

# The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

## 763 When Peace, like a River



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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## 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.
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## Confession and Absolution

- L** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- C** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins in Jesus' name. Amen.
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- C** Amen.

## Reflection on God's Forgiveness

*Romans 5:8-11*

- 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

## Introit

Psalm 146

- L** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- C** I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- L** Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
- C** When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.
- L** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- C** who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;
- L** who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;
- C** the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
- L** The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- C** The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!
- 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

## Old Testament Reading

Amos 6:1–7

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! <sup>2</sup>Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, <sup>3</sup>O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? <sup>4</sup>“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, <sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, <sup>6</sup>who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God

## New Testament Reading

1 Timothy 3:1–13

<sup>1</sup>The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup>Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup>not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup>He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup>for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church? <sup>6</sup>He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup>Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

<sup>8</sup>Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup>They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup>And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup>Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup>Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. <sup>13</sup>For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

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

**C** Thanks be to God

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

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

<sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

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

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

## Apostles’ Creed

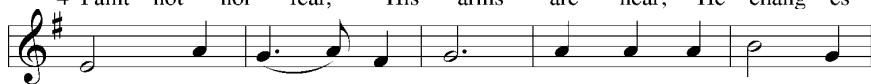
**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from 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.

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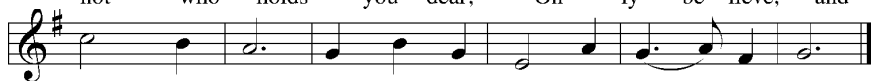
## 664 Fight the Good Fight



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your  
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your  
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound-less  
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and  
eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -  
mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing  
not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.  
you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

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## Sermon

### Offering

### Prayer Response

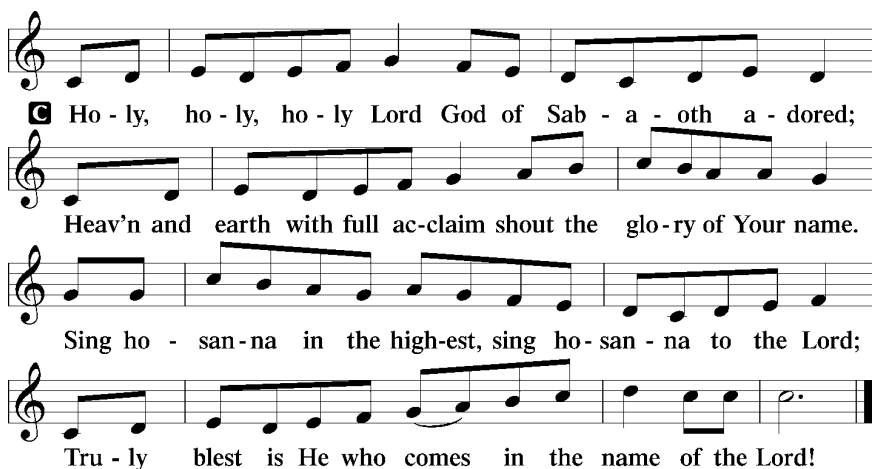
- L** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.
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# Service of the Sacrament

## 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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## 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

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

Here Is Love Vast as the Ocean

1. Here is love vast as the o - cean, lov - ing kind-ness as the flood, when the Prince of Life, our  
2. On the mount of cru-ci - fix - ion, foun-tains o - pened deep and wide; through the flood - gates of God's  
3. On the morn of res-ur - rec-tion, mer - cy filled the thirst-y grave; where the stone of death burst  
4. Oh this love, vast love of Je - sus, bids us come and drink and live. To this wea - ry world of  
ran-som, shed for us His pre-cious blood. Who His love will not re - mem-ber? Who can  
mer-cy, flowed a vast and gra-cious tide. Grace and love, like migh-ty riv - ers, poured in -  
o - pen, springs of life flowed un - res - trained. Love no heart could ev - er mea-sure, joy no  
long-ing, what more could our Sav-ior give? Now to Christ who ful - ly loved us and who  
cease to sing His praise? He can nev - er be for - got-ten through-out heav'n's e - ter - nal  
ces - sant from a - bove; Heav-en's peace and per-fect jus-tice kissed a guilt - y world in  
sor - rows will out - run, rush up - on the soul be - liev-ing in the ris - en, reign-ing  
freed us from our sin, be all glo - ry and do - min - ion, e - ver - last - ing praise to

days  
love.  
Son.

Him. (Repeat "Now to Christ .....")



