The Third Sunday after Pentecost June 18, 2023



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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Kyrie

To the tune New Britain ("Amazing Grace")

Look down in mercy on us, Lord. Receive our prayers and praise, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word, For your amazing grace.

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Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession and Absolution

- Let us confess our sin to God:
 O Lord, merciful Father, you keep covenant and steadfast love with those who love you and keep your commandments.
- We confess that we have not listened to your servants the prophets. We have not heeded your law nor have we rejoiced in your gospel. We confess that things have fallen apart.
 - But Lord, you keep covenant even when we do not. Your love is steadfast when ours is frail and fallible. You are faithful even when we are faithless. We want you to be our God and we want to be your covenant people. Grant us the gift of faith.
 - By your Holy Spirit work in us steadfastness and singleness of heart, that we might manifest your love in the keeping of your commandments and the living of your gospel.
- O Lord, merciful Father, hear our prayers in the name of your well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the mediator of the new and eternal covenant, to whom be glory forever and ever.
- C Amen.
- P Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John:
 - "I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of Jesus' name."
- C Amen.

- **P** I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
- **P** and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
- He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
- P Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Service of the Word

Psalm Psalm 51

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
- P ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
- ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- ⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- P Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- P 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
- Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- P ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- ¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- 18 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;
- then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.
- 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

Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"
God who flung the stars in space, God who formed the human race,
God the mind and God the cause, God the source of nature's laws,
God of wisdom, pow'r, and love, God of gods, all gods above.
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God who saw your creatures fall, loved them still, and loved them all,
Gave your only Son to prove what is mercy, what is love;
And the Spirit, given free, recreates your family.
Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:1-19

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

¹⁶To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

¹⁷And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.".

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

Epistle Romans 5:6–15

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

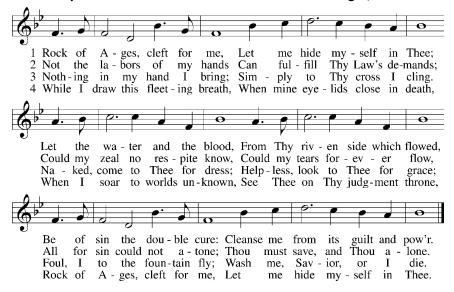
¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

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

Sermon Hymn # 761

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



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Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:1–20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, ²"Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat." ³He answered them, "And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴For God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' ⁵But you say, 'If anyone tells his father or his mother, What you would have gained from me is given to God, ⁶he need not honor his father.' So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. ⁷You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

8"'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;
9in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of me

¹⁰And he called the people to him and said to them, "Hear and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person." ¹²Then the disciples came and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain the parable to us." ¹⁶And he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the

heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Credo

To the tune St Denio ("Immortal, Invisible")

Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive Their being and blessing, in you we believe. Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true, Provider and Father, our trust is in you.

And you, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord, True son of the Father, by angels adored; Redeemer incarnate, you paid for our sins, And, joined in your rising, our new life begins.

Free Spirit of wisdom and power and love, On us, as on Christ, you descend from above; You call us, you cleanse us, you open our eyes, You keep us in peace, you restore paradise.

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Sermon

Offering

Please take a moment to sign and pass the "Record of Friendship" booklet or use the QR code located on the inside cover of the booklet.

Prayer of the Church

- 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 + of the world to come. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- \mathbf{P} It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

"Holy, holy!" all the saints in glory
Fill your temple with their song around your golden throne;
"Holy, holy, holy!" with them we adore Thee;
God in three persons, all in Christ as one.

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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.

The Words of Our Lord

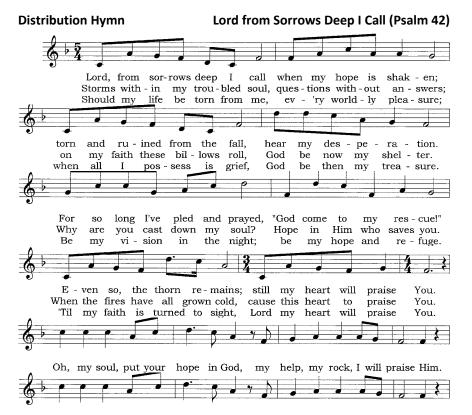
Agnus Dei

To the tune Olivet ("My Faith Looks Up to Thee")

Meek, slaughtered lamb of God, Bearing the sinners' load To buy our peace: Now risen and enthroned, With life and glory crowned, To all the lost and found Please grant your peace.

