

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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, merciful Father, you keep covenant and steadfast love with those who love you and keep your commandments.
- C** **We confess that we have not listened to your servants the prophets. We have not heeded your law nor have we rejoiced in your gospel. We confess that things have fallen apart.**
But Lord, you keep covenant even when we do not. Your love is steadfast when ours is frail and fallible. You are faithful even when we are faithless. We want you to be our God and we want to be your covenant people. Grant us the gift of faith.
By your Holy Spirit work in us steadfastness and singleness of heart, that we might manifest your love in the keeping of your commandments and the living of your gospel.
- P** O Lord, merciful Father, hear our prayers in the name of your well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the mediator of the new and eternal covenant, to whom be glory forever and ever.
- C** Amen.
- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from John 3:
"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."
- C** Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 121:1-5, 7-8

P The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

C **I lift up my eyes to the hills.**
From where does my help come?

P My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

C **He will not let your foot be moved;**
he who keeps you will not slumber.

P Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

C **The LORD will keep you from all evil;**
he will keep your life.

P The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and 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.

Acts Reading

Acts 20:17-21, 28-32

¹⁷Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

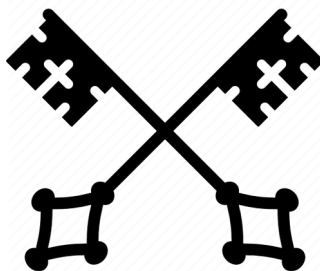
Epistle

1 Timothy 3:1-7

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.





1 The Church's one founda-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E-lect from ev-ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.
 Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,
 She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more
 And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,
 O bless-ed heav'n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.
 And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.
 That we, like saints be-fore us, May see You face to face.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:1-4

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Acts 14:21-23: ²¹When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²²strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. ²³And **when they had appointed elders for them in every church**, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Titus 1:5-7: ⁵This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and **appoint elders in every town** as I directed you – ⁶if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. ⁷For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain.

James 5:13-14: ¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for **the elders of the church**, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

1 Peter 5:1-4: ¹So I exhort **the elders among you, as a fellow elder** and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ²shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

1 Timothy 5:17: Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.

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 ✠ 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

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy
Lord, now in - deed I find Thy
For no - thing good have I Where -
And when, be - fore the throne, I

strength in - deed is small, Child of weak - ness, watch and
pow'r and Thine a - lone, Can change the lep - er's
by Thy grace to claim; I'll wash my gar - ments
stand in Him com - plete, "Je - sus died my soul to

pray, spots Find in me thine all in all."
white And In the melt the heart of stone.
save," My lips shall still re - peat.

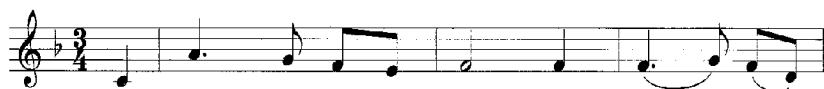
Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

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Distribution Hymn

I Need Thee Every Hour



I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious
I need Thee ev - 'ry hour; stay thou near
I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy or
I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, teach me Thy
I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, Most Ho - ly



Lord; no ten - der voice like thine can peace af -
by; temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when Thou art
pain; come quick - ly and a - bide, or life is
will; and Thy rich pro - mis - es in me ful -
One; O make me Thine in - deed, Thou Bles - sed



ford.
nigh.
vain.
fill.
Son!

I need thee, O I need thee; ev - 'ry hour I need thee. O



bless me now, my Sa - vior; I come to thee.

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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.

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

Mercy Ministries

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. For more information, please contact the church office at (6618)288-6120.

Glen Carbon School

We will be collecting winter coats for sizes 6-8 / 10-12/14-16 for girls and boys in need. They need 3 coats of each size for both girls and boys for now. These have to be new due to Covid Restrictions. They also need gloves and hats for both boys and girls. Please keep in mind, this is for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades.

Quarterly Giving Statements

Members, you should have received your quarterly giving statements via email. If you have not received your statement, or have any questions, please contact Cheryl in the church office (618)288-6120 or cherylschnicker@saintjamesglencarbon.org.

MELHS Trunk or Treat

Metro-East Lutheran High School's Student Council is sponsoring a Trunk-or-Treat in the MELHS parking lot from 6-8 pm on Wednesday October 28th. If you would like to enter a car and hand out candy, please contact MELHS at (618)-656-0043. As an added bonus this year, the Drama Department also plans to have a "Haunted Drive" as you leave the parking lot in your cars! We will be following social distancing guidelines at this event.



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