

# St. James Lutheran Church

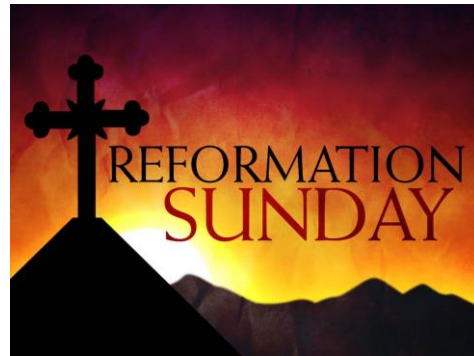
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To bring people to Christ,  
encouraging relationships with Him and others.*

## TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

What Disciples Do

October 30, 2022



**Meditation: A prayer from Martin Luther.** Behold, Lord, An empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in faith; Strengthen thou me. I am cold in love; Warm me and make me fervent that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; At times I doubt and am unable to trust thee altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in thee. In thee I have sealed the treasures of all I have. I am poor; Thou art rich and didst come to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; Thou art upright. With me there is an abundance of sin; In thee is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with thee of whom I can receive but to whom I may not give. Amen.

**Today's chancel flowers are given in celebration of Maggie Bode's birthday.**



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

The mission statement of our congregation is:

*To bring people to Christ, encouraging relationships with Him and others.*

*Rev. Dr. Richard Blue Jr., Pastor*

#### **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**

*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.**

**P:** God of trees and pathways, You stand ready for us to gaze in Your direction. As Jesus walked down the Jericho path, observing Zacchaeus, help us to remember that You are continually present to us, watching and guiding our steps. When we falter, You pick us up, dust us off, and place us back on the path. When we run in directions that are harmful, You are ready to rescue and redeem us. When we shout our disbelief, You offer to us your love and are ready to receive us. Today as we have gathered, remembering all those who have gone before us, who have paved the way for our faith, help us to be aware that we stand in that same long line of witnesses to Your love. Give us courage and strength to serve You in all that we do. Remind us again that You are not looking for us to be perfect before we come to You, for You will take our rough edges and make them smooth. You will find the sparkling gem in the rough stone. You will help us learn to serve and witness to Your love. Let us place our trust and our lives in Your loving care. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

**C:** Lord of mercy, forgive us when we make excuses for our lack of faith. We let our selfishness and apathy get in the way of illumination and peace. We find ways to duck out of our opportunities for service and witness, claiming that we are too small or too ill-equipped to be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ. How foolish we can be! All of our lives God has been present to us, whether or not we knew it. God's love is always surrounding us. Yet we have not taken the time to recognize it. We whine and complain about the misfortunes that have befallen us and wonder where God is. We want immediate release from our struggles. And when release comes, we again move off in our own realms of self-centeredness. Help us, O Lord. Stop us from being so faithless. Open our hearts with Your forgiving spirits that we, having been healed and forgiven, may actually be effective witnesses to Your love and compassion. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

P: You have always been loved by God. Know that you are healed and forgiven, that God has placed a special blessing in your life. Rejoice! For God is with you. Serve God in all that you say, think, and do. AMEN.

**C: Amen**

WORD OF GOD

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bidè, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord;  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrunched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: For all those who have paved the way for our freedom of worship, we give thanks, O Lord.

**C: For those who have taught us about witness and the power of love, we give thanks, O Lord.**

L: For those who work in our church that we may come to know what it means to serve, we give thanks, O Lord.

**C: For all the saints, those who rest from their labors, and those who labor still, we give thanks, O Lord.**

L: Praise be to God, who continually inspires and guides workers and witnesses.

**C: Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord, and help us to become good workers for you.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

P: Lord God of love and peace, open our hearts today to receive the invitation of Jesus to come and be present in our lives. Release us from our smallness and create an atmosphere of confession and healing love in our hearts and our spirits. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

*Please be seated*

## **† We Hear God's Word †**

### **FIRST READING**

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, page **806-807** in pew bible

**1** The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

### **Habakkuk's Complaint**

**2** How long, LORD, must I call for help,  
but you do not listen?

Or cry out to you, "Violence!"  
but you do not save?

