

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 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 sins to God our Father:
Holy and merciful God,
C in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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.

Opening Hymn

In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less babe!
 3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the world by dark - ness slain.
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death this is the pow'r of Christ in me.



This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm.
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a - gain!
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
 Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis - fied;
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand;



My com - for - ter, my all in all here in the love of Christ I stand.
 for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.
 for I am His and He is mine bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 Till He re - turns or calls me home here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Psalm

Psalm 28:1–2, 6–8

- P** The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
- C** To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.
- P** Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.
- C** Blessed be the LORD!
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
- P** The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
- 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

Isaiah 35:4–7a

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24–37

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

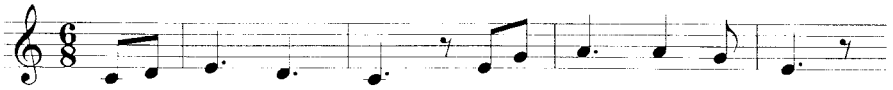
²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.”

³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

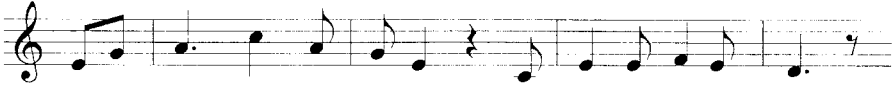
³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

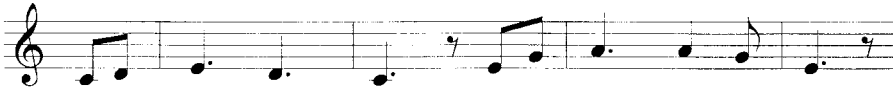
C Praise to You, O Christ.



1. Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God
 2. Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share,
 3. Oh, how good it is to em - brace His com - mand



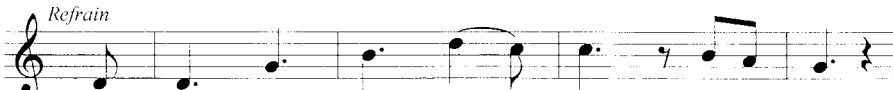
dwells to - ge - ther in spir - it, in faith and un - i - ty.
 to re - joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn.
 to love one a - noth - er, for - give as He for - gives.



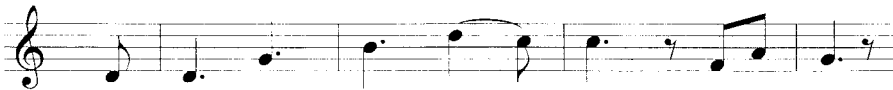
Where the bonds of peace, of ac - cep - tance and love
 For the weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace,
 When we live as one, we all share in the love



are the fruits of His pre - sence here a - mong us.
 when we of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.
 of the Son with the Fath - er and the Spir - it.



So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;



and with one heart we'll live out his Word.



Till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come



For He dwells in the pre - sence of his peo - ple.

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹³Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. ¹⁴I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. ¹⁵For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. ¹⁷For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

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 \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

They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, we are
 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, we will
 All praise to the Fa - ther from whom all things come, and all

one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we
 walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, and to -
 praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son, and all

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our
 love, yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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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.

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Distribution Hymn #618

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Nunc Dimittis

- P** Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.
- G** 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 #821

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (st. 1)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

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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 H give you peace.
- G** Amen.

Announcements

Today

- **Bible Study** 9:15 AM Masks Optional: Adults meet in the Sanctuary; Children meet downstairs
- **Sunday Evening Prayer** 5:30 PM
- **New Member Class** 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Tuesday

- **Men's Bible Study** – 6:30 – 7:30 AM
- **Youth Group** – 6:30- 8:00 PM

Wednesday

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

Saturday

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

Grief/Share is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of a loved one. You're welcome to begin attending the group at any session. A new session will begin Tuesday, September 7th at 6:00 PM at Good Shepherd Church, 1300 Beltline Road, Collinsville. Park in the lower parking lot and enter through the doors with the sign GriefShare. You'll find help and encouragement to successfully travel the journey from mourning to joy. Please call 618-344-3151 to register or for more information. Babysitting available with reservations.

St. James 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Event at Planned Parenthood, 317 Salem Place, Fairview Heights is **Oct 2nd** from 7am – 1 pm. Our church has signed up to peacefully pray to end abortion during this time in front of the facility. We need at least 2 people per hour slot. Slots are still open! Please sign-up in the Narthex.

"What to Say When" – September 16 from 6:30 – 8pm Y4Life event at Metro East Lutheran High School. Learn what to say when someone you know is thinking about abortion. Come hungry! Pizza and drinks will be served. Any high school or college student can participate. Also, it's not too late to register for our trip to the March on Life in Washington DC on January 21, 2022.

Christian Education

St. James Lutheran Church is supporting Lutheran education through a scholarship program and will provide tuition assistance to families of our congregation. To obtain a Tuition Assistance Request Form, please contact Cheryl in the church office at 618-288-6120 or cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org

College Care Packages

We are updating our college student addresses for care packages! If you haven't yet, please send your student(s) name, address and email to Cheryl in the Church office at Cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org or 618-288-6120.

Member Directory

We are updating our member directory! A current member directly has been emailed to your household email address of record. If you did not receive the directory, please check your junk mail box, or check the member directory posted on the bulletin board outside the church office to confirm your information is correct. For any changes, corrections or additions, please contact Cheryl before Sunday September 19th at Cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org or 618-288-6120.

LWML Fall Rally

The Metro-Central LWML Zone Fall Rally has been set for October 2, at Hope Lutheran Church in Springfield, IL featuring Esther the Comfort Dog! For more information, please see the bulletin board outside the church office.



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