

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 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 of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from Psalm 103: "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagles."



Hymn #802

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

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Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
 All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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Psalm

Psalm 132:13–16

- P** For the LORD has chosen Zion;
 he has desired it for his dwelling place:
- C** **“This is my resting place forever;
 here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**
- P** I will abundantly bless her provisions;
 I will satisfy her poor with bread.
- C** **Her priests I will clothe with salvation,
 and her saints will shout for joy.”**
- 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.**

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 2:1–5

¹ He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ² And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³ And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ ⁵ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 12:1–10

¹ I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn

The Compassion Hymn



There is an ev - er - last - ing kind - ness You
 And with com - pas - sion for the hurt - ing, You
 We stood be - neath the cross of Cal - v'ry and this
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that car - ry this



lav - ished on us when the ra - dian - ce of heav - en came to
 reached out Your hand as the lame ran to meet You and the
 gazed on Your face, at the thorns of op - pres - sion and the
 gos - pel of peace to the fields of in - jus - tice and the



res - cue the lost; You called the sheep with - out a
 dead breathed a - gain; You saw be - hind the eyes of
 wounds of dis - grace; For sure - ly You have borne our
 val - leys of need, To be a voice of hope and



shep - herd to leave their dis - tress for Your streams of for -
 sor - row and shared in our tears, heard the sigh of the
 suf - fring and car - ried our grief as You par - doned the
 heal - ing to an - swer the cries of the hun - gry and



give - ness and the shade of Your rest.
 wea - ry, let the chil - dren draw near. What bound - less
 scoff - er and showed grace to the thief.
 help - less with the mer - cy of Christ.



love, what fath - om - less grace You have shown us, O



God of com - pas - sion! Each day we live, an



of - fring of praise as we show to the world Your com - pas - sion.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

¹[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands?” ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed 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.**

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 \ddagger 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

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; "Je - sus died my gar - ments
 stand in Him com - plete, "I'll wash my soul to

 pray. Find in me thine all in all."
 spots And the melt the heart of all."
 white In the blood of Cal - vry's 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.

Text: Elvina M. Hall, tune: John T. Grape; text & tune: public domain

Distribution Hymn #744

Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

 now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be, As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton (sts. 1-4), *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790 (st. 5); tune: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; text & tune: public domain

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

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 #643

Sent Forth by God's Blessing (st. 1)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of eight staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are: "I Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con - fess-ing, The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave. The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve. The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing, Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call."

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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.
- G** Amen.

Announcements

Today

- **Bible Study** 9:30 AM Masks Optional: Adults meet in the Sanctuary; Children meet downstairs
- **Youth Confirmation** 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM
- **Sunday Evening Prayer** 5:30 PM

Tuesday

- **Men's Bible Study** – 6:30 AM
- **Youth Group** – 6:30-9:30 PM join us for an epic water balloon battle and bonfire here at the church. Bring a towel and wear clothes that you don't mind getting soaked in! To stay informed on upcoming events, join our private Facebook group - St. James Youth Group or contact Cheryl in the church office.

Wednesday

- **Zoom Bible Study** (*The Screwtape Letters*) 7:00 PM. Contact Aaron for a Zoom invitation.

Thursday

- **Yoga** 7:00 PM

Saturday

- **Women of Faith Bible Study:** 9:00 AM

Furniture & Piano Available –The brown couch, two red chairs, footstool, small glass-top side table and piano in the basement are free to a good home! If you are interested in any of these items, contact Cheryl in the church office.

Vacation Bible School: Join us next Sunday, July 11th for an all-in-one day VBS Sunday Funday! We will get started right after the 10:45 service with lunch and then enjoy the following exciting stations: VBS lesson, craft, bounce houses (with water fun!), snow cones and games. There will be fun for all ages with cornhole, washers, and outside games. Please invite your neighbors, friends, grandchildren, etc! The fun will last until 3 pm.

Upcoming Youth Serve Opportunities - Saturday July 10th Homeless Outreach 12:30-3:00 PM @1818 Cleveland Blvd, Granite City, IL 62040. In addition to serving a hot lunch, our multi-church group will be offering free hair washing Saturday. A licensed beautician has volunteered to provide haircuts and beard trimmings as well. Special needs are summer clothes, shoes, pillows, sleeping bags and hygiene items.

Micro-School Aide - Great opportunity to work as an Aide in our new micro-school right here at St. James. Serve in a Christ-centered setting, assisting the Learning Guide (teacher) in supervising students while they work on independently-led, project-based learning. "One room schoolhouse" feel with mix of 5th grade through 8th grade in one room. Three hours per day, either mornings (8-11) or afternoons (Noon-3:00). To learn more or submit an application, contact Jessica Anderson, Director of HR, at janderson@ccls-stlouis.org, or visit <https://ccls-stlouis.org/careers>.



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