

St. James Lutheran Church

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**SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
Jesus Asks Us For
Single-minded Devotion**



July 17, 2022

Meditation: It is so easy to get caught up in the busyness of life and all of our responsibilities. Before we realize it and identify it, our life can spin out of control, and we can be seriously out of balance. We may have convinced ourselves that how we are spending our time and what we are doing in our lives is important and justified. We need to do ourselves a favor on a regular basis and stop for some quality time to evaluate our priorities. Ask yourself these questions: What truly is the most important thing in my life? Is it reflected in my activities and how I spend my time and money? Does it show in how I am using or not using my God-given gifts? Do my words regarding priorities match my actions? The story of Mary and Martha reminds us to take a look within and let the truth be known. Chances are it's time to make some changes!

**Today's chancel flowers are given in celebration of the
wedding anniversary of Dawn Hahm & Roy Carlson**



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*Dr. Rev. Richard Blue Jr., 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 \(www.stjamesnalc.org\)](http://www.stjamesnalc.org) 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.

**PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Joe Faith

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 Cor 5:17-18)

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN***“The Church’s One Foundation” LBW 654 Eb4***

1 The church’s one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ’ry na - tion, yet one o’er all the earth;
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schisms . . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav’n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: “How long?”
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O bless - ed heav’n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - ’ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 27, 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: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

L: You have said, "Seek my face."

C: My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

L: Hide not Your face from me.

C: Turn not Your servant away in anger, O You who have been my help.

L: Cast me not off, forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

C: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Opening Prayer

A: Let us pray.... Almighty God, we get so caught up in the things of the world and lose sight of what is most important in Your eyes. Help us to examine our lives today and see if we are out of balance when it comes to priorities. Give us wisdom to put our responsibilities and focus in an order of importance that would be pleasing to You. We know Lord, that if it were not for You, we would not even have this moment before us to worship You and show our love and gratitude. May we use this time to honor You!

C: In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Please be seated

† We Hear God's Word †

[Read aloud both the introduction and Scripture]

FIRST READING

Colossians 1:21-29 (pg 1015-1016 in pew bible)

The Apostle Paul has been commissioned by God to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the Colossian Church. He wants them to remain steadfast in their understanding of the true gospel and not get influenced by false teachers in their midst

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of^[a] your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of His body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **“Alleluia!”**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 10:38-42** (pg 892 in pew bible)

Martha opened up her home to Jesus where she lived with her sister, Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened as He spoke. This caused frustration for Martha who was doing all of the prep work herself. But Jesus honored Mary for sitting at His feet highlighting the importance of being with Jesus and listening to Him.

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

June Gries

THE MESSAGE HYMN

Chorus 1

The Lord reigns
He is a mighty God
The Lord God reigns
The Lord reigns
He is a mighty God
The Lord God reigns

Verse 1

When the children of Israel
Came to the brink
He led them through
Letting Pharaoh sink
Then the children were dancing
As old Pharaoh sank down
Lifting up a mighty
Joyful sound singing

Chorus 2

Great is the Lord Almighty
He is Lord
He is God indeed
Great is the Lord Almighty
He is God supreme
Great is the Lord Almighty
He is Lord
He is God indeed
Great is the Lord
Great is the Lord

Chorus 1

The Lord reigns
He is a mighty God
The Lord God reigns
The Lord reigns
He is a mighty God
The Lord God reigns

Verse 2

When the children of God
Came up to Jericho town
The Lord said children
Let's walk around
So for seven whole days
They walked around that great wall

Great Is The Lord Almighty

'Til the Lord said shout
And watch it fall children

Chorus 2

Great is the Lord Almighty
He is Lord
He is God indeed
Great is the Lord Almighty
He is God supreme
Great is the Lord Almighty
He is Lord
He is God indeed
Great is the Lord
Great is the Lord

Chorus 1

The Lord reigns
He is a mighty God
The Lord God reigns
The Lord reigns
He is a mighty God
The Lord God reigns

Verse 3

When His children were dying
And lost in their sin
My God died and He rose again
And I've been rejoicing
Since He took my blame
I thank You Jesus
Praise Your name

Chorus 2

Great is the Lord Almighty
He is Lord
He is God indeed
Great is the Lord Almighty
He is God supreme
Great is the Lord Almighty
He is Lord
He is God indeed
Great is the Lord
Great is the Lord

Please be seated

MESSAGE FOR OUR OLDER DISCIPLES

Dr. Rev. Richard Blue Jr.

