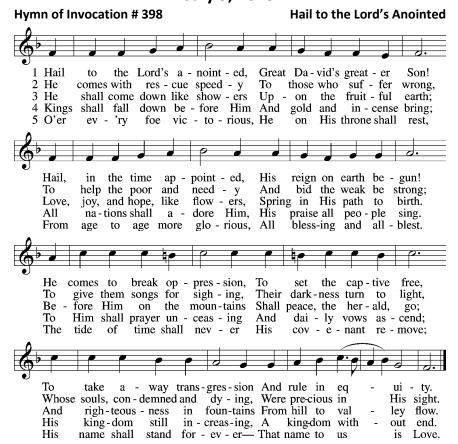
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 9, 2023



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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

 ${f P}$ In the name of the Father and of the $m{+}$ 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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Confession and Absolution

- **P** 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.

- P 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 Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Savior Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the
 → Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Isaiah 53:4-6

- P Surely [Jesus] has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
- Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
- P But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
- Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.
- All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;
- And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Service of the Word

Psalm

- P ¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!
- ²May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!
- P ³Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!
- ⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!
- ⁵May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- ⁶May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!
- IP ⁷In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- ⁸May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!
- P 9May desert tribes bow down before him and his enemies lick the dust!
- 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
- 11 May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!
- ¹²For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.
- 13He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.
- ₱ 15Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day!
- ¹⁶May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field!
- ¹⁷May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!
- 18Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
- P ¹⁹Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!
- ²⁰The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.
- 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

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

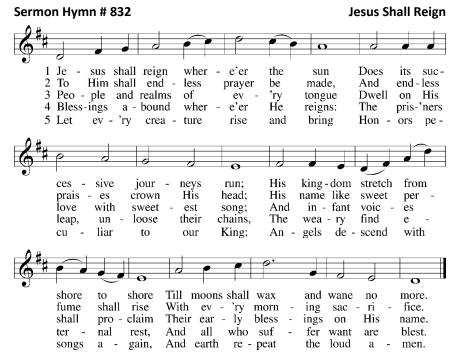
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Romans 7:14–25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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



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Holy Gospel Matthew 11:25–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

- 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,
- 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 \(\frac{1}{2}\) everlasting. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing...

Sanctus

To the tune Nicaea ("Holy, Holy, Holy")

"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

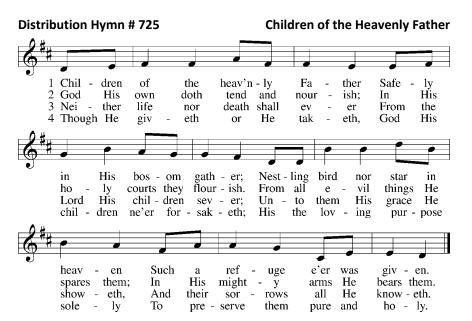
Agnus Dei

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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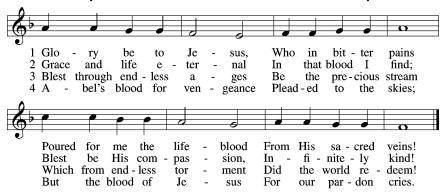
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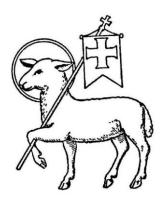


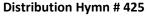
Glory Be to Jesus



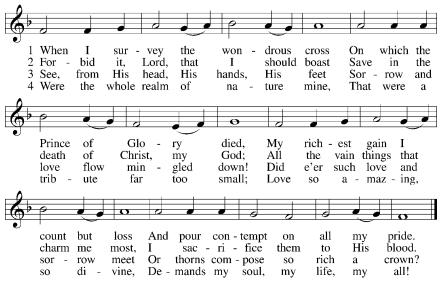
- 5 Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high, Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood; Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



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The Dismissal



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Benediction

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- 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
- New Member Class 6:00 7:30 PM

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study 6:30 – 7:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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 a door offerings today - 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.

Glen-Ed Pantry

During the month of July, Glen-Ed Pantry is collecting school supplies for students of the families they serve. Backpacks filled with required supplies will be handed out to pantry families on August 12.

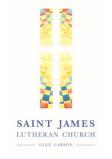
You can support Glen-Ed Pantry's Back-to School Supply Drive by:

- **Donating items** in the collection basket St. James Lutheran Church.
- Ordering school supplies through Amazon or Walmart from Glen-Ed Pantry's wish list or
- Making a cash donation. These donations will help provide funds to give each student a \$25 gift card for shoes at Payless Shoes or will be used to purchase PE Uniforms required by District 7.

Most needed school supplies: backpacks with laptop pockets, combination locks, scientific calculators, 7 inch scissors, plastic folders, spiral notebooks. Questions? Contact Tina Barnard. Find-out more by visiting www.glenedpantry.org. Thank you!

Youth Group Mission Trip

Our youth group is on their mission trip this week. Please pray for safe travel, for their confidence in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, and for the community they will be serving.



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