

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

There Is One Gospel



There is one Gos-pel on which I stand for all e-ter-ni-
There is one Gos-pel to which I cling, all else I count as
There is one Gos-pel where hope is found, the emp-ty tomb still
And in this Gos-pel, the church is one, we do not walk a-



-ty. It is my sto-ry, my Fa-ther's plan, the Son has res-cued
loss. For there, where jus-tice and mer-cy meet, He saved me on the
speaks. For death could not keep my Sav-iour down, He lives and I am
-lone. We have His Spir-it as we press on to lead us safe-ly



me. Oh, what a Gos-pel, oh what a peace. My high-est joy and my
cross. No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I car-ry the
free. Now on my Sav-iour I fix my eyes, my life is His and His
home. *And when in glo-ry still I will sing of this old sto-ry that



deep-est need. Now and for-ev-er, He is my light. I
weight of sin. For He has brought me from death to life. I
hope is mine. For He has prom-ised I too will rise. I
res-cued me. Praise to my Sav-iour, the King of life. *I



stand in the Gos-pel of Je-sus Christ.
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Tune: Rich Thompson; Jonny Robinson

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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.

Confession and Absolution

Confession of Sins

- 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.

Declaration of Grace

- L** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 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

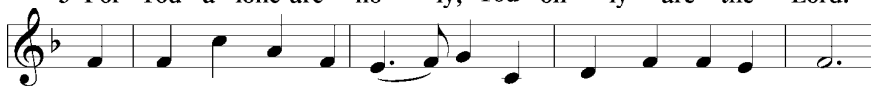
Psalm 96:1–9

- L** Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
 - C** Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
 - L** Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
 - C** For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
 - L** For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
 - C** Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
 - L** Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
 - C** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
 - L** Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!
 - 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.
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Gloria in Excelsis



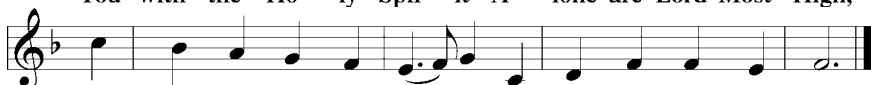
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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 45:1–7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed ²"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things."

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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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 of the world to come. Amen.

They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

The musical score is written on five staves in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The final line of the score ends with a double bar line.

We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, we are
We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, we will
All praise to the Fa-ther from whom all things come, and all
one walk in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we
praise with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, and to -
to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly in Son, and all
pray geth that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
praise - er we'll spread it, news that God is in our land:
to the Spir - it, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our
love, yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

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Sermon – Pastor George Gude

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Prayer Response

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

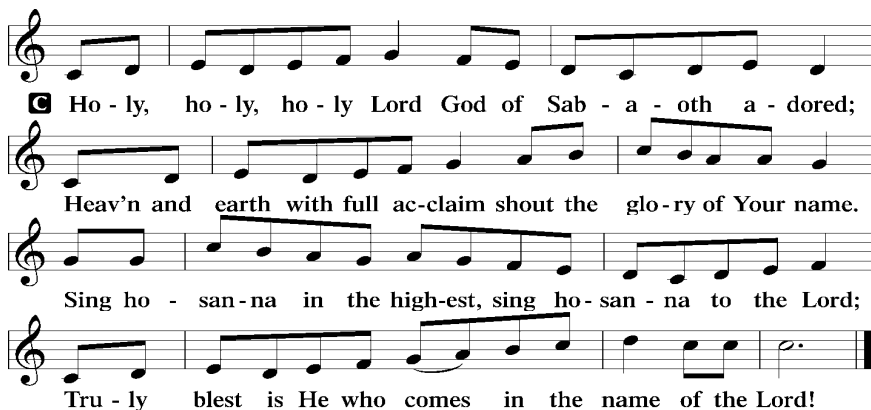
Service of the Sacrament

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!

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

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder, 1677–1754; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, abr.

Tune: Emskirchner Choral-Buch, 1756, Leipzig

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696 O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per-fect gifts be - stow - ing;
 What - ev - er You com-mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
 Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
 And let me find good friends For coun-sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
 That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
 But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
 Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con-science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
 The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
 Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
 And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen
 Text and tune: Public

837 Lift High the Cross

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,

2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,

3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied

4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,



Refrain

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.

