

# The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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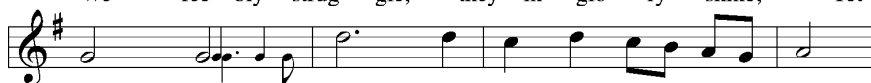
## 677 For All the Saints



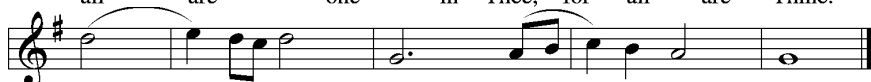
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might;  
3 Oh, may Thy sol-diers, faith-ful, true, and bold,  
4 Oh, blest com-mu-nion, fel-low-ship di-vine!



Who Thee by faith be-fore the world con-fessed, Thy  
Thou, Lord, their cap-tain in the well-fought fight;  
Fight as the saints who no-bly fought of old And  
We fee-bly strug-gle, they in glo-ry shine; Yet



name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.  
Thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.  
win with them the vic-tor's crown of gold!  
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

# Confession and Absolution

## Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Kyrie

- L** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Confession and Absolution

- L** 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.**
- L** 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 T Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Reflection on God's Forgiveness

- L** God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
  - C** **Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.**
  - L** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.
  - C** **More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.**
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# Service of the Word

## Psalm

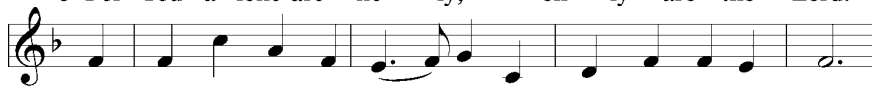
Psalm 119:81–88

- L** My soul longs for your salvation;  
I hope in your word.
- C** My eyes long for your promise;  
I ask, “When will you comfort me?”
- L** For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,  
yet I have not forgotten your statutes.
- C** How long must your servant endure?  
When will you judge those who persecute me?
- L** The insolent have dug pitfalls for me;  
they do not live according to your law.
- C** All your commandments are sure;  
they persecute me with falsehood; help me!
- L** They have almost made an end of me on earth,  
but I have not forsaken your precepts.
- C** In your steadfast love give me life,  
that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.
- 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 in Excelsis



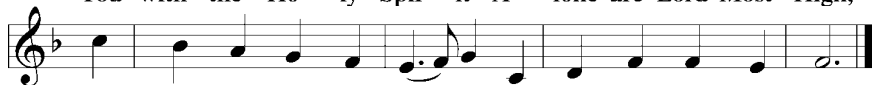
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. “A - men!” our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

<sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD  
to see and to hear his word,  
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

<sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD!  
Wrath has gone forth,  
a whirling tempest;  
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back  
until he has executed and accomplished  
the intents of his heart.  
In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

<sup>21</sup>“I did not send the prophets,  
yet they ran;  
I did not speak to them,  
yet they prophesied.

<sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council,  
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,  
and they would have turned them from their evil way,  
and from the evil of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup>“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

**L** This is the word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

<sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

<sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

<sup>32</sup>And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— <sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

<sup>39</sup>And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

**L** This is the word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

<sup>49</sup>[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

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# O Church, Arise

O Church, a - rise, and to put your ar - mor on; hear the  
Our call to war: where love the cap - tive soul, but to  
Come see the cross, put strength in mer - cy meet, as the  
So Spi - rit come, ev - ery stride, give

call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the  
Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -  
grace for ev - ery hur - dle, that we may run with faith to

they wound are strong in the strength that with God has gi -  
neath His feet, for we will the fight with faith or has val -  
win the prize of a a ser - vant good and has ris - faith -

ven. With shield of faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a -  
or. When faced with trials and on ev - every side, we know the  
en! And as the stone old is rolled a - and Christ e -  
ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing

gainst the de - vil's lies, An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle  
out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for  
mer - ges from the grave, this vic - tory march con - tin - ues  
tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger

cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
which He died: an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.  
'til the day ev - every eye and heart shall see Him.  
for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

