

St. James Lutheran Church

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Jesus Shatters Our Expectations

August 14, 2022



Meditation: When we reflect on what it means to be a Christian and our relationship with God in and through Jesus Christ, our initial thoughts point us to unconditional love, grace, forgiveness, peace, and hope. We don't readily think of our faith in terms of conflict and division, or in terms of a sword or our faith as a stressor. The gospel passage before us shows another side of Jesus that is starkly different from the mild, compassionate, loving Jesus we seem to dwell on more. Yes, we know Jesus can be stern and direct and was known to put people in their place, yet here he seems to be losing it. How can he say that he has come not to bring peace, but rather division? How can he speak of family division the way he does as if he wants this? At first glance, it doesn't make sense but the closer we come to Christ, the more we grasp it. Standing up for what we believe and living it out will have its affects. This caused stress for Jesus and it will cause stress for us.

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



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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 (Matthew 28:19)

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 51:1-2, 10-12))

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43)

C: Amen.

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

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1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
 2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
 5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
 men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
 love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
 e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
 joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 moved us to a more pro - found
 to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing, for whom he won the fight:
 give us faith to sing al - ways:

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 sic: Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
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CALL TO WORSHIP

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: Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God..

C: Give me relief from my distress.

L: Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

C: Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. (Psalm 5:2)

L: The Lord has heard my cry for mercy.

C: The Lord accepts my prayer. (Psalm 6:9)

L: Hear me, Lord, my plea is just; listen to my cry.

C: Hear my prayer –it does not rise from deceitful lips. (Psalm 17:1)

L: I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;

C: turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. (Psalm 17:6)

L: By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me

C: -- a prayer to the God of my life. (Psalm 42:8)

L: You who answer prayer,

C: to you all people will come. (Psalm 65:2)

L: But I pray to you, Lord, in the time of your favor;

C: in your great love, O God, answer me with your sure salvation. (Psalm 69:13)

Opening Prayer

L: Let us pray Gracious and Merciful God, we come together as one in Christ giving thanks for Your presence in our lives at all times. We know that being a faithful follower of Christ means that we will be faced with opposition and difficulties. We know that You are a God of peace yet we also know that Your Word is a sword for use in the midst of spiritual battles that we may find ourselves in. Deepen our faith and equip us with the power of your Holy Spirit so that we are prepared for the challenges we have on life's journey. May the peace that surpasses our human understanding carry us through the stresses of life including those times when we are standing up for what we believe.

C: In the strong and mighty name of Jesus we pray. Amen

Please be seated

† We Hear God's Word †

[Read aloud both the introduction and Scripture]

FIRST READING **Hebrews 11:17-31 (32-40); 12:1-3** (page 1040-1041 in pew bible)

The writer of Hebrews commends the ancients for their faith. For they did not receive what was promised, God had a better plan- a plan of perfection. He encourages the readers of Hebrews to not lose heart and run the race with their eyes focused on Jesus.

By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death. ²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. ²² By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones. ²³ By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. ²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days. ³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. ³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even

better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. ^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart

Please Stand

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 12:49-53 (54-56) (Page 895-896 in your pew bible)

Jesus speaks of fire and division. He says families will be against each other- no doubt because of Him. He echoes the Prophet Jeremiah when he says the people can interpret storms of the earth but not the coming storm of the Lord.

⁴⁹ “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” ⁵⁴ He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?”

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Please stand

THE MESSAGE HYMN

Verse 1

There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say it is well

Pre-Chorus

Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead

Chorus

(And) I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise I will rise (I will rise)

Verse 2

There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes

Please be seated

I Will Rise

Pre-Chorus

Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead

Chorus

(And) I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise I will rise (I will rise)

Bridge

And I hear the voice of many angels sing
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart
Worthy is the Lamb

(REPEAT)

Worthy is the Lamb

Chorus

(And) I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise I will rise (I will rise)

Please Stand

† We Respond to God's Word †

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the creator and sustainer of the earth and all that exists. As we gaze into the heavens, we are reminded of God's creative power. We see God in the morning light, the beauty of the land, and realize that He has made life sustainers such as air, water, and food. God is worthy of our praise!

