

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
C Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession & Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sin to God:
O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,
- C** We are embarrassed to come before you,
for we have rebelled against your wisdom and have gotten into trouble,
for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether.
And therefore we are embarrassed.
To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face.
- P** O Lord, great God, all holy, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love.
- C** Incline your ear to our troubles.
Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you.
Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness,
but on the ground of your great mercy -
on the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.
It is in his name that we pray,
for He is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace.
Amen.
- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from Psalm 103:
"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those
who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear
him."
C Amen.

Hymn

By Grace Alone



Out of the depths I cry to You; Lord, hear my voice of
Your par-don is a gift of love; Your grace a-lone must
Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more a -

plead-ing. Bend down Your gra-cious ear, I pray, Your hum-ble
not us. Our works will re-move our guilt; the strict-est
bound-eth. His help-ing love no lim-it knows; our ut-most

ser-vant would heed-ing. us. If You re-mem-ber each mis-
life would fail us. Let none in mem-deeds or each
need it sound-eth. Our kind and faith-ful Shep-herd

deed, and of each thought and word take heed, who can re -
boast, but let us own all the Ho-ly Ghost, for He a -
He, who will set all His peo-ple free from all their

main be-fore You? On-ly by grace, by grace a-lone.
lone can change us: On-ly by grace, by grace a-lone.
sin and sor-row: On-ly by grace, by grace a-lone.

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Psalm

Psalm 66:1-2, 8-9, 16, 20

- P** Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.
- C** **Shout for joy to God, all the earth;**
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!
- P** Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,
- C** **who has kept our soul among the living**
and has not let our feet slip.
- P** Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!
- 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 10:34-48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after

the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.

⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn #597

Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying



1 Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness
 2 In a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied All our sins that
 3 Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of
 4 Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged
 5 Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and



tes - ti - fy - ing To the One whose death - de - fy - ing
 Je - sus car - ried; Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried
 death He leads us; Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us
 sword un - sheath - ing, By His Spir - it life is breath - ing
 its com - plet - ing In the One whose death - de - feat - ing



Life has come, with life for all.
 Us a - cross death's rag - ing flood.
 With His bod - y and His blood.
 Through the liv - ing, ac - tive Word.
 Life has come, with life for all.

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Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. 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 #430

My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He
 To suff'ring goes
 That He His foes
 From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

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



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

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Distribution Hymn

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

- 1 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
 Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
 rolling as a mighty ocean
 in its fullness over me.
 Underneath me, all around me,
 is the current of thy love;
 leading onward, leading homeward,
 to thy glorious rest above.
- 2 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
 Spread his praise from shore to shore;
 how he loveth, ever loveth,
 changeth never, nevermore;
 how he watches o'er his loved ones,
 died to call them all his own;
 how for them he intercedeth,
 watcheth o'er them from the throne.

- 3 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
 Love of ev'ry love the best:
 'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
 and it lifts me up to glory,
 for it lifts me up to thee.

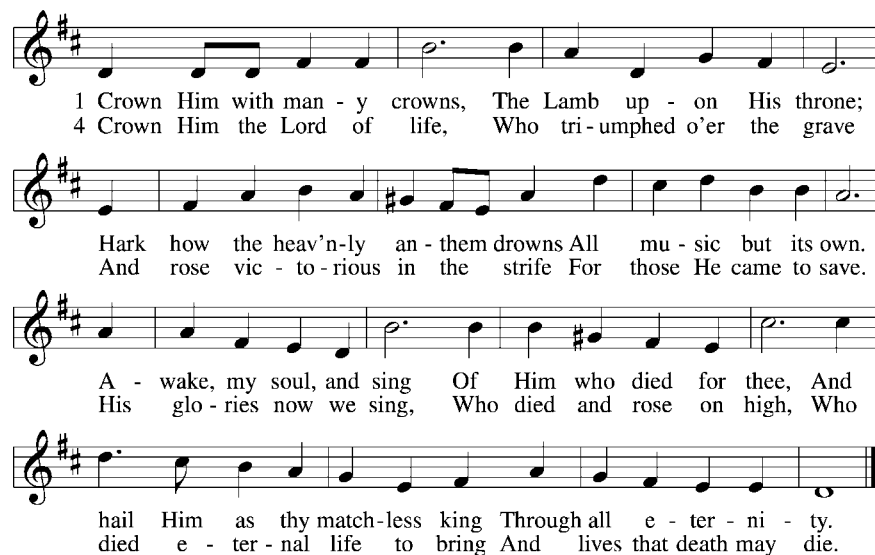
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Nunc Dimittis

- P** Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.
C For my eyes have seen Your salvation,
 Which You have prepared before the face of all people;
 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Your people Israel.
 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.

Closing Hymn #525

Crown Him with Many Crowns (sts. 1, 4)



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave

Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who

hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

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Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

Announcements

Wednesday Evening Zoom Bible Study (*The Screwtape Letters*) 7:00 PM

Contact Aaron for a Zoom invitation.

Titus 2: Women of Faith Bible Study - Saturday, 9:00 a.m

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study is preparing for a new study to start on Tuesday, May 25th. This study is based on the book "Man-Up: The Quest for Masculinity" by Jeffery Hemmer. If you would like to participate, please contact Cheryl via email cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org or call the church office 288-6120 by May 15th. The book cost is \$16.00.

St. James members aged 70+, a gift from the Youth Group is waiting for you on the credenza in the narthex! Please pick up yours and if you know someone that cannot attend in-person worship yet, please help us take theirs to them.

Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

Join us Tuesday night at church for Bible study, fellowship and fun from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Yoga Classes: Starting May 20th, join us under the trees behind the church on Thursday evenings at 7pm for all-levels yoga classes. Bring your own mat (or towel/blanket) and water bottle. No experience needed.

Calling All Puzzle People! St. James is starting a puzzle library. If you have puzzles you've completed and would like to share, bring them to the bookshelf by the upstairs coat rack. Then feel free to borrow any puzzles there to complete!

Metro-East Lutheran High School (MELHS) is accepting letters of interest and resumes for a **Part-Time Upper Level High School English** position available starting August 2021. If you are interested please contact Dr. Jay Krause, Principal, at jay.krause@melhs.org.

MELHS is looking for **HOST FAMILIES** for International Students who are interested in attending Lutheran High for the 21/22 school year. If you are interested in finding out more about opening your home to a foreign student please contact Dr. Jay Krause at jay.krause@melhs.org.



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