

# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2020

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession & Absolution

**P** Let us confess our sin to God:

O Lord, great God, whom we behold in awe and wonder, who has kept covenant and steadfast love with your people from age to age,

**C** **We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and ordinances. We have known in our hearts what is right, and yet we did wrong anyway.**

**We have been fascinated by evil, delighted with pleasing ourselves, satisfying our desires, serving ourselves with pleasures.**

**P** O Lord, great God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

**C** **We know you are a God who delights in goodness. Grant that we too might delight in goodness.**

**We know you are a God who rejoices in peace and justice.**

**Grant that we might be at peace with ourselves and each other.**

**P** O Lord, great God, grant that our hearts might be filled with a love of justice, with peace beyond understanding, with patience, with joy.

**C** These prayers we present to you, O Father, in the name of Jesus,  
the Lamb who was slain and yet lives forever more.  
Amen.

**P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John:  
"We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but for the sins of the whole world."

**C** Amen.

## Psalm

*Psalm 133*

**P** Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!

**C** It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down on the beard,

**P** on the beard of Aaron,  
running down on the collar of his robes!

**C** It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!

**P** For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,  
life forevermore.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

<sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

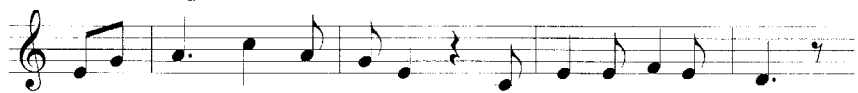
**C** Thanks be to God.

# Sermon Hymn

# Oh, How Good It Is



1. Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God  
2. Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share,  
3. Oh, how good it is to em - brace His com - mand



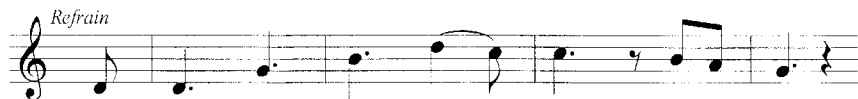
dwells to - ge - ther in spir - it, in faith and un - i - ty.  
to re - joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn.  
to love one a - noth - er, for - give as He for - gives.



Where the bonds of peace, of ac - cep - tance and love  
For the weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace,  
When we live as one, we all share in the love



are the fruits of His pre - sence here a - mong us.  
when we of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.  
of the Son with the Fath - er and the Spir - it.



So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;



and with one heart we'll live out his Word.



Till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come



For He dwells in the pre - sence of his peo - ple.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Prayer

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit  
of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge  
both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian  
and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Holy Communion

### Distribution Hymn #425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Distribution Hymn #570

Just as I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
 soul of one dark blot To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to

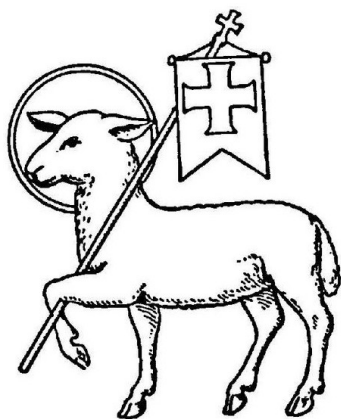


Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
 Because Thy promise I believe,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, tune: William B. Bradbury, text & tune: put





## Distribution Hymn #437

## Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And  
2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While  
5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that  
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y  
His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in  
debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?  
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.  
thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.  
self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, tune: Hugh Wilson, text & tune: public domain

## Announcements

### Bible Study \*

Sunday @ 11:30 a.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

\* Please text Pastor Mueller if you have not yet attended and would like a Zoom invitation link sent to your email.

## **Christian Education**

St. James Lutheran Church is supporting Lutheran education through a scholarship program and will provide tuition assistance to families of our congregation. To request a Tuition Assistance Request Form, please contact Cheryl Schnicker in the church office at 618-288-6120 or [cherylschnicker@saintjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:cherylschnicker@saintjamesglencarbon.org).

**Jr. High/Sr. High** youth group Tuesday Nights at the church from 6:30-8:00pm. Come join us to study Psalm 23 together!

## **MELHS School Secretary**

Metro-East Lutheran High School is currently accepting names of interested people for the position of School Secretary on our Edwardsville campus. The position would be a full-time 10 month (August 1st through May 31st) position with a starting date in early January 2021. If you are interested please send a letter of interest and a resume to Dr. Jay Krause, Principal at [jay.krause@melhs.org](mailto:jay.krause@melhs.org) or call the school office for more information at 618-656-0043.

## **Mercy Ministries**

### **International Hospitality Program**

The International Hospitality Program at SIUe is looking for additional "host" families to partner with international students! International students seeking families do not need housing. The college organizes living spaces for them. However, "host" families will 1) spend time with their international students via outings, shared meals, and MORE, 2) get to know their students through conversation and shared experiences, 3) help students experience American culture and feel comfortable here, and 4) learn more about students' cultures! Participating in the International Hospitality Program can be a wonderful experience for families with kids and for couples of any age! If you are interested in becoming a "host" family for SIUe international students this fall, please contact Shanna Covarrubias by email at [shanna.covarrubias@melhs.org](mailto:shanna.covarrubias@melhs.org) or via text or call. She will get you set up for a virtual orientation to begin your relationship with these young people!

## Help St. James "Spread the Joy" with Residential Hospice in

**Glen Carbon!** Currently they are in need of donations to place in their "Spread the Joy" bags which are distributed to patients in assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and those still living at home. Donation items may include: packages of small snacks or candies; hot drink mixes like decaf tea and hot cocoa; blank stationary, writing utensils, playing cards and puzzle workbooks; hygiene items like deodorant, shampoo, soap, brushes, lotions, etc.; comfort items like small stuffed animals, lap blankets, hats, scarves, or non-skid socks; and first aid kit items. There will be a box or basket in the back of the church until **Sunday, October 20th** to collect items. For those who are not worshipping in person at St. James at this time, but would still like to participate in making donations to this cause, please contact **Shanna Covarrubias** by call or text or email her at [shanna.covarrubias@melhs.org](mailto:shanna.covarrubias@melhs.org) .



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