

# The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

## September 24, 2023

### Hymn of Invocation # 648

### Glorious Things of You Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y  
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -  
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and  
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed you  
ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters And all  
fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, Show - ing  
mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will



for His own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges found - ed,  
fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er  
that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner  
glo - ry in Your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain plea - sures,



What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's  
Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the  
Light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed up -  
All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id joys and



walls sur - round - ed, You may smile at all your foes.  
Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.  
on the man - na Which God gives them on their way.  
last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

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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 then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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

*Romans 8:35-39*

- P** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?  
**C** **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**  
**P** For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth,  
**C** **Nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

# Service of the Word

## Psalm

## Psalm 132

- P** <sup>1</sup>Remember, O LORD, in David's favor,  
all the hardships he endured,
- C** <sup>2</sup>**how he swore to the LORD  
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,**
- P** <sup>3</sup>"I will not enter my house  
or get into my bed,
- C** <sup>4</sup>**I will not give sleep to my eyes  
or slumber to my eyelids,**
- P** <sup>5</sup>until I find a place for the LORD,  
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- C** <sup>6</sup>**Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;  
we found it in the fields of Jaar.**
- P** <sup>7</sup>"Let us go to his dwelling place;  
let us worship at his footstool!"
- C** <sup>8</sup>**Arise, O LORD, and go to your resting place,  
you and the ark of your might.**
- P** <sup>9</sup>Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,  
and let your saints shout for joy.
- C** <sup>10</sup>**For the sake of your servant David,  
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.**
- P** <sup>11</sup>The LORD swore to David a sure oath  
from which he will not turn back:  
"One of the sons of your body  
I will set on your throne.
- C** <sup>12</sup>**If your sons keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,  
their sons also forever  
shall sit on your throne."**
- P** <sup>13</sup>For the LORD has chosen Zion;  
he has desired it for his dwelling place:
- C** <sup>14</sup>**"This is my resting place forever;  
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**
- P** <sup>15</sup>I will abundantly bless her provisions;  
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
- C** <sup>16</sup>**Her priests I will clothe with salvation,  
and her saints will shout for joy.**
- P** <sup>17</sup>There I will make a horn to sprout for David;  
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.
- C** <sup>18</sup>**His enemies I will clothe with shame,  
but on him his crown will shine."**
- 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!"

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## Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 7:1–16

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?’ <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’” <sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, <sup>15</sup>but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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## Epistle

*Galatians 4:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Sermon Hymn # 549

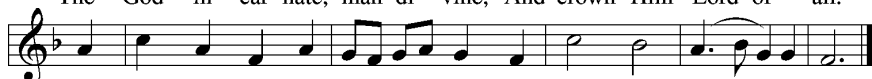
## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget

The wormwood and the gall,

Go, spread your trophies at His feet

And crown Him Lord of all.

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And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,

On this terrestrial ball

To Him all majesty ascribe

And crown Him Lord of all.

To Him all majesty ascribe

And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song

And crown Him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song

And crown Him Lord of all.

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## Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26–32

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

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

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,

**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  $\text{✝}$  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 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, 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.



## 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 # 560

### Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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# Distribution Hymn

# Arise, My Soul, Arise



A - rise my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;  
He ev - er lives a - bove for me to in - ter - cede,  
Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;  
The Fa - ther hears him pray, his dear a - noint - ed One;  
My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - doning voice I hear;



the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears.  
his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead.  
they pour ef - fec - tual prayers: they strong - ly plead for me.  
he can - not turn a - way the pres - ence of his Son.  
he owns me for his child: I can no lon - ger fear.



Be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my  
His blood a - toned for all our race, his blood a - toned for  
"For - give him, O, for - give," they cry, "For - give him, O, for -  
His Spir - it an - swers to the blood, his Spir - it an - swers  
With con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence I



Sure - ty stands; my name is writ - ten on his hands.  
all our race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.  
give," they cry, "nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die."  
to the blood, and tells me I am born of God.  
now draw nigh, and, "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther," cry.

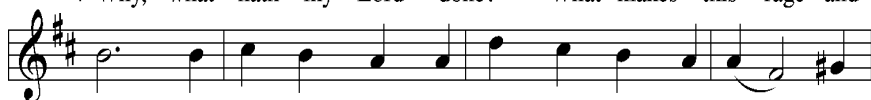
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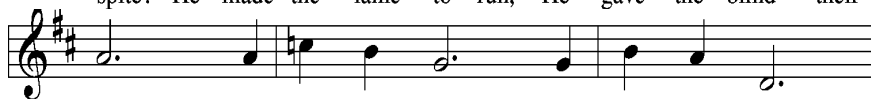
# My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 Who at my need His life did spend!  
 And for His death They thirst and cry.  
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have  
 My dear Lord made away;  
 A murderer they save,  
 The Prince of Life they slay.  
 Yet cheerful He  
 To suff'ring goes  
 That He His foes  
 From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
 My Lord on earth might have;  
 In death no friendly tomb  
 But what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say?  
 Heav'n was His home  
 But mine the tomb  
 Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
 No story so divine!  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 Never was grief like Thine.  
 This is my friend,  
 In whose sweet praise  
 I all my days  
 Could gladly spend!

## The Dismissal

### Closing Hymn # 805

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a triangle symbol (△) before the first note. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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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 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](mailto: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.

**Community Group Mixer** – This event has been postponed. More information will be available when a new date is confirmed.

### **St. James Fall Property Workday – Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

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.

[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.

**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.

**Hoodie Drive for Granite City Schools** – Adult Small – XXL. Now thru Nov. 16. For more information please contact Sandy Hall at [sandy@stjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:sandy@stjamesglencarbon.org).

## St. James Guiding Statement

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

## St. James Mission Pillars

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