

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

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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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

Confession of Sins

- 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.**
- L** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of 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.**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 67

- L** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
- C** **that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.**
- L** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
- C** **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**
- L** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
- C** **The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.**
- L** God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!
- 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-shipped 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

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his
servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples." ⁸The Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
"I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered."

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21–28

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

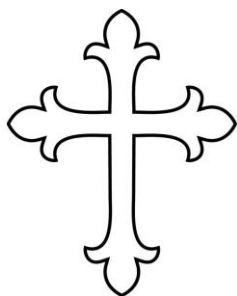
²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.



All Is Well

1. He low-ers us to raise us so we can sing His prais-
2. He clothes us now, then strips us, yet with His word e-quips

- es; What-ev-er is His way, all is well;
us; What-ev-er is His way, all is well;

He makes us rich and poor that we might trust Him more;
And though our sea-sons change, we still ex-alt His Name;

What-ev-er is His way, all is well;

All my chang-es come from Him, He who nev-er chang-es;

I'm held firm in the grasp of the Rock of all the a-ges. All is

well with my soul; He is God, in con-trol;

I know not all His plans, but I know

I'm in His hands.

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Sermon - Pastor Jonathan Lange

Offering - Please record your attendance in the Friendship Book located in each pew.

Prayer Response

- ☐ Lord, in Your mercy,
☒ 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

- 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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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

628 Your Table I Approach



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
 That earth and hell
 combined
 May not about this sacrament
 Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
 To thank You day and night
 For Your true body and true
 blood,
 O God, my peace and light.

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684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary



1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
 2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."
 3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op - pressed!
 O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!
 O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!
 O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



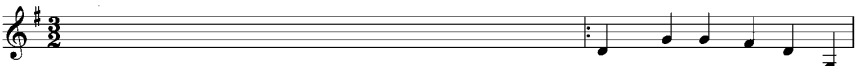
It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par - don, grace, and peace,
 Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;
 The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;
 Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.
 But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.
 But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.
 In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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He Will Hold Me Fast



1. When I fear my faith will
2. Those He saves are His de -
3. For my life He bled and



fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt - er would pre - vail,
light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight,
died, Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied;



He will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my hold
He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His
He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life,



through life's fear - ful path; For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me
Prom - is - es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me
He will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at

CHORUS



fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
fast.
last!



For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast. (Repeat Chorus Last Time)

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The Dismissal

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

C 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 the 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 ✠ give you peace.
C **Amen.**

My Life Is in You

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
You, Lord, in You, it's in You. My life is in You, Lord,
You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's
praise You with all of my life, I will praise You
strength; With all of my life, with all of
All of my hope is in You. My

(First time: Repeat entire song.)
(Second time: Repeat 1/2 song.)

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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor William Engfehr) – 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- Sunday School – 10:30 AM (Classrooms)

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Saturday

- Women's Bible Study – 10:00 AM (Downstairs)
- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM

Announcements

Please mark your calendars for a special congregational voter meeting scheduled for August 23 immediately following worship.

Exciting news— MELHS is planning a trip to Venice, Florence, and Rome in late May of 2027 in honor of our 50th anniversary, and you're invited! To share all the details, we are hosting an information meeting on Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 pm at MELHS in the Media Center. We'll go over the itinerary, costs, and everything else you'll need to know about the trip. Please RSVP by August 24 to confirm your spot for the meeting. You can RSVP here:

<https://groups.goaheadtours.com/meeting-rsvp/6a762a2bafdf26d9b455e5e5>

"MELHS is taking applications for the position of School Secretary here at our Edwardsville campus. The position is full-time (August thru May) and reports to the Principal of the school. The start date would be January 4, 2027 following the retirement of our current school secretary. Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to Dr. Jay Krause, Principal, at jay.krause@melhs.org or contact him at 618-656-0043 if you have any questions."

Meet the Knights of MELHS

Families are invited to a free event at Metro-East Lutheran High School called "Meet the Knights!" Kids can play games, eat snacks, meet the players who will sign autographs, and stay to watch the Knights scrimmage game against Christian Life Hopedale. This event is free and the first 50 kids get free t-shirts! Join us Thursday, August 21 starting at 4pm. Go Knights!

If you have any questions or would like to share a comment, please feel free to reach out to one of our St. James Elders at elders@stjamesglencarbon.org.

Thank you to all our visitors for joining us today! We would love to connect with you. Please complete a visitor card located in the pew or sign in the register in the entryway so we can reach out!



What's the topic of discussion on the newest episode of **Craving Answers Craving God**? Aaron and Chuck address the biblical position that Jesus is the one and only way to the Father. It's a provocative claim that many people find offensive and divisive. Is that type of provocation loving? It's episode 150 of our podcast.

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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Restoration

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