

# St. James Lutheran Church

1741 S State Street  
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**EIGHTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**  
Jesus Asks Us For  
Single-minded Devotion



**July 31, 2022**

**Meditation:** Jesus told the crowd a parable in response to two brothers wanting to divide an inheritance. In this parable, a large storehouse was full of an abundant harvest, but the owner lost his life, so what good did the storehouse do? When we store up treasures for ourselves here on this earth and not toward God, we forget that it is the Lord who gives, and it is the Lord who takes away. Setting our minds and hearts on things that last for eternity is the way God would have us live.

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



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### **Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church**

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*Rev. Dr. 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. **If you require gluten free host, please let the servers know.**
- **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

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

LBW 343 G3

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re-deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; Hold me  
 wa - ters flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me  
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,

Feed me now and ev - er - more, Feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 Shield me with your might - y arm, Shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 138, 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: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth

**C: Worship the LORD with gladness;**

L: Come before Him with joyful songs.

**C: Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His;**

L: We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

**C: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;**

L: Give thanks to Him and Praise His name.

**C: For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

## Opening Prayer

L: Let us pray . . . . Generous God, in an amazing abundance You give us all we need for faith and for life. Help us to hold loosely the fading things of this world and to hold tightly the lasting things of Your kingdom, so that all that we are and do and say may be our gifts to You and the community You've called us to serve; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## † We Hear God's Word †

[Read aloud both the introduction and Scripture]

**FIRST READING      Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 (Pages 571-572 in pew bible)**

*King Solomon had everything he could ever imagine. While anything he desired rested at his fingertips, he concluded that everything in this life is meaningless without God.*

"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless." <sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! <sup>14</sup>I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind. <sup>18</sup>I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. <sup>19</sup>And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the

sun. This too is meaningless. <sup>20</sup> So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. <sup>21</sup> For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge, and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. <sup>22</sup> What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? <sup>23</sup> All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

## **SECOND READING**

**Colossians 3:1-11 (Pages 1016-1017 in pew bible)**

*Nothing on this earth matter in comparison to God. When you give your life to follow Jesus, you begin working for eternal rewards, not earthly ones.*

Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup> But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

*Please Stand*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**“Alleluia!”**

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 12:13-21 (Pages 894-895 in pew bible)**

*Jesus told the crowd a parable in response to two brothers wanting to divide an inheritance. In this parable, a large storehouse was full of an abundant harvest, but the owner lost his life, so what good did the storehouse do? When we store up treasures for ourselves here on this earth and not toward God, we forget that it is the Lord who gives, and it is the Lord who takes away. Setting our minds and hearts on things that last for eternity is the way God would have us live.*

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between

you?" <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' <sup>18</sup> "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" <sup>20</sup> "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' <sup>21</sup> "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

## MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

### THE MESSAGE HYMN

### *Cornerstone*

#### Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and  
righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name  
(REPEAT)

#### Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's  
love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

#### Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the  
Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

#### Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet  
sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne

#### Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His  
face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

#### Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's  
love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

*Please be seated*

**MESSAGE FOR OUR OLDER DISCIPLES**

**Rev. Dr. Richard Blue Jr.**

*Please Stand*

**† We Respond to God's Word †**

**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that God is three-in-one. He is matchless and unchanging. He is the first person of the Trinity, and He is our Father.**

**We believe that God sent His beloved Son into the world to redeem the world from sin. The Son was born from the virgin Mary, but conceived by the Holy Spirit. He is perfect in every way, the Spotless Lamb. He is our Great High Priest, and His name is Jesus.**

**We believe that the Holy Spirit is ever present in us. He is our source of strength, peace, and hope. He guides us into the way everlasting and sets eternity in our hearts. He is our Helper and Counselor.**

**We believe in the three-in-one Trinity, the Word of God, and that we are the Church of Christ. 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: We worship the Lord of Hosts- the King of Kings- Jesus Christ.*

**C: For Jesus is our Savior! He is trustworthy and all that we could ever ask or need.**

*P: He nourishes us with His broken body. He cleanses us with His blood.*

**C: There is no one like Jesus. No one can compare.**

*P: We join with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, as we praise Your name & 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

### He Knows my Name

#### Verse 1

I have a Maker  
He formed my heart  
Before even time began  
My life was in His hand

#### Chorus

He knows my name  
He knows my every thought  
He sees each tear that falls  
And hears me when I call

#### Verse 2

I have a Father  
He calls me His own  
He'll never leave me  
No matter where I go

#### Chorus

He knows my name  
He knows my every thought  
He sees each tear that falls  
And hears me when I call

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## THE BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL

P: *May the Lord bless every encounter and make them divine turning points in your lives.*

C: **May we set our hearts and minds on things above; not on earthly things.**

## THE BENEDICTION

P: *Go with the Lord. Walk with Him. For nothing in this life is meaningful, except for a life spent with Jesus.*

C: **We go with Jesus. 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

va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, You may smile at all your foes,  
 like the Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.  
 feed up - on the man - na Which God gives them on their way.  
 joys and last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.  
 Tune: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1712-1809

# THE DISMISSAL

## Worship Volunteers

<b>This Week, July 31st</b>	9:30 am Pastor Richard Blue	<b>Next Week, Aug 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 a.m. Pastor Richard Blue
Assisting Minister	Christian Gries	Assisting Minister	Tracy Guffey
Lector	June Gries	Lector	Maggie Bode
Ushers	Sheila Bryan John Browder	Ushers	Jim Jackson Deb Jackson
Greeters	June Gries Ron Westerfeld	Greeters	Jeanette Berkshire Alan Berkshire
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott	Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	June Gries	Communion Assistant	Karen Bell
Acolyte	Andrew Turner	Acolyte	Luke Stearns
Sound Technician	Dan Ivers	Sound Technician	Ronald Kissell
Video Technician	Neal Guffey	Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower
Bread Baker	Kenya Ostermeier	Bread Baker	June Gries
Children's Sermon	Tracy Guffey	Children's Sermon	Tracy Guffey
Counters (Monday) Wk5	Maggie Bode Carol Hudson	Counters (Monday) Wk1	Marsha Westerfeld Ron Westerfeld