

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"
You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

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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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Exhortation

- L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**

- L** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

- L** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession and Absolution

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- L** Let us confess our sins to God our Father: Holy and merciful God,
- C** **in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**
- L** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John: "I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of Jesus' name."
- C** **Amen.**

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

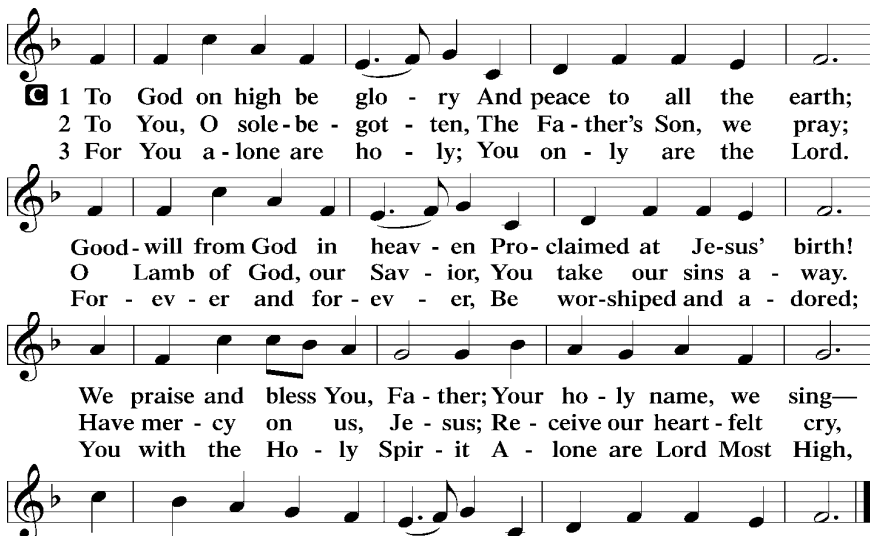
- L** God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- C** **Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.**
- L** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, 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 32:1–7

- L** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C** Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- L** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- C** For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- L** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- C** Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- L** You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 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.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

Romans 13:1–10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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C Thanks be to God

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

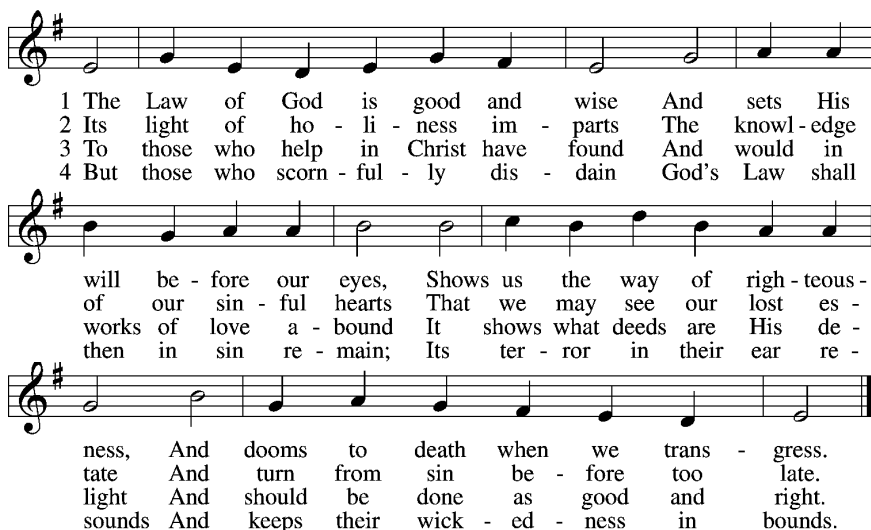
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C Thanks be to God

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 $\dagger$ of the world to come. Amen.

