

# Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 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 our Father:  
O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.
- C** **We pour out our souls to you because by our own efforts we have failed. Nothing we have tried has worked. We have tried again and again and still we have failed.**
- P** O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.
- C** **Save us from the embarrassment of our failure. Save us from envying those who have apparently succeeded.**  
**Grant us some signs of success, that we not always be ashamed.**
- P** O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.
- C** **You know our need. You know our struggles, our brokenness, our sins. You know that without your mercy we can do nothing.**  
**Grant us mercy, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.**  
**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."
- C** Amen

# Opening Hymn

# His Mercy is More



What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -  
What pa - ti - ence would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What  
What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His



ni - cient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown  
Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He  
blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our  
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our  
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our



sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.  
sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord,  
sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.



His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,



new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

## Psalm

*Psalm 111:1–5, 9–10*

**P** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

**C** **Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

**P** Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

**C** **Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.**

**P** He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

**C** **He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.**

**P** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

**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

*Proverbs 9:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table.

<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town,

<sup>4</sup>“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” To him who lacks sense she says,

<sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

<sup>6</sup>Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

<sup>7</sup>Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.

<sup>8</sup>Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

<sup>9</sup>Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn

Arise, My Soul, Arise



A - rise my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;  
 He ev - er lives a - bove for me to in - ter - cede,  
 Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;  
 The Fa - ther hears him pray, his dear a - noint - ed One;  
 My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - doning voice I hear;



the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears.  
 his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead.  
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers: they strong - ly plead for me.  
 he can - not turn a - way the pres - ence of his Son.  
 he owns me for his child: I can no lon - ger fear.



Be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my  
 His blood a - toned for all our race, his blood a - toned for  
 "For - give him, O, for - give," they cry, "For - give him, O, for -  
 His Spir - it an - swers to the blood, his Spir - it an - swers  
 With con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence I



Sure - ty stands; my name is writ - ten on his hands.  
 all our race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.  
 give," they cry, "nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die."  
 to the blood, and tells me I am born of God.  
 now draw nigh, and, "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther," cry.

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

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

<sup>51</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?”

<sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.)

<sup>65</sup>And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

**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 #570

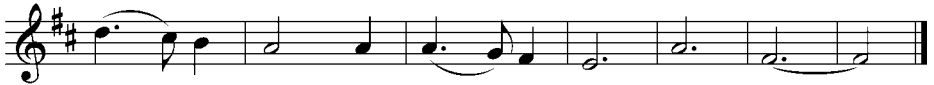
Just as I Am, without One Plea



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

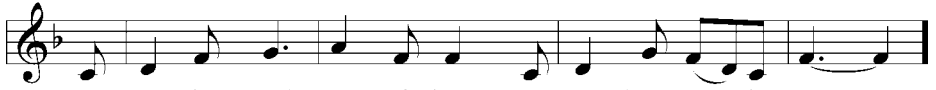


Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 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.



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,  
 2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;  
 3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;  
 4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.  
 I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.  
 On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.  
 My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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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 #588

## Jesus Loves Me



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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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  $\nabla$  give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Announcements

### Today

- **Bible Study** 9:15 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
- **New Member Class** 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

### Tuesday

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

### 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

**Mercy Ministries:** If you are interested in becoming involved in our Madison County Elementary Schools Mission, please contact Sandy Hall at [Sandy@saintjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:Sandy@saintjamesglencarbon.org) for kick-off meeting information.

**Youth For Life:** All high school students: Our first organizational meeting is Tuesday at 4:30 PM at Metro-East Lutheran High School. Contact Pam Meister at [pmmeister@outlook.com](mailto:pmmeister@outlook.com) or text 618-799-9348, or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daaaf2ba2f5cf8-y4life>

**National Youth Gathering:** Calling all High School Students! Next July is the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. We will have an informational meeting on Sunday, September 12 at noon. If you are at all interested in going to the Gathering, bring a parent and come find out more. We will discuss the registration fee due date, approximate overall cost, transportation, and fundraisers. If you are interested in going to the Gathering, but can't make the meeting, be sure to let one of the Youth Leaders know.

**Celebration Time!** Holy Cross Lutheran Church & School is accomplishing our Facelift 2021 Phase 1 goals! Please join us **Today from 11:30am to 2:30 pm** for an old fashioned School Picnic in the gym to celebrate!

**St James Life Ministries Kick-off Celebration & Speaker** – We will be kicking off our Life Ministry and 40 Days for Life sign-up on August 29 with special speaker Kristi Hofferber during Bible Study. Kristi is a pro-life and adoption advocate who shares a message about the value of life. Between and after services in the narthex, there will be guessing games, hands-on activities, pro-life swag and a sign-up for 40 Days for Life! After the late service there will be a cake walk featuring homemade cakes from members and Kruta's bakery! Come and hear Kristi speak and join in the special activities praising God for the gift of life and find out how you can become involved. If you would like to donate a cake, please let me know. Please contact Pam Meister 618-799-9348 for questions or interest.



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