

Grow ... Go ... Gather
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The Eight Sunday after Pentecost Responsive Prayer #1 (p. 282ff in LSB)

The Call to Worship & Welcome (Please turn off your Wifi)

(Please wear your masks when singing)

The Opening Hymn: LSB 902, "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,
△ 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and
ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.
that best place We then shall see You face to face.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

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P Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,
C Have mercy and hear us.

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 Apostles' Creed

**☑ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

A Hymn: "Here I Am to Worship – Light of the World" (Tim Hughes)

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

***So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me***

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

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The Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:28-39

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:44-52

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

G Praise to You, O Christ.

A Hymn: LSB 744, “Amazing Grace”



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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The Sermon

The Offering Prayer

A Song of Praise: "Shout to the Lord" (Darlene Zschech)

Verse

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

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Morning LSB 283

- P** I cry to You, O Lord;
- C** **in the morning my prayer comes before You.**
- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- C** **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- P** My mouth is filled with Your praise,

C and with Your glory all the day.

P Every day I will bless You

C and praise Your name forever and ever.

P By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,

C O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

P Bless the Lord, O my soul;

C and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

P He redeems your life from the pit

C and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

P Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C let my cry come to You.

The General Prayers of the Church

Morning Prayer *LSB 283*

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

Benedicamus and Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

P The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C Amen.

The Closing Hymn: LSB 807, "When Morning Gilds the Skies"



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 "May Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's ho - ly house of prayer
 Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
 "May Je - sus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth a - round
 Sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



This rings my cur - few call: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 Hath none that can com - pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 Ring joy - ous with the sound: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: July 26 to August 2, 2020

- TODAY:** **9:30 a.m.** Worship at St. James and service on Facebook Live
 11:00 a.m. Bible study w/ Pastor on Facebook Live
- Monday:** **10:00 a.m.** Registration for **August 2** 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 with Communion at St. James (for registered members) and on Facebook Live
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor on Facebook Live

NOTE: Pastor Schaeffer will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday.



August Altar Guild:
Suellen Pfannkuch
and
Amanda Donigan

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (July 19, 2020)

	<u>Offering</u>
General Fund	\$4,736.00
Roof Repair Fund	75.00
Plate Collection	280.00
Social Ministry	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$5,091.00

We desire to exhibit the compassion of our Savior by providing a safe environment out of care and concern for our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially the most vulnerable among us.

Sanitary Practices

- All who are sick, or have a sick person in their home, are urged to stay home.
- Prior to the service, the church will be cleaned and disinfected. (the pews, the bathroom, door handles, etc.)
- Please use the hand sanitizer.
- Masks are available in the main entryway if you forgot yours.
- Please maintain social distancing.
- We will use only the bell tower entrance, the hallway, the hallway bathroom, the coatroom, the narthex, and the sanctuary. The basement, the gathering room, and the children's playroom are off limits.



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 2, 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.



"The Cost of Following Self or Christ"

– this is the YouVersion Bible reading plan Pastor Schaeffer will begin **TOMORROW, July 27**. Those of you who are his friends on YouVersion will receive an invitation from him to join him in this nine-day devotional plan. If you are not on YouVersion but you have a smartphone and would like to participate, contact Pastor Schaeffer and he will help you get set up with the YouVersion Bible app.

*Dear family at St. James,
I would like to thank my church family for their prayers, encouragement, and good wishes. It was wonderful to feel that support. I look forward to worshipping with you again soon.
God Bless!
Irene Talen*

Life Quotes from Lutherans for Life:

"Our lives may be full of stress, but Jesus is with us as He has always been—walking with us, holding us in His hands, keeping us in His care. Nothing can take God's love away from us. Nothing, not even death—not even death on a cross!—can keep Jesus from the people He came to save."
Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

The Fellowship for Performing Arts is presenting a virtual presentation of, Martin Luther on Trial, Sunday August 2nd at 4:00 p.m. (ET).

This is a free event.

St. James has not vetted this performance to know the accuracy of the portrayal of Luther's philosophy and life.