Please Stand

† We Respond to God's Word †

THE 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.

He meets us on the shores, guides us, empowers us to yield His harvest.

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 Spirit leads us, guides us, and gently speaks to us each day. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING RESPONSE

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: It is such an honor to come to Your table of grace and forgiveness. The presence of Christ is truly here, and that fills us with incredible joy! We are so very thankful that You instituted this meal so that people everywhere could receive the gifts of forgiveness, strength, and renewal. You know us so perfectly, thus You put in place this sacrament so that we would recall, remember, and experience Your true presence in Christ. As we eat and drink, may we grasp in a fuller way what You accomplished for us. In humility, we come as broken people---willing and ready to be made whole again. And so we join with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, as we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Here I am to Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

THE BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL

P: May the sacrifice made through the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ show you how much love God has for us and how He yearns for us to put Him first each and every day. Through the sacrifice that was made and the price that was paid, we have new life and an unshakeable hope.

C: To God be all glory and honor!

THE BENEDICTION

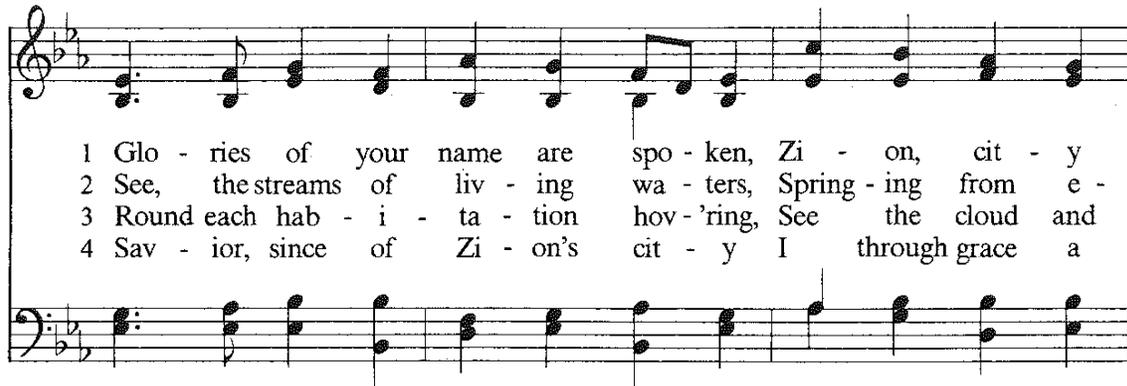
P: Experience the loving presence of the Good Shepherd, welcoming, guiding and protecting your life. Know the certainty of God's love and the truth of His promise. Go boldly now, empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news and live together as the Body of Christ, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