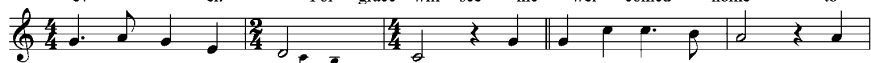
# Grace



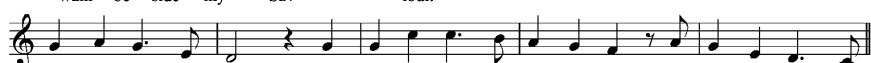
1. Your grace that leads the sin - ner home, from death to life for -
2. Your grace that reach - es far and wide, to ev - 'ry tribe and
3. Your grace that I can - not ex - plain, not by my earth - ly
4. Let praise rise up and o - ver - flow; my song re - sound for -



ev - - er. And sings the song of right - eous - ness by  
na - - tion, has called my heart to en - ter in the  
wis - - dom. The prince of life, with - out a stain, was  
ev - - er. For grace will see me wel - comed home to



blood and not by mer - - it. *(To Verse 2)*  
joy of Your sal - va - - tion. By grace I am re - deemed. By  
trad - ed for this sin - - er.  
walk be - side my Sav - - iour.



grace I am re - stored. And now I free - ly walk in - to the arms of Christ, my



Lord.

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## 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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## The Dismissal

### Call to Christian Community

**L** The apostle John wrote, “...this is (God’s) commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us” (1 John 3:23). As believers in Jesus, God calls us to community. Please take time to greet and get to know one another after our last song. 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.

## In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less babe!
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the world by dark - ness slain.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death this is the pow'r of Christ in me.



This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm.  
 This gift of love and right - cous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a - gain!  
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!  
 Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis - fied;  
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand;



My com - for - ter, my all in all here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.  
 for I am His and He is mine bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 Till He re - turns or calls me home here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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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)
- [Jr. & Sr. High Youth](#) – 6:30 PM (Staake Home)

### Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

### Saturday

- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM

## Announcements

Please save the date for October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM to join us for a [New Members' Welcome Night](#) at St. James! This is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to welcome our new members and share in community! Please bring a snack or desert to share! Questions? Contact Shanna Covarrubias at [shanna@stjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:shanna@stjamesglencarbon.org) or the church office.



## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME NIGHT

OCTOBER 17 • 7:00 PM

Everyone is invited and  
encouraged to attend to  
welcome our newest  
members to the  
St. James family!

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## Youth Mission Trip

Tim and Cheryl Schnicker will be leading youth from surrounding LCMS churches on a one-week mission trip at Camp Trinity in New Haven, MO, May 31-June 5. This is a great opportunity for youth ages 14-18 to have fun, serve and grow spiritually, intellectually, emotionally and physically! We hope to have a group of 15-20 kids and a few adults to help chaperone! There will be a short informative meeting after service on October 5<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please see Cheryl!

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**Sign-up Now!** Join us for the annual St. James' 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Saturday, October 11th for a one-hour slot between 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM (rain or shine) at Planned Parenthood, 317 Salem Place, Fairview Heights. Data from 40-Days-for-Life shows that when prayer warriors peacefully pray outside a facility, no-show appointments increase by 70%. There is a sign-up sheet in the church narthex or contact Janice Lanto or the church office. People of all ages are welcome and there will be appropriate devotions provided on site.

## **Disaster Response Training**

Disasters like tornadoes, hurricanes and floods can have a devastating affect on communities. Most community, state and federal agencies require volunteers responding to disasters to be trained and certified. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Collinsville, will be hosting a **Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training** on October 18. from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This training, will allow you to serve those affected should a disaster strike locally, or nationally.

Registration for the training is on-line at [www.LCMS-LERT.org](http://www.LCMS-LERT.org). Click on the yellow 'Sign Up' box near the top to create a login (email address) and password (remember your password for future use). Note; ***each individual signing up must use a separate email address***. Cost of the training is \$35.00 and should be paid on the day of the training (please make checks to Good Shepherd Lutheran). This fee covers the cost of the LERT manual, certificate, ID badge, t-shirt and lunch.

If you have any questions regarding the training or sign-up process, please contact Pastor Engfehr at [pastor@engfehr.com](mailto:pastor@engfehr.com) or 618-344-3151.

**Property Alert:** Maintenance to the concrete drive and parking area behind the building has been scheduled for September 25-26 (weather permitting). These repairs require a one week "cure" during which the area will be closed for use. The area will be reopened for use October 5<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, the main parking area is scheduled for Maintenance Monday – Tuesday, September 29 & 30 and will not be accessible until Wednesday, October 1. Your patience in this process is appreciated.

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## St. James Guiding Statement

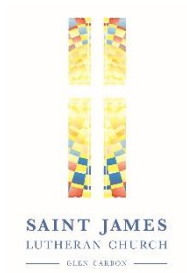
*Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.*

### St. James Mission Pillars

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