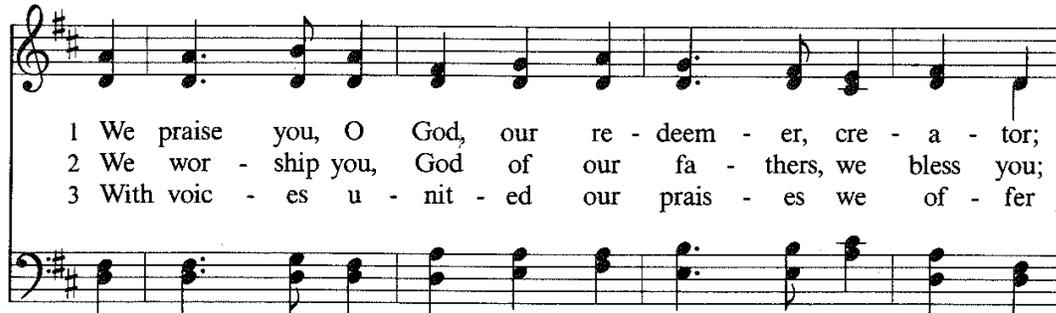
P The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

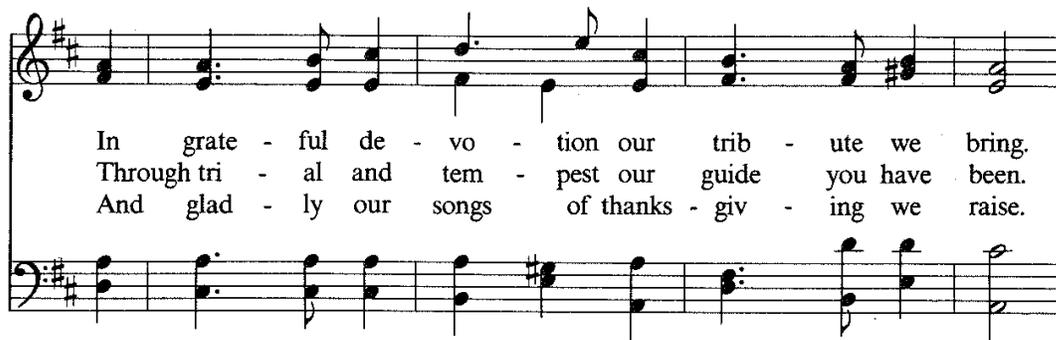
BEGINNING OF SERVICE

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## We Praise You, O God



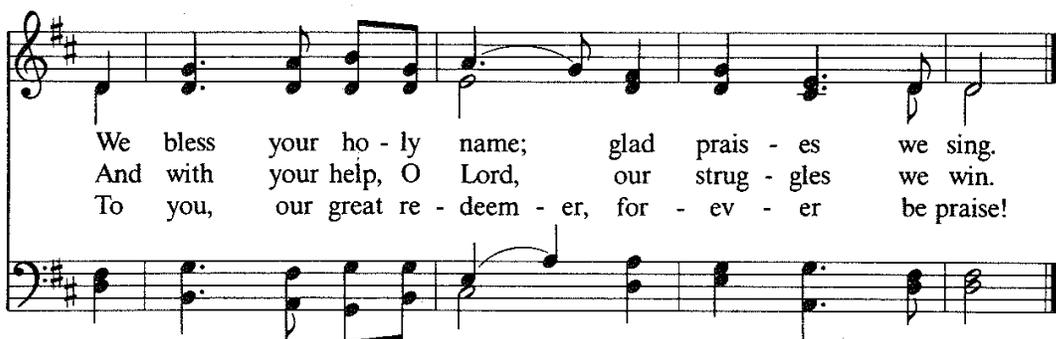
1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
 Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
 And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



We bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
 And with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be 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**

† We Depart in Peace †

**Thank you to Pastor Doug Gast for preaching today!**

## **WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS**

<b>This Week, June 26<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am Pastor Doug Gast	<b>Next Week, July 3rd</b>	9:30 a.m.
Assisting Minister	Debbie Mowrey	Assisting Minister	Tracy Guffey
Lector	Dawn Hahm	Lector	Maggie Bode
Ushers	Linda Hess Wanda Stephens-Wooten	Ushers	Jim Jackson Deb Jackson
Greeters	Liz Clark Terry Clark	Greeters	John Shaw Joan Shaw
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott	Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	June Gries	Communion Assistant	Diana Clements-Scott
Acolyte	Darrel Turner	Acolyte	Luke Sterns
Sound Technician	Dan Ivers	Sound Technician	Ronald Kissell
Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower	Video Technician	Neal Guffey
Bread Baker	Janet Farrow	Bread Baker	Kenya Ostermeijer
Children's Sermon	June Gries	Children's Sermon	Tracy Guffey
Counters (Monday) Wk4	Christian Gries Maggie Bode	Counters (Monday) Wk1	Ron and Marcia Westerfield