



## ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
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### OUR MISSION:

We are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus through worship, witness, and ministry to our members and community.

*Welcome to St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are visiting and you have no church of your own, we invite you to make this your church home, but above all, we invite you to come and worship with us at any time. We worship every Sunday at 9:15 am. If you would like to speak directly to Pastor Randy, please call his cell (716) 225-3591.*

## *Prelude*

### **Choir: Lord I Need You**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Time for silent reflection)

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Most merciful God, you have given your Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you that are penitent pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

**Hymn#44..... “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”**

1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now,  
Our hearts in true devotion bow,  
Thy Spirit send with light divine,  
And let thy truth within us shine.

2 Unseal our lips to sing thy praise,  
Our souls to thee in worship raise,  
Our faith increase, our minds enlight,  
That we may know thy name aright.

3 Until we join the hosts that cry,  
"Thou holy art, O Lord Most High!"  
And 'mid the light of that blest place  
Shall gaze upon thee face to face.

4 All glory to the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To thee, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise throughout eternity!

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And with your spirit.

**Kyrie Eleison (“Lord have mercy...”)**

♪**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

♪**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Gloria in Excelsis (Glory be to God on high...”)**

**P:** Glory be to God on High and on earth peace, good will to all.

♪**Lord, we praise your name on high, worship you and glorify.**

**To the Lamb of God we cry and join the angel’s song.**

***Refrain:***

*Gloria! Let the music flow. Gloria! To the earth below.  
Gloria! Feel our hearts aglow with the joyful angel's song.*

**You have borne the sins of all. Mercy, Lord, and hear our call.  
Everyone, both great and small, come join the angel's song.**

*(Refrain)*

**You, alone, the Holy One, You, alone, God's only Son,  
In your name we've just begun to join the angel's song.**

*(Refrain)*

### **Salutation**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And with your spirit.

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### **First Reading: Acts 17:16-31**

<sup>16</sup>Now while Paul was waiting for {Silas and Timothy} at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.

<sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities" — because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took

him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. <sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

## **Psalm 66:7-18**

<sup>7</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard;

<sup>8</sup>**Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.**

<sup>9</sup>For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>10</sup>**You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

<sup>11</sup>You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>12</sup>**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

<sup>13</sup>I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

<sup>14</sup>**Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

<sup>15</sup>I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue.

<sup>16</sup>**If I had found evil in my heart, the LORD would not have heard me;**

<sup>17</sup>But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

<sup>18</sup>**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?

<sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts

honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup>having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**♪Hallelu! Halleluia! Give praise to the Lord for the blessings of heaven in God's holy Word. For the words of forgiveness, the words that endure, Hallelu! Hallelujah! Give praise to the Lord.  
♪Glory be to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: John 14:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>{Jesus said,} "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

<sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

♪Praise be to you, O Christ

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Children's Message – Rev. Randy Kaminska

### **Hymn #233 – Take My Life and Let It Be**

1 Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee;

Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move With the impulse of thy love;

Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;

Take my intellect, and use Ev'ry pow'r as thou dost choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store;

Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

## Sermon - Seminarian Andrew Dysard..... “Not left as Orphans”

### Hymn #201 – Children of the Heavenly Father

- 1.Children of the heav’nly Father  
Safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird or star in heaven  
Such a refuge ne’er was given
- 2.God his own doth tend and nourish,  
In his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
In his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3.Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them his grace he showeth,  
And their sorrows all he knoweth.
4. Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne’er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

### Announcements

**Offering:** *As a guest or visitor, we acknowledge your presence as the only offering expected today.*

Offertory: ♪ Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

**♪Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say, “I am strong”, Let the poor say, “I am rich” because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.**

## **Offertory Prayer:**

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for all that we have: ourselves, our time and our treasures, all that first belonged to you and has been gifted to us, your children. Accept our offerings as a sign of our devotion to you, and make us truly grateful for the many gifts we have received. In Jesus' holy name we pray. **C: Amen**

## **Prayers of the Church**

P: "Lord, in your mercy," **C: "Hear our prayer."**

P: Lord, be merciful to us all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory. **C: Amen**

## **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.**

## **Benedicamus & Benediction**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And with your spirit.**

P: Bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

## Hymn #18 For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies:

*Refrain*

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon and stars of light:

*(refrain)*

3 For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight:

*(refrain)*

4 For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild:

*(refrain)*

5 For yourself, best gift divine To the world so freely giv'n;  
Agent of God's grand design, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

*refrain)*

**P: Go in peace, serve the Lord...C: Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude*

**Next Week's Readings:**

Acts 17:16-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

**Let Us Remember in Our Prayers (\*St. James Member)**

*John Milleville	*Dennis Schmidt	Sabine Miskey
*Mark Voelker	Linda Arnold	Dan Osgood
*Roger Siegmann	Denise Joy	William Love
*Bill Salisbury	Ronaldo Posa	Nico Monte-Kinser
*Deliah Licht	Barb Haseley (St.	Bo O'Brien
*Judy Schoelles	Peters)	
*Beth Wruck	Greg Milleville	

**Also Remember in Our Prayers**

**.Those in nursing homes and shut-ins**

*Elly Milleville	*Jean Schmidt
*Julianne (Judy) Brown	James Heath
*Ruth Haseley	

**Organizations and Community**

Stephen Ministry

“Young Life”

Our area public and parochial schools

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Wilson)

**All Emergency Services personnel**

\*Scott Milleville

Michael Jon DeVantier

David Nedell

**The members of our armed forces**

The men and women serving at the N.F. Air Base

Matthew Reddy (Niagara Falls)

Justin DeVantier (Niagara Falls)

Edmond Moloney (Poland)

Eric Graca (Illinois)

Michael Coulter (South Korea)

Joshua Drasgow (Washington State)

Keith Coleman (Okinawa)

Nicholas Horvath (Middle East)