We believe in Jesus who came to this earth as a human being like us to show us through his life and message who God is. The new covenant brought about through his life, death, and resurrection, has made it possible for all believers to inherit the gift of eternal life. Jesus is worthy of our praise!

We believe in the Holy Spirit – a power source that is present throughout the world and within the lives of believers everywhere. The Holy Spirit is the great messenger of God's word and gives us knowledge and wisdom for living in accordance with God's will. The Spirit is worthy of our praise! 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

Bountiful God, we come with our offerings in response to your love. With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. With the energy bestowed by the Spirit, we seek to inflame all your people with a zeal for your way. Receive the work we do and the gifts we bring, that they may become a blessing in your sight. In Jesus name. 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: : Our gracious and faithful God, in the Lord's Supper, we receive nourishment and strength for our lives so that we can stand up to the pressures and opposition of this world. It is such a joy to come to your table of grace and forgiveness and experience our oneness with our brothers and sisters in Christ. In spite of our rebellion and display of "worldliness", you never fail to love us and work on our hearts. We need what you have to freely give and we are so grateful to receive it. We praise you and thank you for these gifts that change our lives and equip us for spreading the gospel. We come now to the table in complete trust—following Jesus' command to "do this in remembrance of me." And 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

LAMB OF GOD

THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

Kadosh

Verse 1 **Kadosh (Kah-dōsh) kadosh kadosh**
 Kadosh kadosh kadosh
 Adonai (Ah-doh-nai) Elohim (El-oh-heem) tz'va'ot (She-vah-ōt)
 Adonai Elohim tz'va'ot

Verse 2 **Holy holy holy**
 Holy holy holy
 O Lord our God Lord of Hosts
 O Lord our God Lord of Hosts

Chorus 1 **Who was and Who is and Who is to come**
 Who was and Who is and Who is to come (to come)

Verse 2 **Holy holy holy**
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 O Lord our God Lord of Hosts

Chorus 1 **Who was and Who is and Who is to come**
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Verse 2 **Holy holy holy**
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THE BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ give you courage, strength, and hope all the days of your life.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: You are free! You are God's children! You are equipped and sent with the power of God's word and the presence of the Holy Spirit!

ALL: Amen!

