Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

Invocation

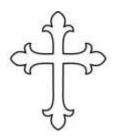
- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Kyrie

- **P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession & Absolution

- I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.
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- C Amen.



Opening Hymn #801

How Great Thou Art



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Psalm

Psalm 34:1–4, 17-18

- P The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
- **G** I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- P My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
- **C** Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!
- P I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
- When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- 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

¹⁰He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹²Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

¹³There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴ and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

¹⁸Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 4:1–13

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

"As I swore in my wrath,

'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." ⁵And again in this passage he said,

"They shall not enter my rest."

⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

"Today, if you hear his voice,

do not harden your hearts."

⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn #730

What Is the World to Me



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Holy Gospel

Mark 10:23-31

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

- **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 ¼ 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 #550 Lamb of God 1 Your on - ly Son, hide. But You no sin to have 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and 3 I I should have was so lost, died. But You have sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y scorned Him as He died: The hum-ble King they named a brought me to Your side То be led by Your staff and sod, And be - come the Lamb of God. to And sac - ri - ficed God. fraud, the Lamb of be called lamb God. rod, And to of a Refrain O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.



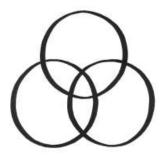
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Be Unto Your Name

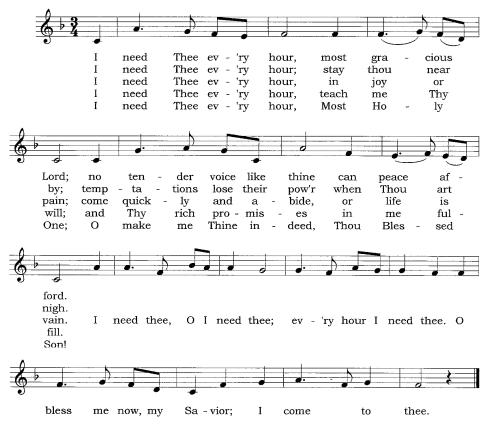


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I Need Thee Every Hour



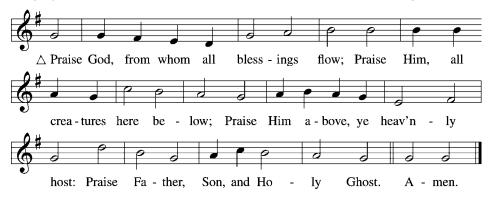
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Nunc Dimittis

- **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

- 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 +I+ give you peace.
- C Amen.

Announcements

Today

- Bible Study 9:15 AM Masks Optional: Adults meet in the Sanctuary; Children meet downstairs
- Youth Confirmation 12:00 PM 12:45 PM
- 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.

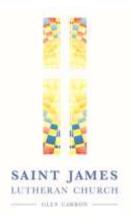
Saturday

• Women of Faith Bible Study: 9:00 AM

Next Sunday Mike Ramsey and Cyril Loum will be with us during the Bible study hour to present **Revival School ministry in St Louis**, as well as the possibility of planting a church to minister to Congolese refugees.

St. James youth are taking orders for **Christmas Wreaths** to support their trip to the Youth Gathering July 2022. Don't miss out on these wonderful, fresh, very aromatic wreaths which will be delivered to you the first week of December. The candle ring wreath is \$20 and is about 14" in diameter. The door wreath is about 22" in diameter and is \$35. There is a sign up on the church office bulletin board. Please deposit payment in the locked mailbox on the office door. Or you can contact a youth or the church office if you would like to order one. Thank you so much in advance. God's blessings!

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to provide MELHS faculty a dinner and evening of fellowship. The date has been set for October 29th. If you are available to assist at this event, please contact Cheryl Schnicker in the church office <u>Cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org</u> or 618-288-6120



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