

St. James Lutheran Church

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**FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
Jesus Binds
Our Wounds
July 10, 2022**



Meditation: : Have you ever felt inferior or experienced rejection? Perhaps you have not been categorized like a Samaritan where you were despised or looked upon as a second-rate citizen, yet you may have been given the impression that you are unequal and looked down upon. Isn't it interesting that when we have experienced pain and hurt through the actions and words of others, it causes us to empathize more for the sake of others? Could it be that the Samaritan's wounds and hurtful experiences in his life gave him a compassionate heart and that is why he stopped to help the man? There is power in our life experiences, and we can use them to benefit the lives of others. Put yourself in the sandals of the Samaritan. I have heard it said that there is no wasted pain.

Today's chancel flowers are given for the Glory of God.



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*Rev. Dr. 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 off all cell phones and electronic devices 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 10th, 2022 Fifth 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.

PRAISE, ADORATION

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When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
 3 To him, my highest and best, I sing, when love - pos - sessed:
 4 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known

May Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! What - e'er my hands be - gin,
 Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word

This rings my cur - few call: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 Has none that can com - pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 This bless - ing shall break in: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: Oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!

5 Let all of humankind
 In this their concord find:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!
 Let all the earth around
 Ring joyous with the sound:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!

6 Sing, sun and stars of space,
 Sing, all who see his face,
 Sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
 God's whole creation o'er,
 Today and evermore,
 Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 41, The Psalm of the Day

P: 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.

L: Oh, the joys of those who are kind to the poor!

C: The LORD rescues them when they are in trouble.

L: The LORD protects them and keeps them alive

C: He gives them prosperity in the land and rescues them from their enemies.

L: The LORD SUSTAINS them when they are sick

C: and restores them to health.

L: I know you are pleased with me,

C: for you have not let my enemies triumph over me.

L: You have preserved my life because I am innocent;

C: you have brought me into your presence forever.

L: Praise the LORD, the God of Israel,

C: who lives from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and amen!

OPENING PRAYER

L: **Let us pray**

God of healing and restoration, You demonstrate Your care for us in all the seasons of life and constantly enter our hurts and challenges in life. We bring to worship today our pains too deep for words and sorrows breathed out in heavy sighs. We have memories that plague us and losses that still linger in our minds and hearts. Rejection from others and our own wounded self-esteem has crippled us at times and prevented us from being the whole people God created us to be. We come today to learn how we can take our pain, adversity, and experiences in life and use it all to enter the pain of others and show Christ's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

C: In the perfect love of Jesus, we pray. Amen

Please be seated

† We Hear God's Word †

[Read aloud both the introduction and Scripture]

FIRST READING

Colossians 1:1-14 (pg 1015 in pew bible)

In this letter, the apostle Paul wants to impress upon his hearers that bearing fruit is the by-product as we gain knowledge of God in and through Jesus Christ.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters^[a] in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.^[b]

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Amanda Blue

THE SERMON HYMN

Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus 1

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus 1

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Please be seated

MESSAGE FOR OUR OLDER DISCIPLES

Dr. Rev. Richard Blue

Please stand

† We Respond to God's Word †

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He 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 Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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: You have called us now to come to Your table of grace and enjoy Your presence and experience Your healing power. It is at this time that we acknowledge our oneness with Your people of every time and place. Prepare our hearts now to receive these gifts of grace and mercy. We confess to You that we have avoided our neighbors -- those different from us, and those in despair because we are overly concerned with ourselves. Help us order our days and our deeds according to Your commands and Your will. Open our eyes and hearts to all those who needs us. As we eat and drink, may it provide us strength and courage to step out of our comfort zones. 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

THE DISTRIBUTION

Communion Hymn

Above All



Above all pow - ers, a - bove all kings, a - bove all



3 E/D D Esus E A A/G#
na - ture and all cre - a - ted things; A - bove all



5 F#m Amaj7/E D A/C#
wis - dom and all the ways of man,



7 Bm7 D/A E/G# A A/C#
You were here be - fore the world be - gan. A - bove all



9 E/D D Esus E A A/C#
king - doms, a - bove all thrones, a - bove all



11 E/D D Esus E A A/G#
won - ders the world has ev - er known; A - bove all

13 *F#m* *Ama7/E* *D* *A/C#*

wealth and treas - ures of the earth,

15 *Bm7* *D/A* *C#sus/G#* *C#*

there's no way to meas - ure what You're worth.

17 *A* *Bm7* *E/G#* *A* *Bm7*

Cru - ci-fied, laid be-hind the stone; You lived to die, re-

20 *E/G#* *A* *A/G#* *F#m* *Ama7/E*

ject-ed and a-lone; Like a rose, tram - pled on the ground,

22 *D* *A/C#* *Bm7* *A/C#* *D2* *E*

You took the fall, and thought of me, a-bove

25 *A* *D* *Esus* *E* *A*

all.

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THE BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL

P: In this sacrament, God renews, restores, and reconciles us as the body of Christ, and sends us out in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news of the risen Christ.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: Go now in peace and reach out to your neighbors wherever they are. Love the

unloved. Lift up the broken hearted. Empower the weak and powerless, that God may be glorified in all that you do.

C: We are the people of God, one in faith, one in mission, one in Spirit. Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

“O Worship the King” LBW 548 G4

PRAISE, ADORATION

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Oh, Worship the King

1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,
3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?

Oh, grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love;
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,

Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,

Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
And round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

THE DISMISSAL

† We Depart in Peace †

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

This Week, July 10th	9:30 am Pastor Richard Blue	Next Week, July 17th	9:30 a.m. Pastor Richard Blue
Assisting Minister	Joan Shaw	Assisting Minister	Christian Gries
Lector	John Shaw	Lector	Christian Gries
Ushers	Linda Hess Wanda Stevens-Wooten	Ushers	Tracy Guffey Neal Guffey
Greeters	Ron Westerfield	Greeters	John Shaw Joan Shaw
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott	Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	Diana Clements-Scott	Communion Assistant	Karen Bell
Acolyte	Andrew Turner	Acolyte	Darrel Turner
Sound Technician	Ronald Kissell	Sound Technician	Ronald Kissell
Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower	Video Technician	Neal Guffey
Bread Baker	Kenya Ostermeijer	Bread Baker	Janet Farrow
Children's Sermon	Amanda Blue	Children's Sermon	June Gries
Counters (Monday) Wk4	Maggie Bode Cindy Gregory	Counters (Monday) Wk1	Christian Gries Phil Miller