



## **St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**Ministers: The People of St. James Lutheran Church**

**Pastor Randy Kaminska**

**Organists: Jennifer Parris and Janet Galvano**

**Praise Team Leader: Lianda Waugaman**

**Choir Director: Ann Clingersmith**

**Worship is Sunday at 9:15am**

**OUR MISSION: We are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus through worship, witness, and ministry to our members and community**

**WELCOME:** In the name of Jesus — teacher, friend, healer, Lord, Messiah, Savior — I welcome you to worship.

*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.*

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## Nineth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 7, 2022

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*ReClaim Lutheran Hymnal – Setting 1 (pg.21)*

Prelude (please stand when indicated by \*)

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

**C: Amen.**

Confession & Absolution p. 21

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 #35: We Praise You O God**

1 We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

2 We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;  
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
And with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

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 p. 22

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

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\* Gloria in Excelsis (“*Glory be to God on high...*”) p. 23-24 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 angels song. (Refrain)**

\* Salutation p.24

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

Prayer of the Day

God of all grace, **you delight in your children and give them the kingdom. Give us faith to trust in your loving provision, that we might not worry needlessly, but live in freedom and gratitude; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

### **First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

### **Psalm 33:12-22**

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!\*

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven,\***

**and beholds all the people in the world.**

<sup>14</sup>From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze\*

on all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**He fashions all the hearts of them\***

**and understands all their works.**

<sup>16</sup>There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;\*

a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

**<sup>17</sup>The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;\***  
**for all its strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him,\*  
on those who wait upon his love,

**<sup>19</sup>To pluck their lives from death,\***  
**and to feed them in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD;\*

he is our help and our shield.

**<sup>21</sup>Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,\***  
**for in his holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,\*  
as we have put our trust in you.

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. <sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. <sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not

having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Gospel Acclamation

p. 25

**♪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.**

**\* Holy Gospel: Luke 12:22-34**

**♪Glory be to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>{Jesus} said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. <sup>32</sup>Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

**♪C: Praise be to you, O Christ**

## **HYMN #212: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free!

Refrain:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in his wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of his glory and grace.

2. Through death into life everlasting  
He passed, and we follow him there;  
Over us sin no more hath dominion—  
For more than conqu'rors we are!

3. His Word shall not fail you—he promised;  
Believe him, and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell!

\* Apostles' Creed pg. 28

**C: 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.**

**Sermon by:** Andrew Dysard

# Trust & Obey

TRUST AND OBEY  
Daniel B. Towner

James H. Sammis

1 When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word,  
 2 *Not a shadow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies,*  
 3 Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we share,  
 4 *Then in fellowship sweet We will sit at His feet,*

1 What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will,  
 2 *But His smile quickly drives it away; Not a doubt or a fear,*  
 3 But our toil He doth richly repay; Not a grief or a loss,  
 4 *Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He says we will do,*

1 He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey.  
 2 *Not a sigh or a tear, Can remain when we trust and obey.*  
 3 Not a frown or a cross, But is blest if we trust and obey.  
 4 *Where He sends we will go, Never fear, only trust and obey.*

Trust and obey, for there's no other way

To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

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

\* Offering Song

**♪ 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.**

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**

\* Prayer 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 **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 p. 38

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

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

**Benediction** p.31

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 #229: O Master, Let Me Walk**

1 O Master, let me walk with thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me thy secret; help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me thy patience, still with thee  
In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

4 In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only thou canst give,  
With thee, O Master, let me live.

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks Be to God**

Postlude *ENTER TO WORSHIP – EXIT TO SERVE*

Next Week's Scriptures: Jeremiah 23:16-29; Psalm 119:81-88; Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3; Luke 12:49-53 [54-56]

Attendance Last Week: 197, Online: 109

### **Serving in God's House Today:**

Trustee: Justin DeVantier    Reader: Bob Gardiner  
Acolyte: Volunteer Needed    Organist: Jennifer Parris

### **Serving in God's House Next Week:**

Trustee: Bruce Milleville    Reader: Katie Dysard  
Acolyte: Volunteer Needed    Organist: Janet Galvano

**This Week at St. James August 7<sup>th</sup> – August 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday:**

9:15 Worship

**Friday: Office 9-2**

**Monday: Office Closed**

**Saturday: Office Closed**

**Tuesday: Office 9-2**

**Next Sunday:**

**Wednesday: Office 9-2**

9:30 Text Study

9:15 Worship Outdoors

Picnic to follow

Baptism of Benjamin Herman

Baptism of Parker Pittman

Food Collection

**Thursday: Office Closed**

6:30pm Text Study

**Announcements**

**Altar Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in memory of departed loved ones by the Emsweller family.**

**TRAIL LIFE USA** - We are looking to start a Trail Life USA Chapter here at St. James. Trail Life is a faith based alternative to Boy Scouts. Their mission is "to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure." We are looking for Leaders to step forward to help establish this new chapter. Please prayerfully consider supporting and being involved with this new endeavor. Contact Pastor Randy if you would like to be involved.

**For Pastoral Emergencies during Pastor Randy's Vacation August 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> please call Ted Washburn at 692-7654 or Duane DeVantier at 863-2530**

**Hold the Date: W.O.W (Women of the world)** is having their annual conference on September 17<sup>th</sup>. St. Paul's West Falls will be hosting the local event this year. More info to come.

**Tuition Form** - If you will be enrolling your child/children in a parochial school, you must fill out an application prior to the school year. It must be submitted to the board of elders for their review and approval. You can find them on the table outside of the office.

*Sunday, August 14th* will be our annual Church Picnic. Service will be under the tent at 9:15 followed by Lunch from 11:00-1:00 with Ted's food truck (menu this year will include hotdogs, hamburgers, grilled chicken sandwich and much more). We are asking people to bring a dessert to share. Get your golf swings ready we will be doing an 18 hole putt putt golf with a special 19th hole as our final fund raiser for the SON network. We are asking everyone to please bring a canned good for our August food collection. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the North Wing Hallway for desserts and other items. Please take a look and sign up to bring one of the items. See you under the tent.

**Bring your bottles and cans** to “Two Can’s Redemption Center” Mention St. James for your donation. 3050 N.Falls Blvd in the town of Wheatfield.