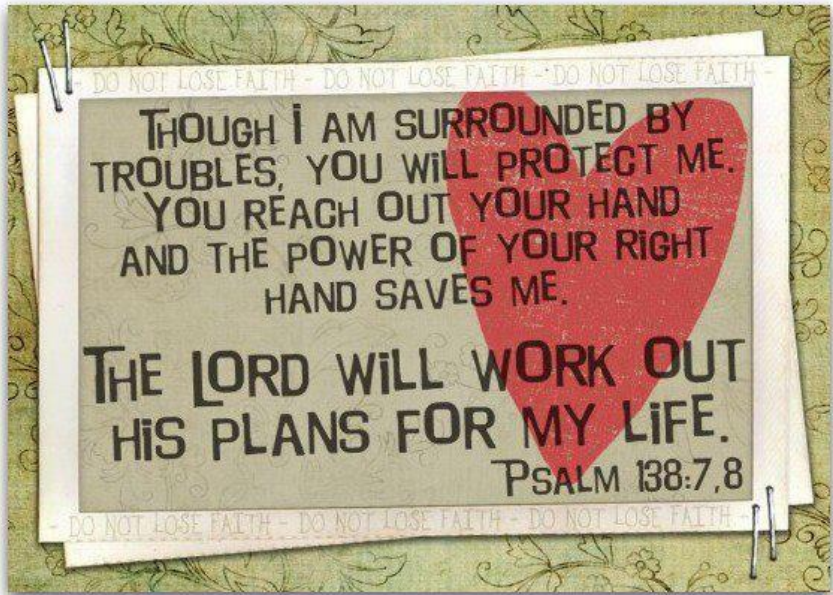


Grow ... Go ... Gather
August 23, 2020



**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Matins

The Call to Worship/Prelude (Please turn off your Wifi)

The Welcome

(Please wear your masks when singing)

The Opening Hymn: LSB 906, "O Day of Rest and Gladness" (Based on Psalm 118:24)

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
△ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,

O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.

This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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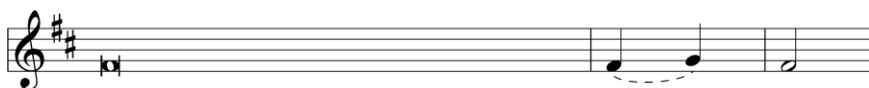
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The Versicles (from Psalm 51:15 and Psalm 70:1)

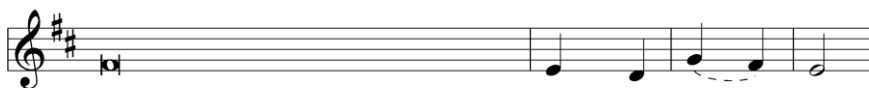
- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your
praise.

- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
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.
 Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

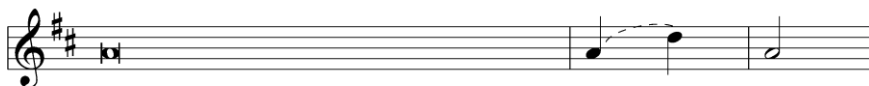
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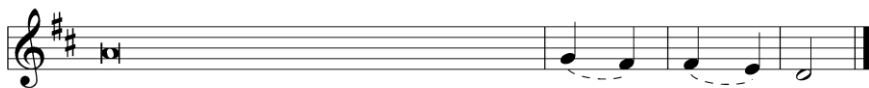
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

The Psalm for the Day: Psalm 138

P: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**C: I bow down toward your holy temple and
give thanks to your name for your steadfast
love and your faithfulness, for you have
exalted above all things your name and your
word.**

P: On the day I called, you answered me; my
strength of soul you increased.

**C: All the kings of the earth shall give you
thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the
words of your mouth,**

P: and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for
great is the glory of the Lord.

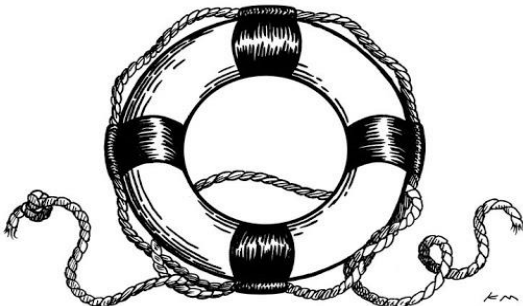
**C: For though the Lord is high, he regards the
lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.**

P: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you
preserve my life;

**C: you stretch out your hand against the wrath
of my enemies, and your right hand delivers
me.**

P: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your
steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

C: Do not forsake the work of your hands.



A Hymn: LSB 595, "O Blessed Spring"



1 O bless-ed spring, where Word and sign Em - brace us
 2 Through sum-mer heat of youth-ful years, Un - cer - tain
 3 When au-tumn cools and youth is cold, When limbs their
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, We breathe our
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, Be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: Here Christ en - joins each one to
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, Sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
 heav - y har - vest hold, Then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re - turn to dust; Still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys - ter - y: That Word and wa - ter thus re -



be A branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, The boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 move With gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 wing And trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 vive And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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✠ The Scripture Readings ✠

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
 you who seek the LORD:
 look to the rock from which you were hewn,
 and to the quarry from which you were dug.
 Look to Abraham your father
 and to Sarah who bore you;
 for he was but one when I called him,
 that I might bless him and multiply him.
 For the LORD comforts Zion;
 he comforts all her waste places
 and makes her wilderness like Eden,
 her desert like the garden of the LORD;

joy and gladness will be found in her,
 thanksgiving and the voice of song.
"Give attention to me, my people,
 and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for
a light to the peoples.
My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
 and for my arm they wait.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
 and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out
like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like
manner;
but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness
will never be dismayed."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson: Romans 11:33-Romans 12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and
knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments
and how inscrutable his ways!