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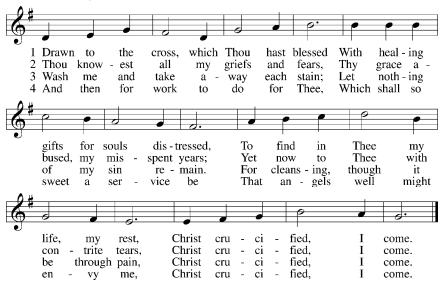
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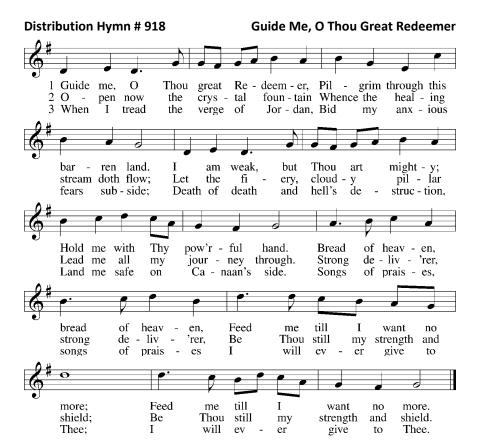
Sing, oh, sing, through the rag-ing storm; You're still my God, my sal-va-tion.

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Distribution Hymn # 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed



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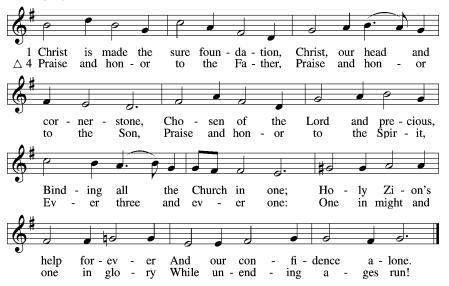


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The Dismissal

Closing Hymn # 909

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



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Benediction

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- 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.

This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study and Sunday School 10:30 AM, Downstairs
- Youth Confirmation 11:45 AM, Downstairs
- New Member Class 6:30 8:00 PM

Tuesday

Youth Group – 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study 6:30 – 7:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS



There is considerable evidence that more and more people are feeling sad, depressed and isolated. When a Christian feels this way, is there a path out of the valley? On Episode 67 of Craving Answers Craving God, Aaron and Chuck discuss this topic and offer suggestions which can help lead to recovery. It's the latest show on our bi-weekly podcast. Give it a listen!

Community Groups

There is a community group ready to welcome you! If you are interested in joining a group, please contact Shanna at Shannacovarrubias@saintjamesglencarbon.org for locations and times available, or call the church office.

"Metro-East Lutheran High School is looking for HOST FAMILIES for foreign students who are interested in attending MELHS for the 23/24 school year. Please prayerfully consider opening your home up for either a semester or the full school year. If you would like to explore this opportunity please contact Dr. Jay Krause at jay.krause@melhs.org or call the school office at 618-656-0043."

In June, Glen-Ed Pantry suggests donating "summer foods" families need for cookouts, picnics and quick "Little League" meals. Foods like ketchup. mustard, s'more makings and lemonade or cool aide (with sugar) plus items from the Glen-Ed Pantry website's "Most Needed Items" list will be in demand. For more information contact Tina Barnard at barnard.tina00@gmail.com

Metro East Lutheran High School matching grant

Lutheran Foundation has generously agreed to match every dollar donated to the MELHS endowment fund with three dollars, up to \$750,000. This money will be used to provide financial aid to students who need it, helping to make Lutheran education affordable for every family. We will support this initiative with two door offerings - next Sunday, June 25th, and also on July 9th - to allow families who might be traveling one of those Sundays to participate. If you have any questions, please see one of our school board representatives: Mark Eberhart, Eric Robinson, or Dan Staake.

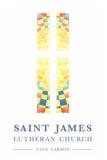


Ministry Opportunities – Get Involved! How are you serving?

Audio and Video Help Needed

No experience required. The media ministry and technology team is in need of individuals that can assist with audio or video and cameras during worship and other events at St James.

All tasks are easy to learn regardless of your age! Whether you have never done any of them or are an experienced audio engineer or video producer, your help would be greatly appreciated and welcomed. If you are interested or have questions regarding this opportunity, please email Larry O'Leary larry@stjamesglencarbon.org or contact the church office.



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