

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

Hymn of Invocation

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.

Wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be - fore,

O my soul. I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawn - ing.
You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger.
And on that day when my strength is fail - ing,

It's time to sing Your song a - gain. What -
Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For
the end draws near and my time has come,

ev - er may pass and what ev - er lies be - fore me,
all Your goodness I will keep on sing - ing,
still my soul will sing your praise un - end - ing,

let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes. (Bless the)
ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find. (Bless the)
ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er - more. (Bless the)

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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 our Father:
O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.
- C** **We pour out our souls to you because by our own efforts we have failed.**
Nothing we have tried has worked. We have tried again and again and still we have failed.
- P** O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.
- C** **Save us from the embarrassment of our failure. Save us from envying those who have apparently succeeded.**
Grant us some signs of success, that we not always be ashamed.
- P** O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.
- C** **You know our need. You know our struggles, our brokenness, our sins. You know that without your mercy we can do nothing.**
Grant us mercy, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.
- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from John 3:
"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."
- C** Amen.

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Zephaniah 3:14-17

- P** Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!
- C** **The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.**
- P** On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.
- C** **The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 37:1–15, 21–22, 27–29, 34

- P** ¹Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!
- C** ²**For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.**
- P** ³Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
- C** ⁴**Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**
- P** ⁵Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.
- C** ⁶**He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.**
- P** ⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!
- C** ⁸**Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!
Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.**
- P** ⁹For the evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.
- C** ¹⁰**In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;
though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.**
- P** ¹¹But the meek shall inherit the land
and delight themselves in abundant peace.
- C** ¹²**The wicked plots against the righteous
and gnashes his teeth at him,**
- P** ¹³but the Lord laughs at the wicked,
for he sees that his day is coming.

- C** ¹⁴**The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows
to bring down the poor and needy,
to slay those whose way is upright;**
- P** ¹⁵their sword shall enter their own heart,
and their bows shall be broken.
- C** ²¹**The wicked borrows but does not pay back,
but the righteous is generous and gives;**
- P** ²²for those blessed by the LORD shall inherit the land,
but those cursed by him shall be cut off.
- C** ²⁷**Turn away from evil and do good;
so shall you dwell forever.**
- P** ²⁸For the LORD loves justice;
he will not forsake his saints.
They are preserved forever,
but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.
- C** ²⁹**The righteous shall inherit the land
and dwell upon it forever.**
- P** ³⁴Wait for the LORD and keep his way,
and he will exalt you to inherit the land;
you will look on when the wicked are cut off.
- 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**

Gloria

To the tune Mendelssohn ("Hark the Herald Angels Sing")

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.
Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

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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!"

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

¹⁴The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, ¹⁵for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. ¹⁶I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. ¹⁷Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say?

“Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.

⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

⁹Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness.

¹⁰How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. ¹¹He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, ¹²and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn # 343

Prepare the Royal Highway



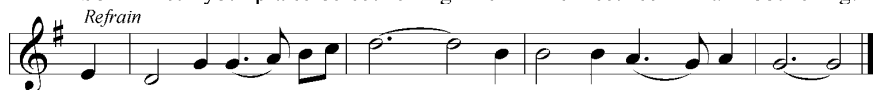
- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind-ness so a - bound-ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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

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

¹Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **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.

Nicene Creed

- C** 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.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P 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; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servant John, 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

C **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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Distribution

Distribution Hymn # 550

Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have 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 To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



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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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Distribution Hymn

Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted



Come ye souls by sin a - fflic - ted, Bowed with fruit - less, sor - row
 Take His ea - sy yoke and wear it; Love will make your o - be - dience
 Bless - ed are the eyes that see Him, Bless the ears that hear His
 Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry, Light to new - ly o - pened



down; By the bro - ken law con - vic - ted, Through the
 sweet; Christ will give you strength to bear it, While His
 voice; Bless - ed are the souls that trust Him, And in
 eyes, Like full springs in de - serts drea - ry Is the



cross, be - hold the crown; Look to Je - sus, Look to
 grace shall guide your feet Safe to glo - ry, Safe to
 Him a - lone re - joice; His comm - and - ments, His comm -
 rest the cross sup - plies. All who taste it, All who

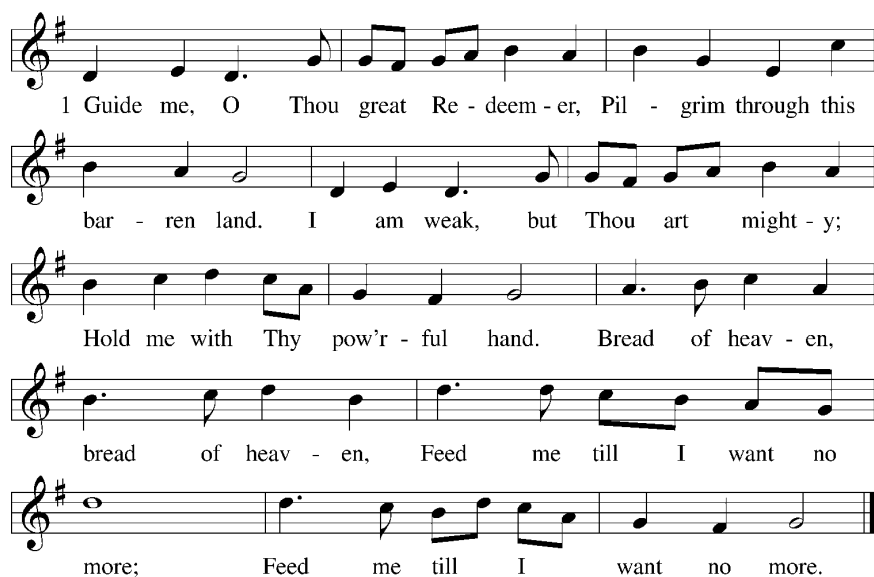


Je - sus, look to Je - sus; Mer - cy flows through Him a - lone.
 glo - ry, Safe to glo - ry, Where His ran - sored cap - tives meet.
 and - ments, His comm - and - ments Then be come their hap - py choice.
 taste it, All who taste it Shall to rest im - mor - tal rise.

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The Dismissal





I Guide me, O Thou great Re-deem-er, Pil-grim through this
bar-ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might-y;
Hold me with Thy pow'r-ful hand. Bread of heav-en,
bread of heav-en, Feed me till I want no
more; Feed me till I want no more.

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Benediction

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
 - C** **Thanks be to God.**
 - 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.**
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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School, 10:45, Downstairs
- Adult Bible Study, 10:45 AM, Downstairs
- Youth Confirmation 11:45 AM, Downstairs

Wednesday

- [Mens Bible Study](#) 6:30 – 7:30 AM
- [Youth Group](#) 6:30 - 8:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. James provides [tuition financial assistance](#) to members who have children enrolled in area LCMS Lutheran elementary schools. To request financial assistance, please complete a form which is available on the church office bulletin board or online at the above link.

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.org 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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