The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com-bine.

Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.

As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry
language tell
Of Him who saves our lives
from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph
ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for
victory! Refrain

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956, alt.

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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.

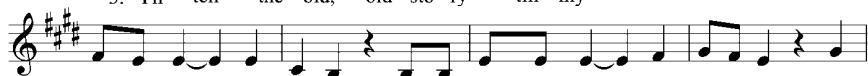
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Victory In Jesus (Christ Won The Victory)



1. I heard an old, old sto-ry, how a
2. I heard a-bout His heal-ing, all His
3. I'll tell the old, old sto-ry till my



Sav-ior came from glo-ry, how He gave His life on Cal-va-ry to
mir-a-cles re-veal-ing that He a-lone can save a soul and
Sav-ior comes from glo-ry, I'll tell of all the Lord has done to



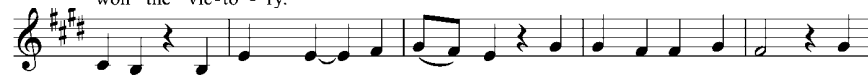
save a wretch like me. I heard a-bout His groan-ing of His
set the cap-tive free. I'm hap-py in His prom-ise, how
set this sin-ner free. That all who will be-lieve Him by



pre-cious blood's a-ton-ing, then I re-pent-ed of my sin, Christ
soon He's com-ing for us and home with Him I'll sing a-gain Christ
faith can still re-ceive Him and share in that re-demp-tion song, Christ



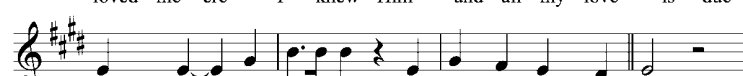
won the vic-to-ry. Oh vic-to-ry in Je-sus, my Sav-ior for-
won the vic-to-ry.
won the vic-to-ry.



-ev-er. He sought me and bought me with His re-deem-ing blood. He



loved me 'ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him. He



plunged me to vic-to-ry be-neath the cleans-ing flood.

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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor George Gude) – 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- [Sunday School](#) – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- **Celebrate LWML Sunday with Us!**

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Saturday

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

Sunday – October 25th

- [Community Group Mixer](#) – 4 PM

Announcements

[Celebrate LWML Sunday with Us!](#) Look what God has done! The LWML Circle of Friends is celebrating two incredible years of service at St. James. Stop by our special display in the entryway to see our ministry in action, then join us today downstairs during the Sunday School hour for delicious refreshments hosted by our team. All women—young and young-at-heart—are warmly invited to join the Circle of Friends!

[Special Voters' Meeting](#) - Please plan to attend an upcoming Voters' Meeting on Sunday, November 1st following our worship service, where the Sanctuary Design Committee will share an overview of the planned sanctuary updates. Following the presentation, three specific items will be brought before the congregation for discussion: (1) additional funding for improvements beyond the originally approved budget, (2) a modification to the altar platform and sacristy and (3) a decision regarding the future of our existing organ (whether to retain, relocate, donate, or sell it). Your participation is encouraged as we make these important decisions together for the future of St. James. Childcare will be provided.

[Glen-Ed Pantry Thanksgiving Basket Project](#)

Help us bless over 150 local families this Thanksgiving! Grab a shopping list in the back of church to donate 10 specific dinner items, or share a freewill offering. Donations are accepted through November 8. Questions? See Bev Tiemann

Want to get connected in more Community at St. James? Join the [Community Groups](#) on Sunday, October 25th from 4-5pm for our annual Community Group Mixer! This event is for people already in Community Groups AND for people interested in knowing more about Community Groups. Please contact Shanna Covarrubias or another Community Group leader with questions.
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Death is a subject that most people are reluctant to talk about. Christians talk about the death of Jesus, and at some point, must think about the inevitability of personal death. But when is it appropriate to discuss this important topic with children? We attempt to answer that question on the most recent edition of [Craving Answers Craving God.](#)

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!

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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