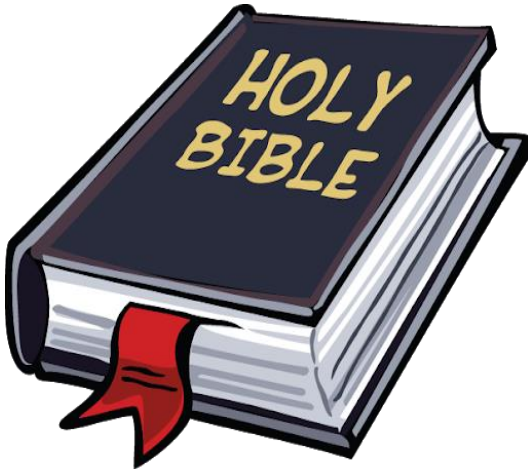


Grow ... Go ... Gather
August 9, 2020



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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome

(Please wear your masks when singing)

The Opening Hymn: LSB 904, "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed, You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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The Invocation and Response

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

C: in the morning, I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch.

L: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

C: And with Your glory all the day.

L: O Lord, open my lips,

C: And my mouth will declare Your praise.

ALL: 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.

A Hymn: LSB 770, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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✠ The Scripture Readings ✠

The Epistle Reading: Romans 10:5-17

Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

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

Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

A Hymn: LSB 809, "Great is Thy Faithfulness"



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



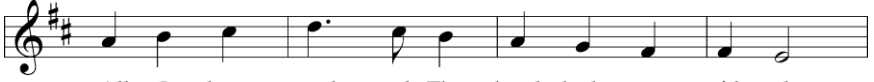
As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Refrain
 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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A Message: "The Building without the Book"



A Hymn: "Thy Word"

Chorus

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path***

Verse 1

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end **(Chorus)**

Verse 2

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end **(Chorus)**

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The Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

**☩ 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.**

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Closing Hymn: LSB 923, "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye
seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Worship Leader: Mr. Jerry Talen

The Sermon Reader: Mr. Charlie Kirt

Events of the Week: August 9 to August 16, 2020

- TODAY:** 9:30 a.m. Worship at St. James and service on Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Bible study on **Facebook**
- Monday:** 10:00 a.m. Registration for **August 16**
Worship begins
- 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. Worship at St. James (for registered members) and on Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook Live

NOTE: Pastor Schaeffer and Sandra will return from vacation August 12th.



If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact a Deacon.

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Bryan Ensing...589-6925

Jerry Talen...826-7342

Paul Tomasunas...260-9864

John Weiss...773-0805

August Altar Guild: Suellen Pfannkuch and
Amanda Donigan

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (August 2, 2020)

	Offering
General Fund	\$6,145.00
Future Building Expansion	100.00
Roof Repair Fund	75.00
Plate Collection	1,198.00
Tessaro Ministry - Nigera	25.00
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Total	\$7,543.00



Registration
Information

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 9, 9:30 am**
3. Click on the green “register” box.
4. Put in the **number attending**.
5. Click on the orange “register” box.
6. Enter **your first name** and all the **first names** of those attending with you. Enter **only your last name, e-mail address and confirm e-mail address**.
7. Click on the orange “register” box.
8. Your ticket(s) will arrive in your e-mail inbox confirming your sign-up.
- 9.

Darrell Pfannkuch’s Bible Study resumes on Wednesdays at 10:00a.m.

Please bring your Bibles, lawn chairs and your own beverage.

The Bible study will be held on the lawn in the shade or in the parking lot.

If you have any questions, please contact Darrell at 459-6190.





The Lutheran Hour is broadcast Sunday mornings on: WSRW 105.7 FM, Grand Rapids, at 6:30 a.m.

Worship Anew is a 30-minute Lutheran Worship Service from the Concordia Theological Seminary Campus in Fort Wayne, IN. It is broadcast Sundays at 11:30 a.m. (ET). The service is on the TCT Channel (**T**otal **C**hristian **T**elevision).



SURVEY REMINDER:

There are several ways to obtain a survey and share your input regarding our worship & activities here at St. James.

The survey is on our website (stjamesgr.com), in the August newsletter, a direct link via e-mail, and it was sent as a pdf via e-mail.

This is the direct link: <https://www.stjamesgr.com/survey>.

There are also a few paper copies in the church main entryway.

Please return your surveys by mail, at the collection "schoolhouse" box in the main entryway or filling it out on-line.

Your input is valued and appreciated.

Thank you.

Life Quote for Sunday, August 9:

"[W]hen a child is adopted into a family, there is a real family formed there. Our entire Gospel is at stake in that recognition because there is no such thing as an 'adopted child,' only children who were adopted. Adopted in the New Testament is a past-tense verb, not an adjective."

Dr. Russell D. Moore, author of "Adopted for Life: The Priority of Adoption for Christian Families" and chair of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

