Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 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.
- Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

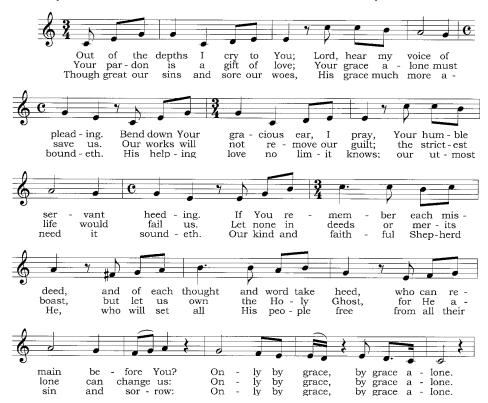
Confession & Absolution

- Let us confess our sin to God:
 O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.



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Psalm

Psalm 145:16: 147:7-11

- P You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!
- P He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.
- He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.
- P His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
- but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- 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.

¹"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'"

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Ephesians 2:11–22

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn #644

The Church's One Foundation



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Holy Gospel Mark 6:30–44

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two

fish." ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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 + 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

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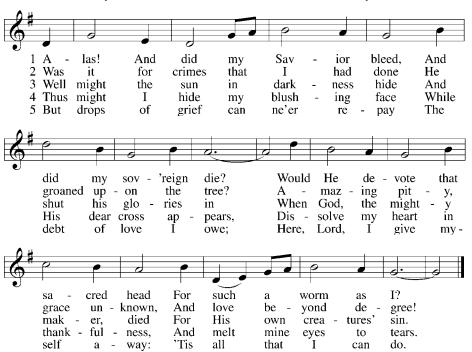
Crown Him with Many Crowns



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Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



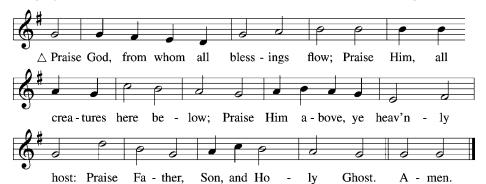
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Nunc Dimittis

- P Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.
- 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 #805

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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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

Today

 Bible Study 9:30 AM Masks Optional: Adults meet in the Sanctuary; Children meet downstairs.

Tuesday

- Men's Bible Study 6:30 AM
- Youth Group 6:30-8:00 PM

Wednesday

No Zoom Bible Study - Resumes next week

Thursday

Yoga 7:00 PM

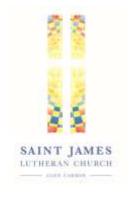
Saturday

- Women of Faith Bible Study 9:00 AM
- Joe Early Memorial -

New Member Class Begins Next Sunday, July 25th

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Please contact the church office if you or someone you know may be interested in attending.

Micro-School Aide - Great opportunity to work as an Aide in our new micro-school right here at St. James. 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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