

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 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:
You are the Lord and you alone! You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them, and you preserve them all.
- C** You have called us to yourself and given us a covenant. You have become our God and made us your people, and yet we have turned away from you. We have rebelled against you. You have delivered us many times according to your covenant mercies. You have warned us, and yet we have acted presumptuously. You have sent us prophets, and we have turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened our necks and would not obey your law.
- P** You are the Lord and you alone! You are our God, great and mighty. You keep covenant and steadfast love.
- C** We deplore our sins before you, and before each other. They have only gotten us into trouble. They have only enslaved us. They have not given us the happiness they promised. Deliver us from our sin and the power and attraction of sin through the faithful suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ, whose intercession we plead, and in whose name we pray. Amen.
- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from Romans 5: "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- C** Amen.

Opening Hymn #728

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

Text: *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787; tune: *Genuine Church Music*, 1832; text & tune: public domain

Psalm

Psalm 31:14–16, 24

- P** Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!
- C** But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God."
- P** My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
- C** Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!
- 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.

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;

he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious;

I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;

the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant?

Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD

and rely on his God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

James 3:1–12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn

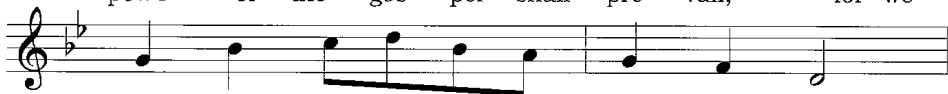
By Faith



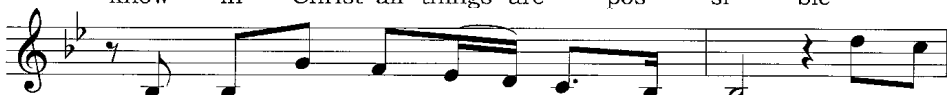
By faith we see the hand of God in the
 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the
 By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the
 By faith the church was called to go in the
 By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the



light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the
 pow'r of His prom - ise in their hearts, of a
 longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the
 pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost to de -
 pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we



lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
 ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
 pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
 liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news
 know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble



who walk by faith and not by sight. *v. 2*
 a place where peace and jus - tice reign. *chorus*
 and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. *v. 4* We will
 in ev - ry cor - ner of the earth. *chorus*
 for all who call up - on His name. *chorus*



stand as chil - dren of the prom - ise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our



soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the work is done,



we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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

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

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

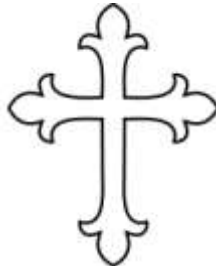
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. 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!



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
 is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Text: *A General Selection of Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 1811; tune: *Southern Harmony*, 1835; 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)

1 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.
- C** Amen.

Announcements

Today

- **Bible Study** 9:15 AM Masks Optional: Adults meet in the Sanctuary; Children meet downstairs
- **Deacon Meeting** 11:45 PM to 12:45 PM Fellowship Hall
- **National youth Gathering Informational Meeting** 12:00 PM Sanctuary
- **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

Thank You- I thank God for the many expressions of love and support from my family, St. James family and friends during my recent hospitalization. Thank you to everyone who called or sent cards. It is a joy to experience the love of the church... Chuck Rathert

“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. Contact Pam Meister 618-799-9348.

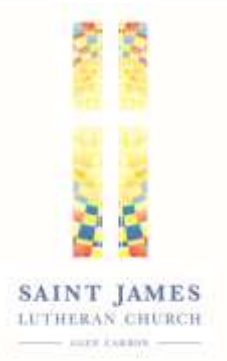
St. James 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Event at Planned Parenthood, 317 Salem Place, Fairview Heights is **Oct 2nd** from 7am – 1 pm. Our church has signed up to peacefully pray to end abortion during this time in front of the facility. We need at least 2 people per hour slot. Slots are still open!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

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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