579 The Law of God Is Good and Wise



1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His
 2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge
 3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in
 4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God's Law shall

will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of right - teous -
 of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -
 works of love a - bound It shows what deeds are His de -
 then in sin re - main; Its ter - ror in their ear re -

ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.
 tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.
 light And should be done as good and right.
 sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

- 5 The Law is good; but since the fall
 Its holiness condemns us all;
 It dooms us for our sin to die
 And has no pow'r to justify.
- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,
 Who from the curse has set us free,
 And humbly worship at His throne,
 Saved by His grace through faith
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Prayer Response

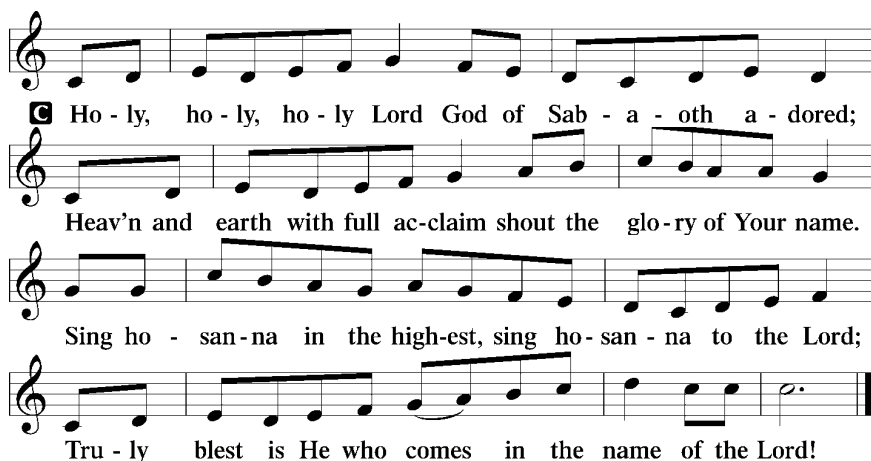
- L** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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!

Lord's Prayer

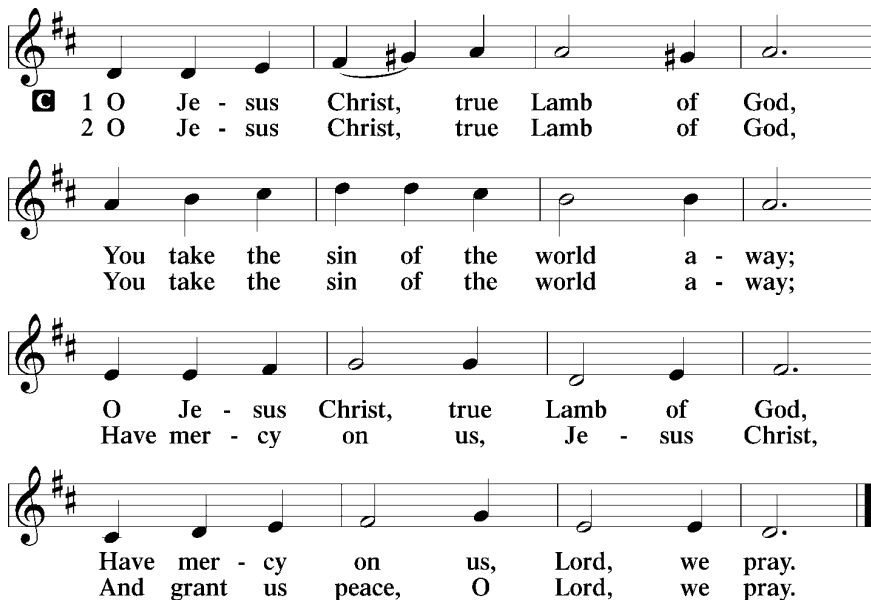
- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is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

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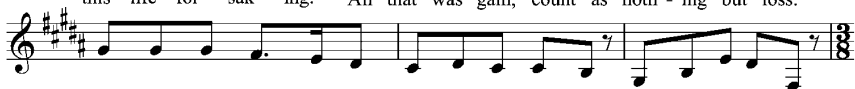
Come Unto Jesus



1. Come un - to Je - sus all
2. Joy of the com - for - less,
3. Come, taste the Bread of Life,
4. Come, now and fol - low Him,



you who are wea - ry. Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
 Light for the stray - ing, Hope of the pen - i - tent, Peace in our strife.
 bro - ken for sin - ners. Drink from the cup of His prom - ise made sure.
 this life for - sak - ing. All that was gain, count as noth - ing but loss.



