

Grow ... Go ... Gather

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St. Luke, Evangelist

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

(please turn off your wifi)

The Preservice Music/Call to Worship/Welcome

(Please wear your mask when singing)

The Opening Hymn: LSB 527, "O Savior, Precious Savior"



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

LSB 151

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

A Song of Praise: "This is the Feast" LSB 155

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
 Almighty God, our Father, Your blessed
 Son called Luke the physician to be an

evangelist and physician of the soul. Grant that the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments may put to flight the diseases of our souls that with willing hearts we may ever love and serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:5–18

As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon. For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the

lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

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

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Hymn of the Day: LSB 518 sts. 1, 26, 3 "By All Your Saints in Warfare"

1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For
 2 For that be - lov'd phy - si - cian All
 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And

all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
 praise, whose Gos - pel shows The Heal - er of the
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the

Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For
 na - tions, The one who shares our woes. Your
 Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till

You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
 wine and oil, O Sav - ior, Up - on our spir - its
 all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the

crown; And now they shine in glo - ry
 pour, And with true balm of Gil - ead
 throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry

Re - flect - ed from Your throne.
 A - noint us ev - er - more.
 And praise to God a - lone.

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The Sermon



A Hymn: LSB 854, "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go"

1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly
 2 The task Thy wis - dom has as - signed, O let me
 3 Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my
 4 Give me to bear Thine eas - y yoke, And ev - 'ry
 5 For Thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy What - e'er Thy

la - bor to pur - sue, Thee, on - ly Thee, re -
 cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; In all my works Thy
 in - most sub - stance see, And la - bor on at
 mo - ment watch and pray, And still to things e -
 boun - teous grace has giv'n, And run my course with

solved to know In all I think or speak or do.
 pres - ence find, And prove Thy good and per - fect will.
 Thy com - mand, And of - fer all my works to Thee.
 ter - nal look, And has - ten to Thy glo - rious day.
 e - ven joy, And close - ly walk with Thee to heav'n.

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The Nicene Creed (158)

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the
prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church, I acknowledge one
Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look
for the resurrection of the dead and the life
✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

The General Prayer of the Church

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.**

A Song of Praise: "God So Loved" (We the Kingdom)

Verse 1

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

***For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever***

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Chorus 2

***For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world***

Bridge

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love **(2Xs)**

Chorus 2

***For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world***

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Announcements and Blessing for Facebook Worshippers

For
GOD
SO
Loved the World
that
HE
Gave
His
ONLY
SON
John 3:16

A Hymn: LSB 628, "Your Table I Approach"



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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The Words of Institution

The Agnus Dei LSB 163

**☐ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

The Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

The Post-Communion Canticle LSB 164

- C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and
proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His
people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia,
alleluia.

The Post-Communion Collect LSB 166

- P** Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source
of all goodness, who in loving-kindness
sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,
we thank You that for His sake You have
given us pardon and peace in this
Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake
Your children but always to rule our hearts
and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may
be enabled constantly to serve You;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

The Benediction LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and
be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

The Closing Hymn: LSB 587, "I Know My Faith is Founded"

1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,

God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -
 night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And
 grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let

moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -

fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man
 side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good
 par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -

wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with
 her - it As all You said holds true. In life and

all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And
 me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then
 death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where

trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
 I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
 I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

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COMMUNION

What do I do?



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. James Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as Jesus says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who:

- trust His words,
- repent of all sin,
- and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their spiritual harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed in this church, *any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, unrepentant of sin, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or deacon.*

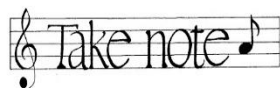
If you are unsure about receiving Holy Communion but desire to receive a blessing, we invite you to come forward at the time of Holy Communion to receive a blessing from Pastor Schaeffer. We ask that you cross your arms over your chest so that he knows you are not partaking of Holy Communion but desirous of a blessing.

NOTE: For those whose diets restrict the intake of gluten or alcohol, gluten free wafers are available as well as non-alcoholic wine. As Pastor Schaeffer is distributing the wafer, let him know you prefer a gluten free wafer. For those who require non-alcoholic wine, please take the purple foil individual cup as the deacon passes by you with the individual cup tray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: October 18-25, 2020

- TODAY:** 11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook Live
- Monday:** 10:00 a.m. Registration for **October 25**
Worship begins
6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion
- Tuesday:** 6:00 p.m. ISJ School Board Meeting
- Wed.:** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Darrell
12 Noon Devotion w/ Pastor Schaeffer on Facebook Live
- Thursday:** 6:00 p.m. **Adult Bells**
7:00 p.m. **Adult Choir**
- 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. Reformation Worship at St. James (for registered members) and on Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook



NOTE: **Pastor Schaeffer and Sandra are on vacation beginning Tuesday, October 20th, through Tuesday, October 27th.** If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact one of our Deacons:

Craig Popma 616-531-6481
Paul Bragenzer 231-758-0633
Bryan Ensing 616-589-6925
Jerry Talen 616-826-7342
Paul Tomasunas 616-260-9864
John Weiss 616-773-0805

Today's Deacons: Craig Popma and John Weiss
October Altar Guild: Sherry and Jennifer Schmidt

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (October 11, 2020)

General Fund	\$3,510.00
Plate Collection	175.00
Roof Repair Fund	25.00
ISJ Academy	75.00
<u>Memorials (Ardis & Weber)</u>	<u>115.00</u>
Total:	\$3,900.00

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.

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

FRIENDS IN FAITH

Friends In Faith will meet **TODAY**, following the worship service. Please follow the guidelines in place by wearing face masks and social distancing. The Meeting will take place in the church basement.



Our Trunks of Treats has 19 cars for October 31st!!

AND NOW, we need volunteers to help with

“crowd control” throughout the parking lot during the event. We will have the path for trick or treating clearly marked, but a few of us strategically placed will ensure everyone’s safety!

If you can volunteer during this outreach, even just one hour, **PLEASE let us know**

a.s.a.p. Contact Cindy: (648-7287 cell #) or email (mamatimes4@att.net) THANKS!

CHEESE!



If anyone is interested in taking pictures of our "guests" if they would like one, please contact Cindy to discuss details!
Thanks again!!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE:

October 18

“The Church has confessed from the beginning that each life is created by God, that human life is the supreme gift of the Creator. Human life is not given unconditionally but is given under the condition that we will be responsible for preserving it. The testimony that God respects life above all else is contained in the words of the Gospel: ‘For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life’ (John 3:16).”

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