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## Sermon

### Offering

### Prayer of the Church

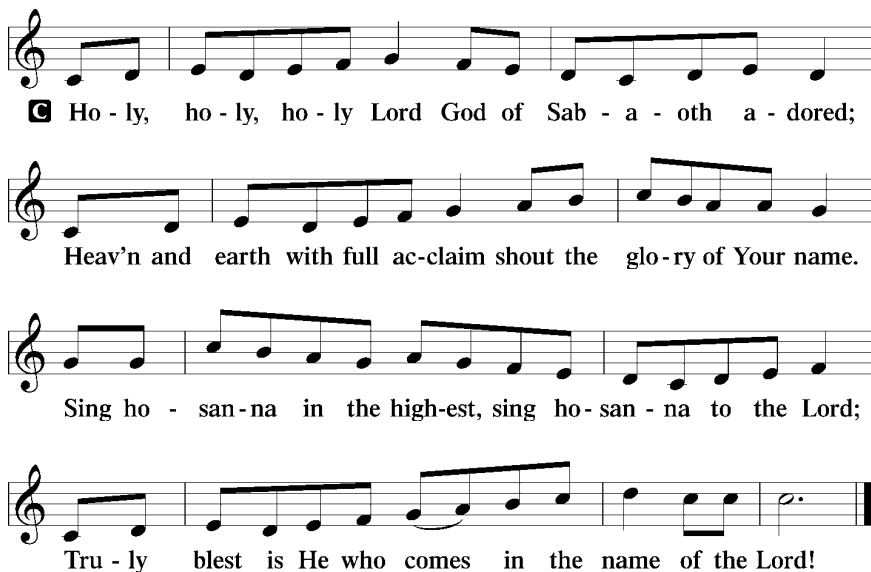
- L** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

- L** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**L** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.  
**L** 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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## Lord's Prayer

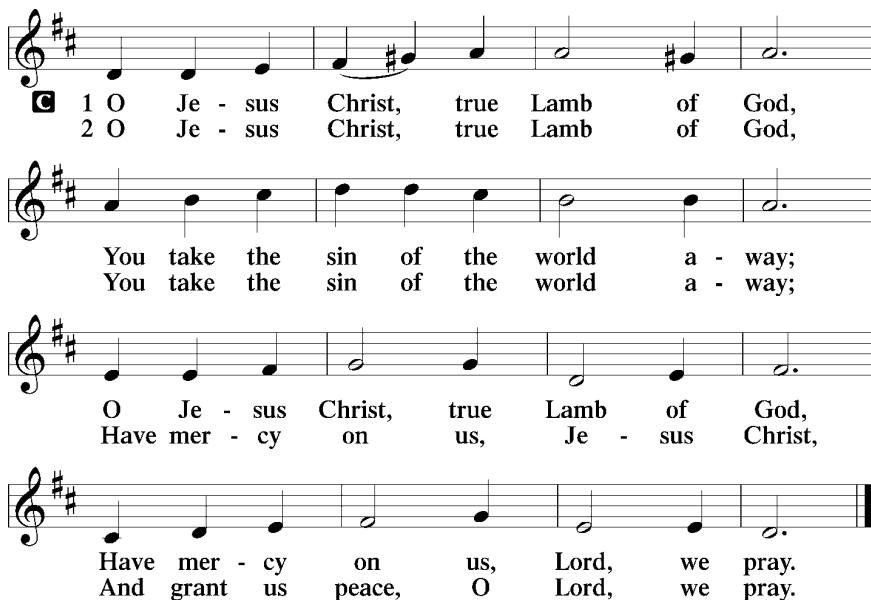
- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is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

## The Words of Our Lord

- L** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Agnus Dei



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## Distribution

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1. O Most High, King of the ag - es, Great I AM, God of  
2. O Most High, dwell - ing a - mong us, Son of man, sent for  
3. O Most High, King of the na - tions, robed in praise, crowned with



won - ders, by the blood, You have re - deemed us, led us  
sin - ners, by Your blood, You have re - deemed us, Spot-less  
splen - dor, on that day, who will not trem - ble when You



through might - y wa - ters, our strength, our song, our sure sal - va - tion. Chorus 1  
Lamb, might - y Sav - ior who lived, who died, who rose vic - to - rious. Chorus 2 & 3  
stand Christ the Vic - tor, who was and is and is for - ev - er. Chorus 2 & 3