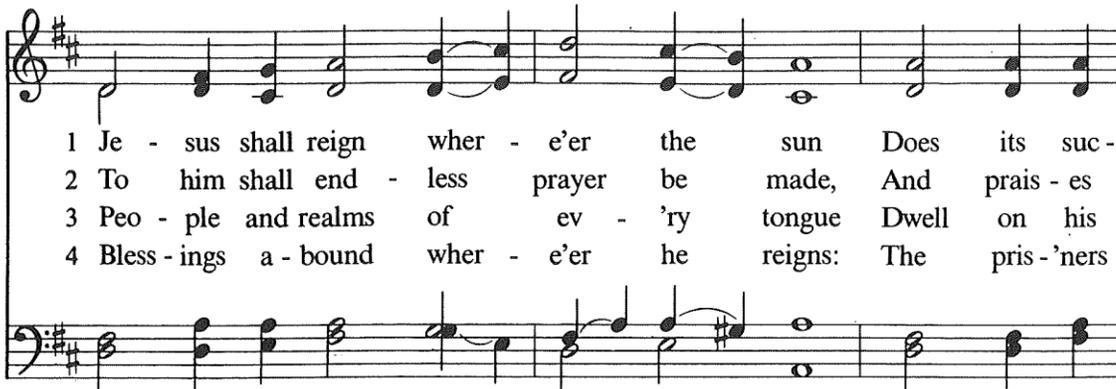
† We Depart in Peace †

THE CLOSING HYMN

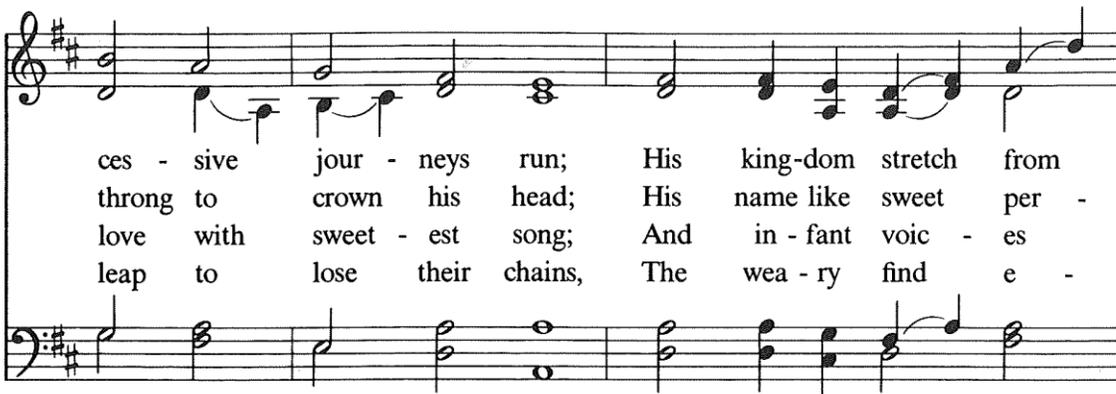
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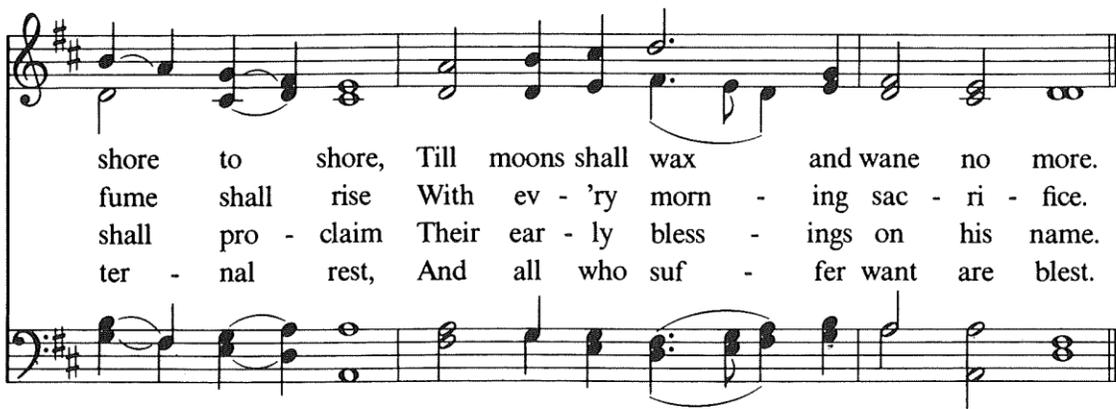
Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, And prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: The pris - 'ners



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, The wea - ry find e -



shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.

THE DISMISSAL

Worship Volunteers

This Week, August 14th	9:30 am Pastor Richard Blue	Next Week, Aug 21st	9:30 a.m. Pastor Richard Blue
Assisting Minister	Debbie Mowrey	Assisting Minister	Christian Gries
Lector	June Gries	Lector	Christian Gries
Ushers	Linda Hess Wanda Stephens-Wooten	Ushers	Tracy Guffey Neal Guffey
Greeters	June Gries Ron Westerfeld	Greeters	Liz Clark Terry Clark
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott	Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	Karen Bell	Communion Assistant	June Gries
Acolyte	Andrew Turner	Acolyte	Andrew Turner
Sound Technician	Ron Kissell	Sound Technician	Ron Kissell
Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower	Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower
Bread Baker	Janet Farrow	Bread Baker	Janet Farrow
Children's Sermon		Children's Sermon	
Counters (Monday)	Maggie Bode Cindy Gregory	Counters (Monday)	Christian Gries Phil Miller