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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.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Prelude

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#46..... “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

1 Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!

2 Gracious God, I come before thee; Come thou also unto me;
Where we find thee and adore thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou, Let it be thy temple now!

3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted, Here thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.

4 Thou my faith increase and quicken, Let me keep thy gift divine;
Howsoe'er temptations thicken, May thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.

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.**

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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

For those who love you, O God, you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; 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: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Psalm 91:1-10 [11-16]

¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

²He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."

³He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

⁵You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day;

⁶Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid day.

⁷A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall | not come near you.

⁸Your eyes have only to behold to see the reward of the wicked.

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

[¹¹For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

¹²They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

¹³You shall tread upon the lion and adder; you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

¹⁴Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.

¹⁵He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble; will rescue him and bring him to honor.

¹⁶With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.

¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What

then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

^{5a}These twelve {disciples} Jesus sent out, instructing them,

²¹“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. ²⁶So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered,

proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

♪Praise be to you, O Christ

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and our salvation, He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon – Rev. Andrew Dysard - “Fear of the World, Trust in the Father.”

Hymn #Insert..... "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Announcements

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

Offertory: ♪ We Give Thee but Thine Own

**♪ We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

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**

Prefaces & Sanctus

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: 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 everlasting God: Through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the chosen disciples, causing the whole earth to rejoice. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name; evermore praising you, and singing:

♫C: Holy, Holy, Holy, God of Pow'r almighty.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer and Words of Institution

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.

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me. Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Agnus Dei & Distribution of Communion

♫C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Lamb of God, your mercies never cease. Lamb of God, you take the sins of the world. Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, you give us peace

Communion Hymns

(All the Communion Hymns are from St. James Sings)

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O Jesus Thou Art Standing

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In moderate time

JUSTIN H. KNECHT, 1752-1817
EDWARD HUSBAND, 1843-1908

1. O Je - sus, thou art stand - ing Out - side the fast-closed door,
2. O Je - sus, thou art knock-ing; And lo, that hand is scarred,
In low - ly pa - tience wait - ing To pass the thresh - old o'er.
And thorns thy brow en - cir - cle, And tears thy face have marred.
Shame on us, Chris - tian breth - ren, His Name and sign who bear,
O love that pass - eth knowl - edge, So pa - tient - ly to wait;
O shame, thrice shame up - on us, To keep him stand - ing there!
O sin that hath no e - qual, So fast to bar the gate! A-men.

3 O Jesus, thou art pleading
In accents meek and low,
'I died for you, my children,
And will ye treat me so?'
O Lord, with shame and sorrow
We open now the door;
Dear Saviour, enter, enter
And leave us nevermore. Amen.

William Walsham How, 1823-97

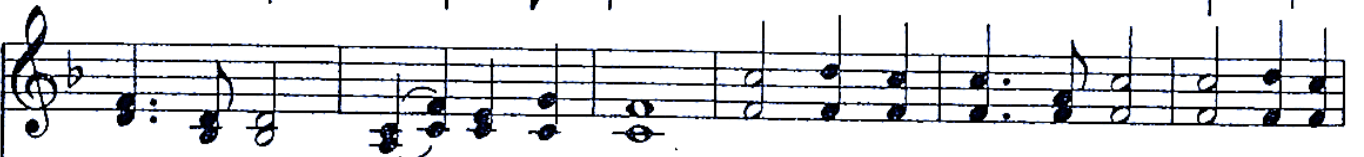
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Nearer My God To Thee



1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee! E'en though it
 2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun gone down, Dark-ness be
 3. *There let the way ap - pear Steps un - to heav'n; All that Thou
 4. Then, with my wak - ing thoughts Bright with Thy praise, Out of my
 5. Or if on joy - ful wing, Cleav - ing the sky, Sun, moon, and



be a cross That rais-eth me; Still all my song shall be, Near-er, my
 o - ver me, My rest a stone; Yet in my dreams I'd be Near-er, my
 send - est me In mer - cy giv'n; An - gels to beck - on me Near-er, my
 ston - y griefs, **Beth - el I'll raise; So by my woes to be Near-er, my
 stars for-got, Up - ward I fly, Still all my song shall be Near-er, my



God, to Thee, Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee. A - men.



*Genesis 28:12 **Genesis 35:15

TEXT: Sarah F. Adams; based on Genesis 28:10-22

MUSIC: Lowell Mason

Guidance

Take Time to Be Holy



1. Take time to be ho - ly, Speak oft with thy Lord;	A - bide in Him
2. Take time to be ho - ly, The world rush-es on;	Much time spend in
3. Take time to be ho - ly, Let Him be thy guide,	And run not be-
4. Take time to be ho - ly, Be calm in thy soul;	Each thought and each



al - ways, And feed on His Word.	Make friends of God's chil - dren; Help
se - cret With Je - sus a - lone;	By look - ing to Je - sus, Like
fore Him What - ev - er be - tide;	In joy or in sor - row Still
mo - tive Be - neath His con - trol;	Thus led by His Spir - it To



those who are weak;	For - get - ting in noth - ing	His bless - ing to seek.
Him thou shalt be;	Thy friends in thy con - duct	His like - ness shall see.
fol - low thy Lord,	And, look - ing to Je - sus,	Still trust in His Word.
foun - tains of love,	Thou soon shalt be fit - ted	For ser - vice a - bove.



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Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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1 O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the
 2 *Through death in - to life ev - er - last - ing* He *passed, and we*
 3 His word shall not fail you - He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and

1 dark - ness you see? There's light for a look at the Sav - ior, And
 2 *fol - low Him there; O - ver us sin no more hath do - min - ion - For*
 3 all will be well: Then go to a world that is dy - ing, His

1 life more a - bun - dant and free!
 2 *more than con - querors we are!* Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus,
 3 per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!

Look full in His won - der - ful face, And the things of

earth will grow strange - ly dim In the light of His glo - ry and grace.

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Communion

Bread of the World

EUCCHARISTIC HYMN. 9 8, 9 8.

JOHN S. B. HODGES, 1830-1915

Devotionally

1. Bread of the world in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the

soul in mer - cy shed, By whom the words of life were

spo - ken And in whose death our sins are dead; A - men.

2 Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
 Look on the tears by sinners shed;
 And be thy feast to us the token
 That by thy grace our souls are fed. Amen.

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

Nunc Dimittus

C: Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, According to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, Which you have prepared before the face of all people: A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this your salutary gift; and we ask you in your mercy to strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **C: 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#48..... “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

3 We share each other's woes, Each other's burdens bear,
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

4 When we are called to part It gives us inward pain,
But we shall be joined in heart, And hope to meet again.

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

Postlude

Next Week's Readings:

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 119:153-160; Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 10:34-42

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

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

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 (Hawaii)

Eric Graca (Illinois)

Michael Coulter (South Korea)

Joshua Drasgow (Washington State)

Keith Coleman (Okinawa)

Nicholas Horvath (Middle East)