

St. James Lutheran Church

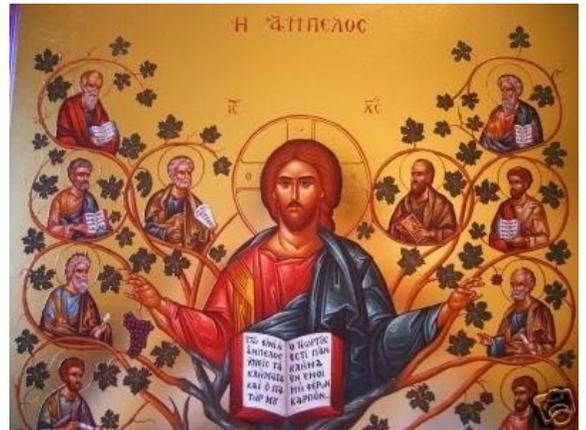
1741 S State Street
Greenfield Indiana 46140

*The mission statement of our congregation is:
To bring people to Christ,
encouraging relationships with Him and others.*

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

What Disciples Do

October 9, 2022



Meditation: Our readings remind us that wherever we are hemmed in and restricted, God is there in freedom. Jeremiah writes to the Jews in Babylon that they are to make a home in the very place to which they have been exiled—and they are to pray for this city! The author of 2 Timothy writes of his chains as a life-giving and freeing participation in the rejection and death of Christ Jesus. To lepers who must keep their distance from everyone, Jesus speaks words of healing, obliterating the distance between them. However we may be bound, “the word of God is not chained” (2 Timothy 2:9), and the locked iron door of impossibility swings open.

Today’s chancel flowers are given in celebration of Bill Beck’s birthday and in memory of Diana Clements-Scott mom’s birthday.



1741 S. State Street
Greenfield, IN 46140
Phone: 317-462-7340
Email: office@stjamesnalc.org

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: For the healing love You have offered to us; for the patience You have with us; for Your presence that will never fail, we give You thanks, O Lord. Bring our hearts and spirits to You that we may grow in our faith and service to You by serving others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

C: Patient Lord, You know how easy it is for us to whine and complain bitterly about all those things in our lives that are difficult. We focus on them as though they were the only things that ever happened to us, forgetting the many blessings that You have given to us and the opportunities You give us to serve You. We feel alienated--You call us beloved. We feel lost--You seek us. We feel broken and battered--Your love is a healing balm. Forgive us when we forget those things. Help us to always look to You for our healing and to return thanks to You by praise and serving others in Your name. For we offer this prayer of confession of our failures and gratitude for Your blessings. AMEN.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

P: Turn again to the Lord, for you are beloved of God and have been given many blessings. Rejoice in God's love for you. AMEN.

C: Amen

PRAYER

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

742

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!

C: With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God's love.

L: Open your hearts to the warmth of God's redeeming love.

C: God has poured such wonder into our lives!

L: Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!

C: Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens! AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

P: Lord, we thank You for the wondrous ways in which You have healed and restored us. There have been countless times when we wondered if the trials and struggles of our lives would overcome us and swallow us up; yet You have reached out to redeem us. Just as in the scriptures when Jesus healed the ten people afflicted with leprosy, one, when he saw that he had been healed, returned to Jesus, praising God for the healing that had taken place. Make our faith as strong as the one of that man. Give us the wisdom to know the source of healing is not in our pleading, but in our acknowledging Your love and power. As we bring before you the names and situations in our hearts that are filled with strife and trouble, we ask for their healing as well. We know that You hear the cries of our hearts and respond always in love. Help us to place our complete trust in Your never-ending compassion. For it is in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN

Please be seated

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

Ronald Kissell

† We Hear God's Word †

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, page 676 in pew bible

29 This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

⁴ This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of

the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.

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 17:11-19 Page 900 in pew bible

Jesus Heals Ten Men With Leprosy

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy^[a] met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

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

C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Please stand

611

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “I am this dark world’s light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast.”
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live.”
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889
 Music: English folk tune

KINGSFOLD
 CM D

HEALING



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I’ll walk till trav - ling days are done.

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

The Apostles Creed

C: 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 power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary. He 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 and 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

Fount of blessing, You pour upon us
the abundance of Your grace. Bless us and these gifts,
that they may be a source of blessing to others,
in the name Jesus Christ. 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 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

THE DISTRIBUTION

Please Stand

COMMUNION HYMN

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" ELW 686

686

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.
Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

HEATH
SM

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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: Having opened your hearts to God and received God's healing love, go now into this hurting troubled world with the good news of God's presence and compassion.

C: Amen.

† We Depart in Peace †

865

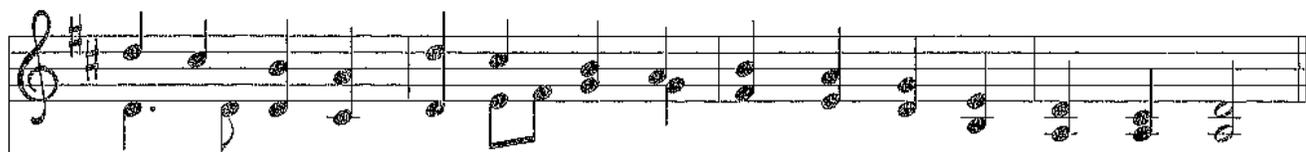
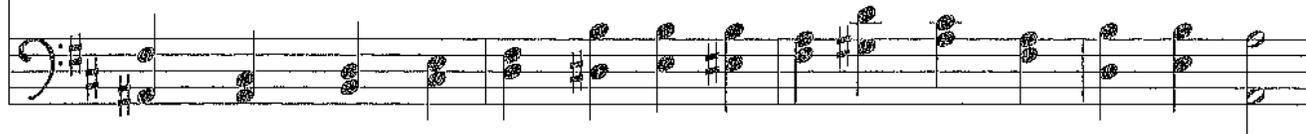
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.
 3 Ten - der - ly he shields and spares us; well out fee - ble frame he knows.
 4 An - gels help us to ad - ore him, who be - hold him face to face.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.
 Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
 Sun and moon bow down be - fore him, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.



THE DISMISSAL

Worship Volunteers

This Week, October 9	9:30 am Pastor Richard Blue	Next Week, October 16	9:30 a.m. Pastor Richard Blue
Assisting Minister	Joan Shaw	Assisting Minister	Christian Gries
Lector	John Shaw	Lector	Christian Gries
Ushers	Sheila Bryan John Browder	Ushers	Tracy Guffey Neal Guffey
Greeters	June Gries Ron Westerfeld	Greeters	John Shaw Joan Shaw
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott	Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	June Gries	Communion Assistant	Karen Bell
Acolyte	Andrew Turner	Acolyte	Eli Stearns
Sound Technician	Dan Ivers	Sound Technician	Ronald Kissell
Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower	Video Technician	Neal Guffey
Bread Baker	Terri Gast	Bread Baker	Terri Gast
Women's Bible Study Snacks	Kenya Ostermeijer	Women's Bible Study Snacks	Diana Clements-Scott
Children's Sermon	Alison LaFlower	Children's Sermon	June Gries
Counters (Monday)	Cindy Gregory Carol Hudson	Counters (Monday)	Christian Gries Phil Miller