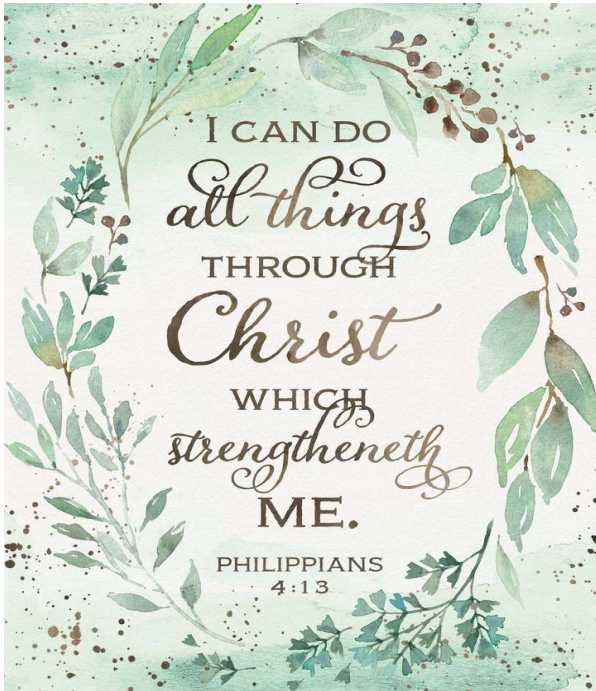


Grow ... Go ... Gather
October 11, 2020



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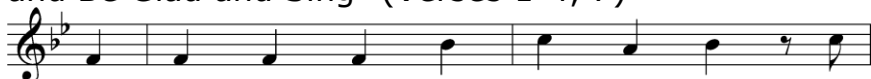
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Responsive Prayer 2 (p. 285ff.)

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The Preservice Music/Call to Worship/Welcome

(Please wear your mask when singing)

The Opening Hymn: LSB 737 "Rejoice, My Heart and Be Glad and Sing" (Verses 1-4, 7)



1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing, A
2 He is your trea - sure, He your joy, Your
3 Why spend the day in blank de - spair, In
4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r Guard
7 Up - on your lips, then, lay your hand, And



cheer - ful trust main - tain; For God, the source of
life and light and Lord, Your coun - sel - or when
rest - less thought the night? On your Cre - a - tor
ev - 'ry child - hood day? And did He not in
trust His guid - ing love; Then like a rock your



ev - 'ry - thing, Your por - tion shall re - main.
doubts an - noy, Your shield and great re - ward.
cast your care; He makes your bur - dens light.
threat - 'ning hour Turn dread - ed ills a - way?
peace shall stand Here and in heav'n a - bove.

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The Opening Versicles LSB 285

- 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.**

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 Song of Praise: AGPS #219, "Soul's Celebration"

Refrain

God is my strength, He is my salvation.

God's strong right hand has done mighty things.

God is so great, my soul's celebration.

God gives me words and makes my heart sing.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.

- 1.** Evil surrounds me all my days;
Enemies threaten my life.
God knows my needs and well provides
victory conquering strife. **(Refrain)**
- 2.** Thanks to the Lord for He is good;
His light shines brightly on me.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Be glad! Rejoice thankfully! **(Refrain)**

The Epistles Lesson: Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to
everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious
about anything, but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be
made known to God. And the peace of God, which
surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

A Song: AGPS #203, “Rejoice in the Lord Always and Again I Say Rejoice”;

1. Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice. **(2 times)**
2. Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice. **(2 times)**

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into

another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.**

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.**

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 730, "What is the World to Me?"

1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,

When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,

You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.

You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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The Sermon: Philippians 4:4-13, "I Can Do All Things Through Christ ... Even Being Content in All Circumstances"



A Post-Sermon Hymn: LSB 818, "In Thee is Gladness"

1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
 2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of
 sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
 earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -
 heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
 tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the
 wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
 sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -
 cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
 joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for
 pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
 glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him
 To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
 And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Offering Prayer

Versicles

LSB 286-287

- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- C** **let my cry come to You.**
- P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
- C** **for You answer me.**
- P** Hide Your face from my sins,
- C** **and blot out all my iniquities.**

- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C and renew a right spirit within me.
- P** Cast me not away from Your presence,
C and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- P** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C my lips will praise You.
- P** For You have been my help,
C and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C unite my heart to fear Your name.
- P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C and I will glorify Your name forever.
- P** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- P** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C listen to my plea for grace.