"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has
been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that
he might be repaid?"

For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of
God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and
acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not
be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the
renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern
what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and
perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among
you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to
think, but to think with sober judgment, each according
to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in

one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G **Thanks be to God.**

A Song: "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord" (Matt Redman, based on Psalm 113:2-4)

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name **(Pre-Chorus and Chorus)**

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name **(Chorus)**

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The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the sixteenth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this

rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

A Hymn: “My Dwelling Place” (Psalm 91)

Verse 1

My dwelling place is God Most High
My refuge and my fortress
When plague and pestilence draw nigh
I’m hidden in His presence
When terrors fall and arrows fly
His shield will be my safety
When stones across my pathway lie
On angels’ wings I’m carried

Verse 2

My dwelling place is God Most High
A present help in danger
I rest secure in Love’s pure light
Beneath My Master’s favor
He freed me from the fowler’s snare
Where sin and shame had bound me
Deceived I made my refuge there
Till fearless He came for me

Bridge

Wonderful powerful my hope and my defender
Mighty God Emmanuel my dwelling place forever

Verse 3

My dwelling place is God Most High
My heart He'll keep forever
For I am His and He is mine
I'll never seek another
I know the Name on Whom I call
He promises to answer
With life he satisfies my soul
And crowns me with his pleasure

Bridge (Repeat Twice)

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The Sermon: Ancient Hymn of Faith, Psalm 138

A Hymn of Praise: LSB 802, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (Based on Psalm 104:1-5, 31-35)



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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The Offering Prayer

The General Prayers of the Church

The 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 Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father....
C Amen.

The Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the
love of God the Father and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit be with us all.
C Amen.

A Closing Hymn: LSB 727, "On Eagles' Wings" (Based on Psalm 91 and Psalm 103)



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And
 3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;
 ar - row that flies by day; Though
 guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My
 Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His
 thou - sands fall a - bout you,
 on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock in whom I trust!"
 faith - ful - ness your shield.
 Near you it shall not come.
 dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: August 23 to August 30, 2020

- TODAY:** 9:30 a.m. Worship at St. James and service on Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook Live
- Monday:** 10:00 a.m. Registration for **August 30**
Worship begins
- Wednesday:** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Darrell
12 Noon Devotion w/ Pastor on Facebook Live
7:00 p.m. Deacons meet on ZOOM
- Friday:** 12:00 Noon Registration closes for phone-in
Worship registration.
- Saturday:** 6:00 p.m. Registration for Worship is closed
- Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. **Communion Worship** at St. James (for registered members) and on Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook Live

Today's Deacons: Craig Popma and Bryan Ensing

Next Week: John Weiss, Craig Popma and Bryan Ensing

August Altar Guild: Suellen and Amanda

September Altar Guild: Melissa Ensing and Marjie Weiss

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (August 16, 2020)

	<u>Offering</u>
General Fund	\$1,675.00
Brotherhood Mutual credit	75.83
CEF to Roof Fund	386.76
Roof Repair Fund	75.00
Plate Collection	765.00
LCMS World Relief	10.00
<u>ISJ Academy</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total \$3,087.69	



It is important to register every week.

1. Go to bit.ly/stjamesgr
2. Click on the worship service you wish to attend. Exp. **Worship Service – August 30, 9:30 am**
3. Click on the green “register” box.
4. Put in the **number attending**.
5. Click on the orange “register” box.

Enter **your first name** and **ALL the first names** of those attending with you in the “first name” box.

i.e. Martin, Katie, Margarete, Magdalena, Elisabeth, Paul, Hans and Jr.

Enter **only one last name, e-mail address and confirm e-mail address.**

6. Click on the orange “register” box.
7. Your ticket(s) will arrive in your e-mail inbox confirming your sign-up.

Looking for a Mid-week Boost? Pastor Schaeffer will be on Facebook Live leading a short devotion **Wednesdays at 12 Noon**. Your mid-week boost will include Scripture, a devotional thought, a prayer and a hymn.

You are invited to submit prayer requests and hymns you would like to sing.



LAST CHANCE! The Deacons will be meeting on **Wednesday, August 26th**, and a discussion of the surveys is on the agenda. If you have not turned your survey in and wish to have your opinion heard, please return your survey by Tuesday. The survey site is <https://www.stjamesgr.com/survey>.

Employment opportunities:

- a) **Custodial position:** St. James Church is looking for someone to work Tues-Thurs for about 4-5 hours a night cleaning the school. This is an important part of our back to school plan. We need the building to be cleaned daily. If you are interested or have questions, contact Dale Rosema at dale.m.rosema@gmail.com



- b) **Aftercare aides:** ISJ Academy is looking for someone who can work 3-6 p.m. daily with our aftercare program. If you are interested or have questions contact Jen Welch at ecc@mychristianschool.com
- c) **Substitute teachers:** I am looking for multiple people to be substitute teachers. Even if you are only available for a certain day of the week, please let me know. If you are interested or have questions, contact me at jalexander@mychristianschool.com

Blessings on your day,
Jason Alexander
Principal





To ensure the safety of each student at ISJ ACADEMY, each student will have their own **school supplies** this year.

ISJ is also doubling their efforts with disinfecting the school. They are in need of **sanitizing supplies;**

disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, Lysol spray, etc.....

If you would like to help defray the cost of school supplies and/or disinfecting supplies, please consider a donation to the school for these needs.

Please send your donation, **labeled "Supplies"**, to the school at:

ISJ Academy
2066 Oakwood Ave. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 363-0505.



Thank you! Your help is appreciated!