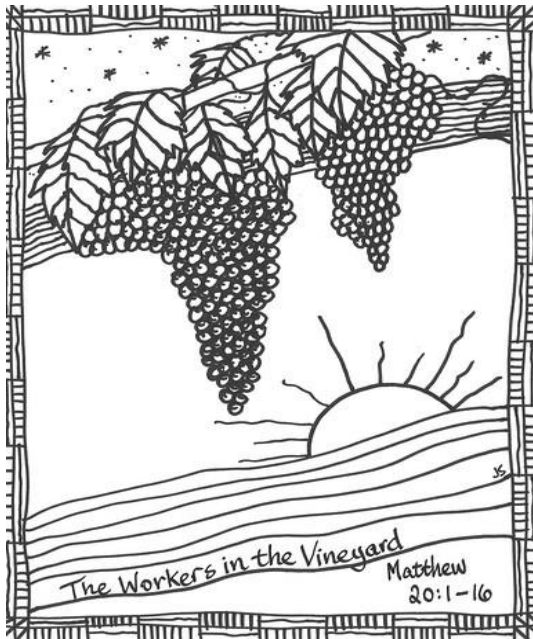


Grow ... Go ... Gather
September 20, 2020



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(LCMS)

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(Please turn off your wifi)

The Preservice Music/Call to Worship

The Welcome

(Please wear your masks when singing)

The Opening Hymn: 913 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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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 184

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

LSB 185

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Gloria Patri

LSB 186



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

LSB 186



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



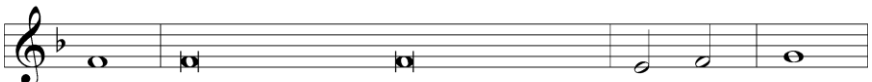
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

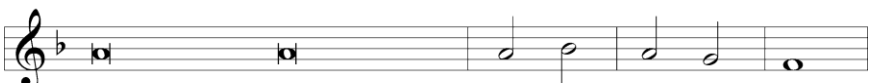
LSB 187



☐ Glory be to God on high: **☐** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.




O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.




O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



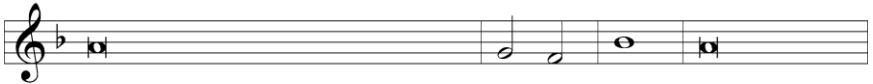
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



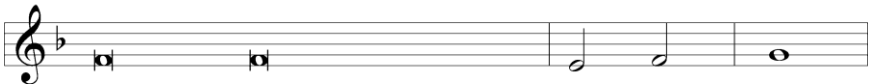
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 Scripture Lessons ✠

The Old Testament: Isaiah 55:6-9

“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have
compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the
LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my

body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the

third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

**C 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 Sermon Hymn: LSB 518 (verses 1, 25, 3)
“By All Your Saints in Warfare”



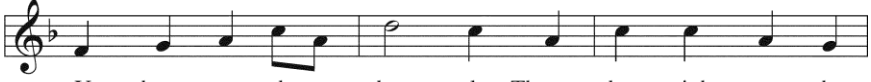
1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For
 2 Praise, Lord, for him whose Gos - pel Your
 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



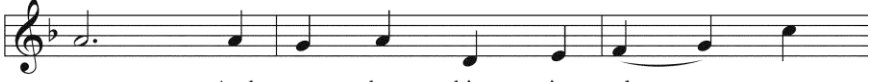
all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
 hu - man life de - clared, Who, world - ly gain for -
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



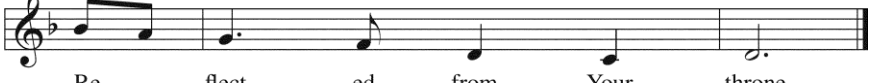
Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For
 sak - ing, Your path of suf - f'ring shared. From
 Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till



You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
 all un - righ - teous mam - mon, O raise our eyes a -
 all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the



crown; And now they shine in glo - ry
 new throne, That we in our vo - ca - tion
 throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry



Re - flect - ed and from Your throne.
 May rise and fol - low You.
 And praise to God a - lone.