A Prayerful Song: LSB 722, "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,
Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.
With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;
So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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The General Prayer of the Church

Benedicamus & Blessing

LSB 287

- 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 813, "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" (verses 1, 3, 6, 7)

1 Re - joi - ce, O pil - grim throng! Re - joi - ce, give
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the
 6 At last the march shall end; The wea - ried
 Δ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom
 thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
 saints on earth Pour out the strains of
 ones shall rest; The pil - grims find their
 we a - dore: The Fa - ther, Son, and
 wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
 joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Ho - ly Ghost, One God for - ev - er - more.

Refrain
 Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!

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THIS IS THE DAY
 THE LORD HAS MADE.
 LET US REJOICE AND
 BE GLAD IN IT.
Psaln 118:24

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: October 11-18, 2020

- TODAY:** 11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook Live
- Monday:** 10:00 a.m. Registration for **October 18**
Worship begins
6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion
- Wed.:** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Darrell
12 Noon Devotion w/ Pastor Schaeffer on Facebook Live 
- Thursday:** 7:30 p.m. The Means of Mission Bible study (*Pastor will be at a Conference during the day*)
- 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

Today's Deacon: Jerry Talen

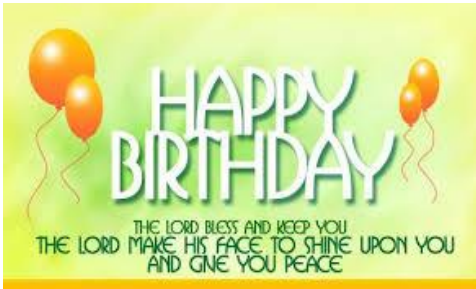
Ushers: Jim and Nancy Spears

October Altar Guild: Sherry and Jennifer Schmidt

November Altar Guild Sherry and Jennifer Schmidt

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (October 4, 2020)

General Fund	\$6,231.00
Future Building Expansion	340.00
Roof Repair Fund	125.00
ISJ Academy	75.00
Tessaro Ministry	125.00
Awning	500.00
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Total:	\$7,396.00



The flowers that adorn the Altar today are in praise and thanksgiving to God for **Marjie Weiss' 60th birthday on October 15th**. The flowers are given with hearts full of love for

Marjie by the entire Weiss family. May God bless you with a bounty of blessings as you enjoy your day!



Used Book Sale

ISJ Academy is collecting used children and adult books for a **used book sale** to kick off our reading incentive program.

If church members would like to donate books, they can be dropped off at the school **between now and October 6th**.

The Book Sale is Friday, October 9th, after school. ALL are welcome to buy books!

To register for worship, please go to:

1. Go to bit.ly/stjamesgr
2. Click on the worship service you wish to attend.
Worship Service – October 18, 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.

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.



**Trunks of
Treats** is
around the
corner.



AND WE NEED CARS!

Saturday, October 31

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

in the St. James church parking lot

TODAY is the registration DEADLINE.

Please call **Cindy (#363-4087) A.S.A.P.** so we can continue to go forward with planning. (purchasing giveaways for children and adults, advertising, etc).

We also need help around the church grounds and extra candy donations, **BUT, WE NEED CARS FIRST! Not enough have signed up yet!**

The Meijer “Simply Give” gift card program at Plainfield Meijer runs through **October 24.**

Life Quote for Sunday, October 11:

“Laws of the State clearly matter, and the message they send affects the mindset of society. But, if our battle cry for life begins on the abortion table, then we’ve waited too long to speak. If our efforts to model life end in the courtroom, then we’ve already lost our children. God help us; it’s time to ask ourselves if we speak life or whisper death.”

Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota



Dear family in Christ,
My heart smiles every time I get a card from one of you. I long for the day I can be with you again. Until that time, I want to thank you for thinking of me, praying for me and sharing the love of our Lord with me. It means a lot to know you care. I appreciate and love you all!

God Bless!
Betty Mosies

FRIENDS IN FAITH

Friends In Faith will meet in person on Sunday, **October 18, 2020**, following the worship service. Please follow the guidelines in place by wearing face masks and social distancing. Meeting will take place in the church basement unless indicated otherwise. Please contact Phyllis Schultz at 454-4062 or Mary Ward at 365-1019 with any questions or concerns.



If you would like to share the latest information your group or organization is doing, please e-mail your information to the church office this week at:

office@stjamesgr.com

Or leave a note on the office desk.

