

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

Hymn of Invocation # 802

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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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.

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 Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from Romans 5:

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

C Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 40:1-3

- P** I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
C **He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,**
P and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
C **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**
P Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 88

- P** ¹O LORD, God of my salvation;
I cry out day and night before you.
C ²**Let my prayer come before you;**
incline your ear to my cry!
P ³For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.
C ⁴**I am counted among those who go down to the pit;**
I am a man who has no strength,
P ⁵like one set loose among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.
C ⁶**You have put me in the depths of the pit,**
in the regions dark and deep.
P ⁷Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.
C ⁸**You have caused my companions to shun me;**
you have made me a horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
P ⁹my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call upon you, O LORD;
I spread out my hands to you.
C ¹⁰**Do you work wonders for the dead?**
Do the departed rise up to praise you?
P ¹¹Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
C ¹²**Are your wonders known in the darkness,**
or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
P ¹³But I, O LORD, cry to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
C ¹⁴**O LORD, why do you cast my soul away?**
Why do you hide your face from me?
P ¹⁵Afflicted and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am helpless.
C ¹⁶**Your wrath has swept over me;**
your dreadful assaults destroy me.
P ¹⁷They surround me like a flood all day long;
they close in on me together.
C ¹⁸**You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me;**
my companions have become darkness.
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

Deuteronomy 28:58–68; 30:1–10

⁵⁸"If you are not careful to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, the LORD your God, ⁵⁹then the LORD will bring on you and your offspring extraordinary afflictions, afflictions severe and lasting, and sicknesses grievous and lasting. ⁶⁰And he will bring upon you again all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. ⁶¹Every sickness also and every affliction that is not recorded in the book of this law, the LORD will bring upon you, until you are destroyed. ⁶²Whereas you were as numerous as the stars of heaven, you shall be left few in number, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God. ⁶³And as the LORD took delight in doing you good and multiplying you, so the LORD will take delight in bringing ruin upon you and destroying you. And you shall be plucked off the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

⁶⁴"And the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known. ⁶⁵And among these nations you shall find no respite, and there shall be no resting place for the sole of your foot, but the LORD will give you there a trembling heart and failing eyes and a languishing soul. ⁶⁶Your life shall hang in doubt before you. Night and day you shall be in dread and have no assurance of your life. ⁶⁷In the morning you shall say, 'If only it were evening!' and at evening you shall say, 'If only it were morning!' because of the dread that your heart shall feel, and the sights that your eyes shall see. ⁶⁸And the LORD will bring you back in ships to Egypt, a journey that I promised that you should never make again; and there you shall offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but there will be no buyer."

¹"And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you, ²and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³then the LORD your God will

restore your fortunes and have compassion on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you. ⁴If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. ⁵And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. ⁶And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. ⁷And the LORD your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you. ⁸And you shall again obey the voice of the LORD and keep all his commandments that I command you today. ⁹The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, ¹⁰when you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 11:16–30

¹⁶I repeat, let no one think me foolish. But even if you do, accept me as a fool, so that I too may boast a little. ¹⁷What I am saying with this boastful confidence, I say not with the Lord's authority but as a fool. ¹⁸Since many boast according to the flesh, I too will boast. ¹⁹For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! ²⁰For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. ²¹To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. ²²Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. ²³Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. ²⁴Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; ²⁶on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; ²⁷in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. ²⁸And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

³⁰If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Rite of Baptism

Rite of Confirmation

Sermon Hymn # 760

What God Ordains Is Always Good



1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is
2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er
3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing
4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my

just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,
will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,
thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup
friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm

I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed
And nev - er will He leave - ly. I take con - tent
That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;
Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know

In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;
What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness
Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,
Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly

To Him, then, I will yield me.
Will turn my tears to glad - ness.
My life to Him com - mend - ing.
That He has loved me dear - ly.

- 5 What God ordains is always good:
Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness,
I take it without shrinking.
For after grief
God gives relief,
My heart with comfort filling
And all my sorrow stilling.
- 6 What God ordains is always good:
This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be
mine,
I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm,
For with His arm
He shall embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me.

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’” ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’” ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’” ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

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 good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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, 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")

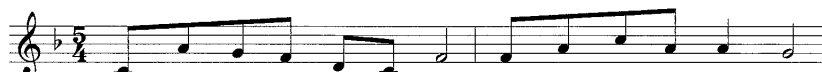
Meek, slaughtered lamb of God,
Bearing the sinners' load
To buy our peace:
Now risen and enthroned,
With life and glory crowned,
To all the lost and found
Please grant your peace.

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Distribution

Distribution Hymn

Lord from Sorrows Deep I Call (Psalm 42)



Lord, from sor - rows deep I call when my hope is shak - en;
Storms with - in my trou - bled soul, ques - tions with - out an - swers;
Should my life be torn from me, ev - 'ry world - ly plea - sure;



torn and ru - ined from the fall, hear my des - pe - ra - tion.
on my faith these bil - lows roll, God be now my shel - ter.
when all I pos - sess is grief, God be then my trea - sure.



For so long I've pled and prayed, "God come to my res - cue!"
Why are you cast down my soul? Hope in Him who saves you.
Be my vi - sion in the night; be my hope and re - fuge.



E - ven so, the thorn re - mains; still my heart will praise You.
When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise You.
'Til my faith is turned to sight, Lord my heart will praise You.



Oh, my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will praise Him.



Sing, oh, sing, through the rag - ing storm; You're still my God, my sal - va - tion.

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Distribution Hymn

Ancient of Days



Though the na - tions rage, king - doms rise and fall, there is
 Though the dread of night o - ver - whelms my soul, He is
 Though I may not see what the fu - ture brings, I will



still one King reign - ing o - ver all. So, I will not
 here with me. I am not a - lone. O, His love is
 watch and wait for the Sav - iour King. Then, my joy com -



fear for this truth re - mains: that my God is the An - cient of Days.
 sure and He knows my name. For my God is the An - cient of Days.
 plete, stand - ing face to face in the pres - ence of the An - cient of Days.



None a - bove Him, none be - fore Him. All of time in His hands. For His



throne, it shall re - main and ev - er stand. All the pow - er, all the glo - ry, I will



trust in His name. For my God is the An - cient of Days.

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Distribution Hymn # 971

There Is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
 There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.

Refrain



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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The Dismissal

Closing Hymn # 909

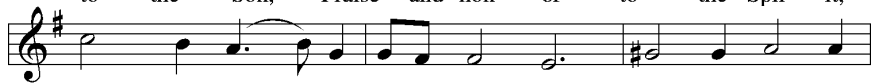
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they
 △ 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er
 to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est
 With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter
 Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

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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
- St. James Picnic Noon

Wednesday

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

Saturday

- Women's Bible Study – 9:00 AM Downstairs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[St. James Family Picnic – Today!](#)

Join us today at noon for games, fellowship, food, and fun for all!

[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.



People are listening to our [Craving Answers Craving God](#) program. Here's a text from Carolyn E. in Kansas. *"Chuck's podcast is excellent! The best. And Aaron is like no pastor I've ever heard. They get deep into God's truth and don't mince words. It's amazing."* With more than 75 episodes available online, you're sure to find something of interest on **Craving Answers Craving God**.

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St. James Guiding Statement

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

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