CHORUS



(Chorus 1) Now to the Lamb up - on the throne,  
(Chorus 2) Now to the Lamb up - on the throne,  
(Chorus 3) With ev - 'ry tribe and ev - 'ry tongue,



be bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, pow - er, for the bat - tle You have  
be bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, pow - er, for the bat - tle You have  
we join the an - them of the an - gels in the tri - umph of the



won. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men. (To Verse 2)  
won. Hal - le - lu - jah! (To Chorus 3)  
Son. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men. (To Verse 3)

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## 678 We Sing for All the Unsung Saints



1 We sing for all the un-sung saints, That count-less, name-less throng,  
 2 Though un-in-scribed with date or place, With ti-tle, rank, or name,  
 3 So we take heart from un-known saints Be-reft of earth-ly fame,



Who kept the faith and passed it on With hope stead-fast and strong  
 As liv-ing stones their sto-ries join To form a hal-lowed frame  
 Those faith-ful ones who have re-ceived A more en-dur-ing name:



Through all the dai-ly griefs and joys No chron-i-cles re-cord,  
 A-round the mys-t'ry in their midst: The Lamb once sac-ri-ficed,  
 For they re-veal true bless-ing comes When we our pride ef-face



For-get-ful of their lack of fame, But mind-ful of their Lord.  
 The Love that wrest-ed life from death, The wound-ed, ris-en Christ.  
 And of-fer back our lives to be The ves-sels of God's grace.

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## 610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me



1 Lord Je-sus, think on me And purge a-way my sin;  
 2 Lord Je-sus, think on me, By anx-ious thoughts op-pressed;  
 3 Lord Je-sus, think on me A-mid the bat-tle's strife;  
 4 Lord Je-sus, think on me Nor let me go a-stray;  
 5 Lord Je-sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world-ly pas-sions set me free And make me pure with-in.  
 Let me Your lov-ing ser-vant be And taste Your prom-ised rest.  
 In all my pain and mis-er-y, O be my health and life!  
 Through dark-ness and per-plex-i-ty Point out Your cho-sen way.  
 I may the e-ter-nal bright-ness see And share Your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, c. 365–c. 414; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–96, alt.

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## The Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in  
 body and soul to life everlasting.

**Amen.**

## Call to Christian Community

- L** Jesus once said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35). Jesus calls His followers to live in community. After our last song, please take time to greet one another, and if you see someone you don’t know, introduce yourself. Now receive God’s blessing.

## Benediction

- L** Let us bless the Lord
- C** **Thanks be to God**
- L** 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**
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## Let the Nations Be Glad

1. Let the glo - ry of the Lord for - ev - er be our  
2. Through the ag - es gone be - fore, through the tri - al and the  
3. As Your ho - ly church goes forth in the Ho - ly Spir - it's

joy. May re - demp - tion be the theme of our song.  
sword, man - y saints and mar - tyrs con - quered, though they died.  
pow'r with the glo - ries of the gos - pel to ex - claim,

For by grace we have been saved, and by grace we shall pro -  
Still we, hold - ing out the cross, cross - ing o - ceans, suf - fring  
now we pray Your king - dom come, and we pray Your will be

claim to the corn - ers of the earth that Christ is come. Let the  
loss, shall en - dure all things to win the crown of life.  
done for the hon - or and the glo - ry of Your name.

na - tions be glad, let the peo - ple re - joice, for sal - va - tion be - longs to our  
God. Let the whole earth be filled with the prais - es of the  
Lord, for sal - va - tion be - longs to our God. Let the na - tions be glad.

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## This Week at-a-Glance

### Today

- Worship Service (Pastor William Engfehr) – 9:00 AM
- [Adult Bible Study](#) & Youth Confirmation – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- [Sunday School & Youth Confirmation](#)– 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

### Wednesday

- [Men's Bible Study](#)– 6:30 AM (Downstairs)
- Wednesday Community Group – 10:00 AM (Downstairs)

### Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

### Saturday

- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM

# Announcements

Please welcome our newest brother in Christ who is baptized today: Greyson Daniel Brakenhoff, born July 24, 2025 into the Devin and MacKenzie Brakenhoff family; Sisters: Sadie and Addison Brakenhoff; Sponsors: David and Jamie Moldenhauer

## St. James Family Picnic – Sunday, September 7th

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



Circle of Friends (LWML) – Please join us for a special presentation by Sarah Kate Frey on Saturday, September 6 at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

## 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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