

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

Hymn of Invocation

His Mercy is More



What love could re-mem-ber no wrongs we have done? Om-ni-scient, all know-ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown
What pa-tience would wait as we con-stant-ly roam? What Fa-ther, so ten-der, is call-ing us home? He
blood was the pay-ment; His life was the cost. We
in-to a sea with-out bot-tom or shore, our
wel-comes the weak-est, the vil-est, the poor. Our
stood 'neath a debt we could nev-er af-ford. Our
sins, they are man-y; His mer-cy is more. Praise the Lord,
sins, they are man-y; His mer-cy is more.
His mer-cy is more. Strong-er than dark-ness,
new ev-'ry morn. Our sins, they are man-y; His mer-cy is more.

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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.

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.
- C** **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

Matthew 11:28-30

- P** [Jesus said:] "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- C** **Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,**
- P** for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- C** **For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**
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Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 22:23–31

- P** ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- C** ²⁴**For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,**
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.
- P** ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
- C** ²⁶**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!**
- P** ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.
- C** ²⁸**For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**
- P** ²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.
- C** ³⁰**Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**
- P** ³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet
unborn, that he has done it.
- 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**
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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

Joshua 2

¹And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. ²And it was told to the king of Jericho, "Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land." ³Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land." ⁴But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. ⁵And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them." ⁶But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. ⁷So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out.

⁸Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof ⁹and said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. ¹⁰For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. ¹¹And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. ¹²Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign ¹³that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death." ¹⁴And the men said to her, "Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the LORD gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you."

¹⁵Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. ¹⁶And she said to

them, "Go into the hills, or the pursuers will encounter you, and hide there three days until the pursuers have returned. Then afterward you may go your way." ¹⁷The men said to her, "We will be guiltless with respect to this oath of yours that you have made us swear. ¹⁸Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household. ¹⁹Then if anyone goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we shall be guiltless. But if a hand is laid on anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head. ²⁰But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless with respect to your oath that you have made us swear."
²¹And she said, "According to your words, so be it." Then she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

²²They departed and went into the hills and remained there three days until the pursuers returned, and the pursuers searched all along the way and found nothing. ²³Then the two men returned. They came down from the hills and passed over and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and they told him all that had happened to them. ²⁴And they said to Joshua, "Truly the LORD has given all the land into our hands. And also, all the inhabitants of the land melted away because of us."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 15:8–13

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc-
 2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end-less
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
 4 Bless-ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris-'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king-dom stretch from
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him." ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, "I am the Son of God." ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

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.

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Sermon

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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

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 # 621

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence

For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

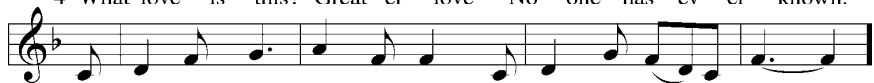
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Distribution Hymn # 542

When I Behold Jesus Christ



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
 2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
 3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
 4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
 I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
 On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
 My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.

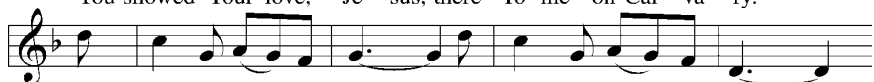
Refrain



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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Distribution Hymn

Jesus Paid It All

musical score for "Jesus Paid It All" in 3/4 time, key of D major. The lyrics are:

I hear the Sav-ior say, "Thy
Lord, now in - deed I find Thy
For no - thing good I have throne -
And when, be - fore the
strength in - deed is small, Child of weak - ness, watch and
pow'r and Thine a - lone, Can I change the lep - er's
by Thy grace to claim; "Je - sus wash my soul to
stand in Him com - plete, died my
pray, Find in me thine all in all,"
spots And the melt the heart of stone.
white In My blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
save," My lips shall still re - peat.

Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

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The Dismissal



Closing Hymn # 922

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



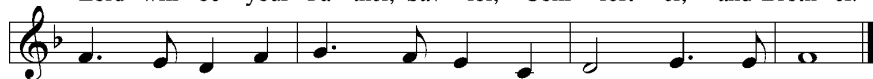
1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My
 I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
 heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.
 Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.
 Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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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.



This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service – 9:00 AM
- [Sunday School, 10:45 AM](#), 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

Church Database Update

We are updating our membership database and need your help! Please collect your family data sheet in the narthex and complete/revise as needed. Your prompt return of this form would be greatly appreciated! Forms can be returned in the collection box in the narthex or in the locked mailbox on the church office door. Thank you so much for helping!

[College Care Packages:](#) Attention all St. James members, if you are or have a college student in your family, please send their college address to Cheryl at the church office. 618-288-6120 or cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org.

[St. James Family Picnic – October 1st](#)

There will be outside games and fun for all! Bring a side or dessert for all to share (but if you forget or are unable to bring anything - come anyway!) The church will be providing the meat and drinks! Questions? Text or call our Fellowship Deacon (Jen) at 618-407-5322 or call the church office.

[St. James Fall Property Workday – Saturday, October 14th](#)

Please mark your calendars for the fall property workday. There will be plenty of jobs for everyone! Please do not let this service opportunity pass by...we need everyone to pitch in to maintain and beautify our property. Please contact the church office or Tim Schnicker 618-670-0880 to sign up.

On the most recent episode of **Craving Answers Craving God**, Aaron and Chuck discussed the institution of marriage. Is marriage a sacred or a secular institution? What does the Bible have to say about marriage? And is marriage in as much trouble as it appears to be? Listen to [episode 73 on Craving Answers Craving God](#).

[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.

Community Group Mixer – October 6th

Mark your calendar! Whether you currently attend a Community Group, would like more information about our groups, or would just like to join us in fellowship, this event is for everyone. Watch for more details!

Women's Bible Study

A new women's Bible study will begin on Saturday, September 30. We will meet for 12 sessions on Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM. All ladies high school age and up are invited to join this study. Books will be provided. Please sign up on the form in the church entryway or contact Tina Barnard (barnard.tina@gmail.com) for more information.

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



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