Here, bring your wound - ed hearts, bro - ken and need - y. Come un - to Je - sus,
Here speaks the Com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing My yoke is eas - y, my
Feast at His ta - ble as sons and as daugh - ters. Grace o - ver - flow - ing is
Trade all this world for His king - dom un - fad - ing. Come un - to Je - sus,



might - y to heal. *(To Verse 2)*

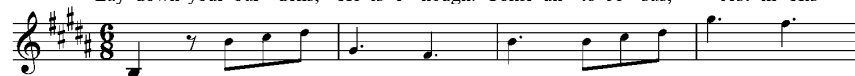
bur - den is light.	Come un - to	Je - sus.	Come un - to	Je - sus.
yours ev - er - more.	Come un - to	Je - sus.	Come un - to	Je - sus.
take up your cross.	Come un - to	Je - sus.	Come un - to	Je - sus.



Lay down your bur - dens, He is e - nough. Come un - to Je - sus, rest in His

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love.
love.
love.

Speak O Lord



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your

2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -

3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your



ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and

mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the

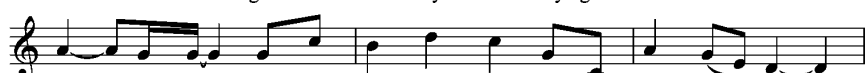
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be

ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our

e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.

prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your pur - pos - es, for Your

Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver

Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your



glo - ry.

un - be - lief.

glo - ry.

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609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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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.

Facing a Task Unfinished



1. Fac - ing a task un - fin - ished, that drives us to our
 2. Where oth - er lords be - side Thee hold their un - hin - dered
 3. We bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the hands of
 4. O Fa - ther who sus - tained them, O Spir - it who in -

knees. A need that, un - di - min - ished, re - bukes our sloth - ful
 sway; where forc - es that de - fied Thee, de - fy Thee still to -
 those who gave their lives pro - claim - ing that Je - sus died and
 spired, Sav - iour, whose love con - strained them to toil with zeal un -

ease. We, who re - joice to know Thee, re - new be - fore Thy
 - day. With none to heed their cry - ing for life, and love, and
 rose. Ours is the same com - mis - sion, the same glad mes - sage
 - tired. From cow - ard - ice de - fend us, from leth - ar - gy a -

throne the sol - emn pledge we owe Thee— to go and make Thee
 light, un - num - bered souls are dy - ing and pass in - to the
 ours; fired by the same am - bi - tion, to Thee we yield our
 - wake! Forth on Thine er - rands send us to la - bour for Thy

known. *(To Verse 2)* **CHORUS**
 night. We go to all the world, with king - dom hope un - furled. No
 powers. sake.

oth - er name has power to save but Je - sus Christ, the Lord.

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Call to Christian Community

- L** The apostle Paul calls us to care for each other in the difficult times and to celebrate with each other in the good times. He wrote, “If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it” (1 Cor. 12:26-27). As the body of Christ, we are called to care for one another in Christian community. Please take time after the the last song, to greet one another and introduce yourself to anyone you don’t recognize. 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.**

This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor Georg Gude) – 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- [Sunday School](#) – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)

Wednesday

- [Men's Bible Study](#) – 6:30 AM (Downstairs)

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Saturday

- LWML Convention – No Women's Bible Study
- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM

Announcements

Today is the last day to sign up for the Sisterhood event: Calligraphy on Friday with Jamie Moldenhauer! Please contact Cheryl to rsvp at cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org.

Mark your calendars for the [St. James Picnic](#) on September 27th! Questions? Contact Jen Weber Jen@stjamesglencarbon.org.



Let's admit it. Every once in a while we come across a Scripture that is difficult to accept. The Bible tells us that we should love our neighbors. We accept that. But Jesus takes it further and asserts that we should love even our enemies. How do you feel about this command? It's the most recent topic of discussion on our [Craving Answers Craving God](#) podcast.

There are many opportunities to get involved at St. James. If you have an area of interest or you have an idea/suggestion/concern, please reach out to the Deacons:

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

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