The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 20, 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

- **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.

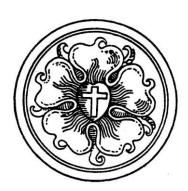
- P O Lord, merciful Father, hear our prayers in the name of your well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the mediator of the new and eternal covenant, to whom be glory forever and ever.
- C Amen.
- P Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of 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

Psalm 86:3-5

- P Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you I cry all the day.
- Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- **P** For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
- Abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.



Service of the Word

Psalm Psalm 81

- Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
- ²Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.
- P ³Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.
- For it is a statute for Israel, a just decree of the God of Jacob.
- P 5He made it a decree in Joseph when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a language I had not known:
- 6"I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.
- In distress you called, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.
- 8 Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!
 O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
- There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
- ¹⁰I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- P 11"But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.
- ¹²So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.
- P ¹³Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14I would soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.
- P ¹⁵Those who hate the LORD would cringe toward him, and their fate would last forever.
- ¹⁶But he would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."
- 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

Exodus 12:1-13; 20:1-17

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers

on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

8"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

15"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

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

Epistle 1 Corinthians 5:1–8

¹It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. ²And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

³For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. ⁴When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, ⁵you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

⁶Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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

Rite of Baptism



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Holy Gospel Matthew 26:17–29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" ²³He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." ²⁵Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

- **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.

Sermon

Offering

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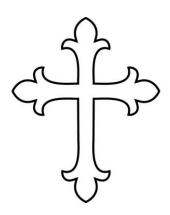
Prayer of the Church

- **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

⊕ everlasting. Amen.



Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** 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 meet, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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, 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

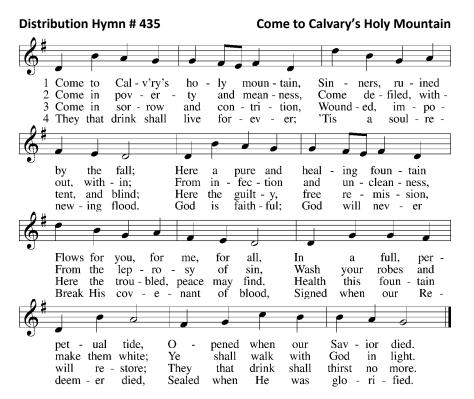
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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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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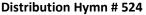
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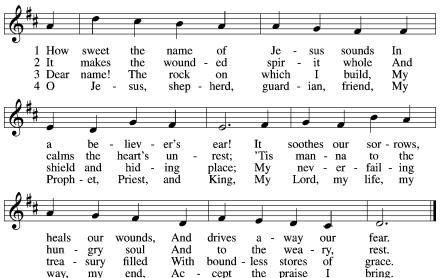
Ancient of Days



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How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



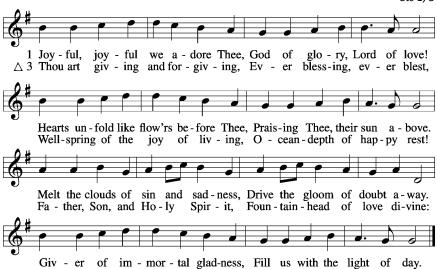
- 5 How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought! But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath; And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!

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The Dismissal

Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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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
- Sunday School, 10:40 AM, Sanctuary

Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it!

- Adult Bible Study, 10:45 AM, Downstairs
- Youth Confirmation 11:45 AM, Downstairs
- New Member Class 6:00 7:30 PM

Wednesday

- Mens Bible Study 6:30 7:30 AM
- Youth Group 6:30 8:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS



What words would you use to describe God? Would one of those words be "beautiful?" The Bible uses the words "beauty" and "beautiful" to describe God. On our most recent episode of Craving Answers Craving God Aaron and Chuck explore the meaning and reality of the Triune God's beauty. You can link to the show by going to the St. James web site.

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Building Community

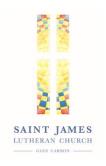
Please join us for fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.

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.

Volunteers are needed at Glen-Ed Pantry. Consider using your time and talents to support Pantry families for a special project or on a regular basis. Visit *glenedpantry.orq* to see what volunteer opportunities are available. For more information, please call Tina Barnard 618-406-1932.

Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.



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St. James Attendance