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The Sermon

The General Prayer and 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 Hymn: LSB 712, "See Ye First"

Verse 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

Verse 2

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia

Verse 3

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you
Allelu alleluia

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***Announcements and
Benediction for Online Worshippers***

✠ The Service of Holy Communion ✠

A Communion Hymn: LSB 570, "Just As I Am, without One Plea"



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not To rid my
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

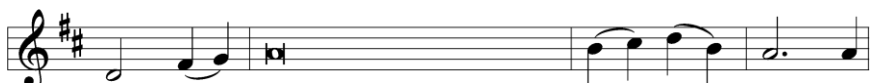
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The Words of Institution

The Distribution

The Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199




C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,




which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

The Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

A Post-Communion Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Salutation and Blessing

LSB 201-202

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**
P Bless we the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**



The Closing Hymn: LSB 920 "Forth In the Peace of Christ We Go"



1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
 4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;
 5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show



Christ to the world with joy we bring;
 King - ship with Him His ser - vants gain;
 This world of time to con - se - crate,
 Proph - ets are we whose deeds pro - claim
 That in His Church all na - tions find



Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
 With Christ the Ser - vant - Lord of all,
 This world of sin by grace to heal,
 Christ's truth in love that we may be
 Their hearth and home where Christ re - stores



Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.
 Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
 Christ's world in Christ to re - cre - ate.
 Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.
 True peace, true love to all man - kind.

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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: September 20 - 27, 2020

- TODAY:** **9:30 a.m.** Communion Worship service at St. James and on Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Bible study on **Facebook**
- Monday:** **10:00 a.m.** Registration for **September 27** Worship begins
6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion
- Wednesday:** **10:00 a.m.** Bible Study with Darrell
12 Noon Devotion w/ Pastor Schaeffer on Facebook Live
- 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 and Sandra return from vacation on Tuesday, September 22nd.

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



Welcome back and Thank You PASTOR BLAIN for presiding over our worship service this morning. We appreciate your service to us and to our Lord and Savior during your "retirement". God's blessings to you and Linda!

Today's Deacons: Bryan Ensing and Craig Popma

September Altar Guild: Melissa Ensing and Marjie Weiss

October Altar Guild: Sherry & Jennifer Schmidt

November Altar Guild is still available

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (September 13, 2020)

	<u>Offering</u>
General Fund	\$1,660.00
Roof Repair Fund	75.00
Plate Collection	2,610.00
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Total	\$4,345.00

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (September 6, 2020)

	<u>Offering</u>
General Fund	\$5,886.00
Future Building Expansion	50.00
Roof Repair Fund	75.00
Plate Collection	768.00
ISJ Tuition Relief	100.00
Tessaro Ministry Nigeria	25.00
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Total	\$6,904.00

Life Quote for Sunday, September 20: "The Adoption Creed: 'Not flesh of my flesh, nor bone of my bone, but still miraculously my own; never forget for a single minute, you didn't grow under my heart, but in it.'"



Please put your pew kneeler down when you are finished with worship. Thank you.

Trunks of Treats is around the corner. YES, **Trunks of Treats!** On **Saturday, October 31st**, from 2:30-4, St. James will be welcoming our neighborhood friends to the 2020 revised edition of this outreach. We want to assure our neighbors that St. James Lutheran Church is still open, active and here for them. **Details will be outlined in the October Newsletter, but please mark your calendar now!! Thank YOU!**



It is important to register every week.

1. Go to bit.ly/stjamesgr
2. Click on the worship service you wish to attend. **Worship Service – September 27, 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.



Meijer "Simply Give" Campaign

Meijer Corporation has launched another "Simply Give" program at its grocery stores to help alleviate hunger in West Michigan!

North End Community Ministry has been named as a recipient of this program from the **PLAINFIELD MEIJER** (3757 Plainfield NE). Simply go to the checkout register and ask to purchase a \$10 Simply Give gift card. A bar code is scanned and the amount is added to your bill. You will not receive a card. Meijer keeps a tally of "cards" sold and will distribute one check to NECM.

***This program runs through
Saturday, October 24th.***

Thank you for helping us to make this campaign a greater success. I am grateful for your continued faithful support on behalf of those we serve through **NECM** and keeping our food pantries well stocked!

Laura L. Castle
Executive Director
North End Community Ministry



Questions? Contact Social Ministry chair, Melissa Ensing at 447-8305.