**3** Why do you make me look at injustice?

Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
there is strife, and conflict abounds.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore the law is paralyzed,  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked hem in the righteous,  
so that justice is perverted.

**2** I will stand at my watch  
and station myself on the ramparts;  
I will look to see what he will say to me,  
and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

### **The LORD's Answer**

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD replied:

“Write down the revelation  
and make it plain on tablets  
so that a herald may run with it.

<sup>3</sup> For the revelation awaits an appointed time;  
it speaks of the end  
and will not prove false.

Though it linger, wait for it;  
it will certainly come  
and will not delay.

<sup>4</sup> “See, the enemy is puffed up;  
his desires are not upright—  
but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness

P: The Word of God for the people of God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**“Great is Thy Faithfulness”**

Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies I see!  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me."

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 19:1-10 Page 902 in pew bible**

### **Zacchaeus the Tax Collector**

**19** Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

<sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

<sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

**P: The Word of God for the people of God.**

C: Thanks be to God.

**MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES**

**John Browder**

*Please stand*



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God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969  
 Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932

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*Please be seated*

*Please Stand*

## † We Respond to God's Word †

### THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### The Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the holy spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please be seated*

### 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.*

*Please Stand*

## THE OFFERING RESPONSE

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## THE OFFERING PRAYER

**P:** Whatever challenges we face, O God,  
we have also known Your many blessings—  
threshing floors full of grain, vats overflowing with wine and oil.  
Accept these gifts as tokens of our thankfulness,  
that they may be used to prophesy in Your spirit  
and to share Your bounty with those in need.  
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*

As you come forward for communion, please place your yellow **Commitment Card** in the baskets.

**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 a right and good thing to give our thanks and praise to God,  
who made heaven and earth and all that is in it.

God commanded humankind to have dominion over the earth,  
to produce from its bounty a life of sharing and community,  
that all may find a saving relationship with God.

Through our sin, we have defiled the earth, and threaten our own existence with ruin.

Through our greed, ignorance, and hate, we have defiled God's gifts to us,

Yet, through it all, God's love never failed, even to the point of sending Jesus Christ  
to be our new life and salvation. By delivering us from captivity to sin,

God has remained faithful to us, tempering anger with grace and mercy.

And so, with Your people on earth, and all the company of heaven,  
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

**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: The bread is ready, the cup is filled, the table is set.

Let all who are hungry for the love of God, come and be fed.

Let all who are thirsty for new life, come and share the cup.

Let all who want to follow Jesus, come and join the feast.

*Please be seated*

### **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.

### **THE DISTRIBUTION**

*Please Stand*

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



*Remain Standing*

**THE BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL**

P: May the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, make us strong, filling us with His peace.

**C: We have come as guests invited to His banquet, not because we are worthy, but because He is love. Amen.**

**THE BENEDICTION**

P: Do not be afraid to witness to the love of God through Jesus Christ. Go in peace, knowing that God's peace and love go with you. AMEN.

**C: Amen.**

**† We Depart in Peace †**

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How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 “When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus; the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.”  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.”

## Worship Volunteers

<b>This Week, October 30</b>	9:30 am Pastor Richard Blue	<b>Next Week, November 6</b>	9:30 a.m. Pastor Richard Blue
Assisting Minister	Christian Gries	Assisting Minister	Joan Shaw
Lector	June Gries	Lector	John Shaw
Ushers	Sheila Bryan John Browder	Ushers	Jim Jackson Deb Jackson
Greeters	Tom Fisher Nancy Fisher	Greeters	Alan Berkshire Jeanette Berkshire
Altar Guild	Karen Bell	Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	June Gries	Communion Assistant	June Gries
Acolyte	Luke Stearns	Acolyte	Eli Stearns
Sound Technician	Dan Ivers	Sound Technician	Ronald Kissell
Video Technician	Ronald Kissell	Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower
Bread Baker	Karen Bell	Bread Baker	Kenya Ostermeier
Women's Bible Study Snacks	Carol Hudson	Women's Bible Study Snacks	No one assigned
Slide Creators	Sophia Moss	Slide Creators	The Coomes
Children's Sermon	John Browder	Children's Sermon	June Gries
Counters (Monday)	Cindy Gregory Carol Hudson	Counters (Monday)	Christian Gries Phil Miller