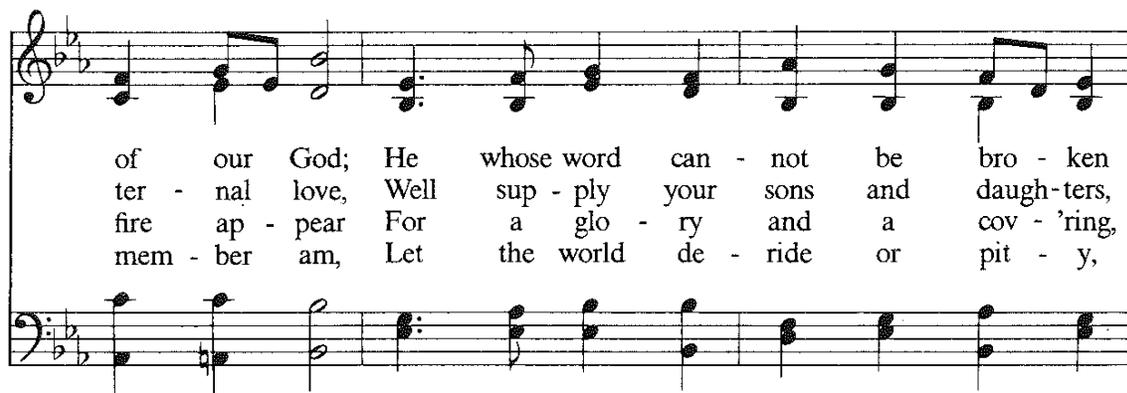
† We Depart in Peace †

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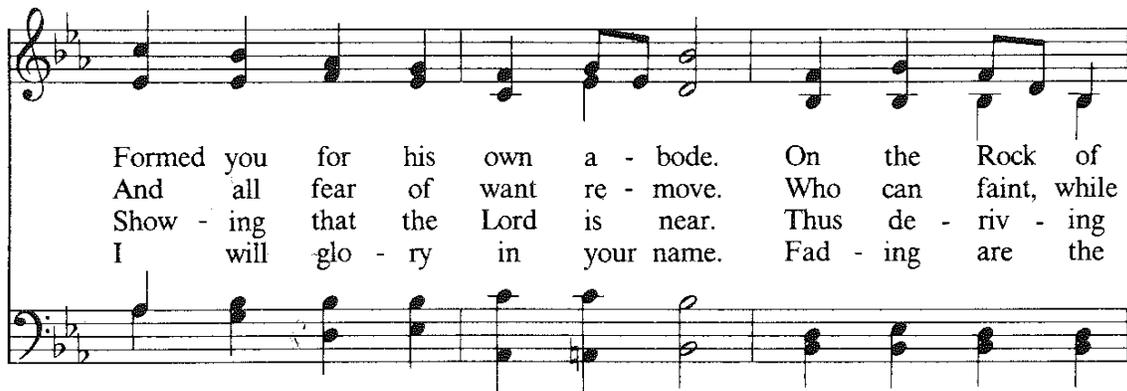
Glories of Your Name Are Spoken



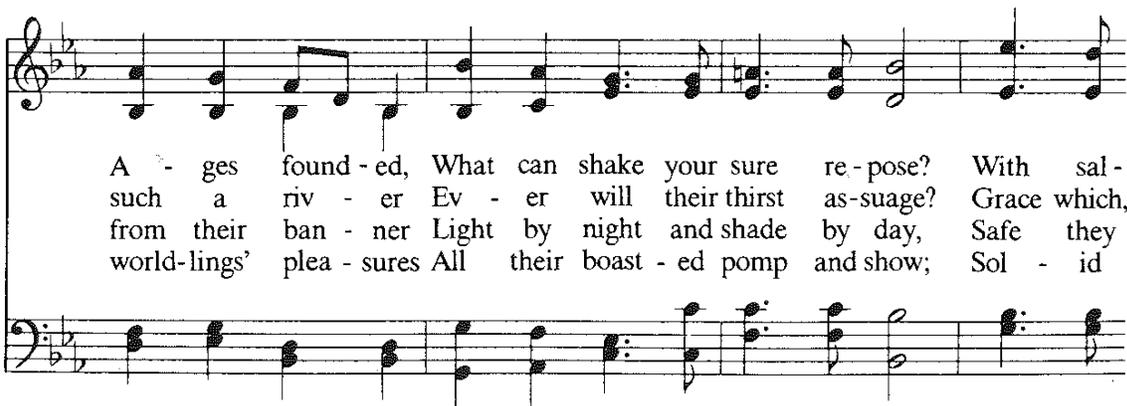
1 Glo - ries of your name are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken
 ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters,
 fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,
 mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y,



Formed you for his own a - bode. On the Rock of
 And all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, while
 Show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing
 I will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the



A - ges found - ed, What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal -
 such a riv - er Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
 from their ban - ner Light by night and shade by day, Safe they
 world - lings' plea - sures All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id

Worship Volunteers

This Week, July 17th	9:30 am Pastor Richard Blue	Next Week, July 24th	9:30 a.m. Pastor Richard Blue
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	Liz Clark Terry Clark
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott	Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	Karen Bell	Communion Assistant	June Gries
Acolyte	Darrel Turner	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	June Gries	Children's Sermon	Tracy Guffey
Counters (Monday) Wk4	Christian Gries Phil Miller	Counters (Monday) Wk1	Christian Gries Phil Miller