

Grow ... Go ... Gather
August 8, 2021

*Generous
Grace*

*Our words and actions are living demonstrations
of God's GRACE to extend to each other.*

Ephesians 4:25-32

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(LCMS)**

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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
The Order of Service (Responsive Prayer #1)

(Please turn off your wifi)

Preservice Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: "Lift the High the Name of Jesus" (Getty)

Verse 1

Lift high the name of Jesus
Of Jesus our King
Make known the power of His grace
The beauty of His peace
Remember how His mercy reached
And we cried out to Him
He lifted us to solid ground
To freedom from our sin

Chorus

Oh sing my soul
And tell all He's done
'Til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory

Verse 2

Lift high the name of Jesus
Of Jesus our Lord
His pow'r in us is greater than
Is greater than this world
To share the reason for our hope
To serve with love and grace
That all who see Him shine through us
Might bring the Father praise **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

Lift high the name of Jesus
Of Jesus our Light
No other name on earth can save

Can raise us a soul to life
He opens up our eyes to see
The harvest He has grown
We labor in His fields of grace
As He leads sinners home **(Chorus)**

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The Opening Versicle

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

C 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: "Come to Jesus" (Chris Rice)

Verse 1

Weak and wounded sinner
Lost and left to die
O raise your head for Love is passin' by
Come to Jesus
Come to Jesus
Come to Jesus and live

Verse 2

Now your burden's lifted
And carried far away
And precious blood has washed away the stain
So sing to Jesus
Sing to Jesus
Sing to Jesus and live

Verse 3

Like a newborn baby
Don't be afraid to crawl
And remember when you walk sometimes we fall
So fall on Jesus
Fall on Jesus
Fall on Jesus and live

Verse 4

Sometimes the way is lonely

And steep and filled with pain
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain
Then cry to Jesus
Cry to Jesus
Cry to Jesus and live

Verse 5

O and when the love spills over
And music fills the night
And when you can't contain your joy inside
Then dance for Jesus
Dance for Jesus
Dance for Jesus and live

Verse 6

And with your final heartbeat
Kiss the world good-bye
Then go in peace and laugh on glory's side
And rise to Jesus
Rise to Jesus
Rise to Jesus and live
Rise to Jesus
Rise to Jesus
Rise to Jesus and live

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The Old Testament Lesson: *1 Kings 19:1–8*

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: "I Am the Bread of Life" (John Michael Talbot)

Chorus

I am the Bread of Life
All who eat this Bread will never die
I am God's love revealed
I am broken that you might be healed

Verse 1

All who eat of this heavenly Bread
All who drink this cup of the covenant
You will live forever
For I will raise you up **(Chorus)**

Verse 2

No one who comes to Me shall ever hunger again
No one who believes shall ever thirst
All that the Father draws shall come to Me
And I will give them rest **(Chorus)**

The Gospel Lesson: *John 6:35–51*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

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

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they

died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 616, “Baptismal Waters Cover Me”



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -
 2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y
 3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing
 4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd
 5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy
 bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him
 to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can
 speaks, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now
 hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
 all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.
 form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.
 stretch - es out, For - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
 strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

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The Sermon

Ephesians 4:17—5:2

This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Offering (During the offering we will sing LSB 529, "Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus")



1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Je - sus, Bears the name a -
 2 Since we have a priest who suf - fered, Know - ing weak - ness,
 3 Sac - ri - fice and suf - f'ring o - ver, Now He sits at
 4 Love's ex - am - ple, hope's at - trac - tion, Faith's be - gin - ning



bove all names, Reign - ing Son of God, sur - pass - ing
 tears, and pain, Who like us was tried and tempt - ed,
 God's right hand, Crowned with praise, no more an out - cast,
 and its end, Pi - o - neer of our sal - va - tion,



Oth - er ti - tles, pow'rs and claims— Since to heav'n our
 Un - like us, with - out a stain— Since He shared our
 His pre - em - i - nence long - planned; Such a great High
 Might - y ad - vo - cate and friend; Je - sus, high in



Lord has passed, Let us hold our wit - ness fast!
 low - ly place, Let us bold - ly seek His grace.
 Priest we have, Strong to help, su - preme to save.
 glo - ry raised, Our as - cend - ed Lord be praised!

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The Morning Litany *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

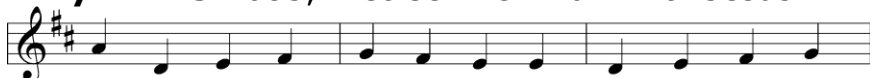
C **and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

P Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C **let my cry come to You.**

The General Prayer of the Church

A Hymn: LSB 685, "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa-ther's bid-ding. Faith-ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav-en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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The Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Morning Prayer

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.
 Amen.

The Benedicamus and Blessing

LSB 284

- 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 814, "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

- 5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for th'oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: August 8 – August 15

- TODAY:** **11:00 a.m.** Bible study on Facebook
 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
 11:00 a.m. Friends in Faith
- Monday:** **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship
 Service w/ Holy Communion
 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting
- Wed:** **Noon:** Devotional Boost w/ Pastor on
 Facebook
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Darrell at
 church
- Friday:** Pastor's Day off
- Saturday:** **8:30 a.m.** Men's Bible Breakfast
- Sunday:** **9:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB
 9:30 a.m. COMMUNION WORSHIP at
 St. James and on Facebook Live
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook

Those who serve Today:

- Deacon:** Bryan Ensing
Ushers: Dale & Grace Rosema, Orlin Bowman
Lector: Kelsey Butler

Those who serve August 15:

- Deacons:** Craig Popma and Bryan Ensing
Ushers: Jim & Nancy Spears, Ben & Ashley Johnson
Lector: Carol Bifulco

August Altar Guild: Suellen Pfannkuch and
Amanda Donigan

Directory Change: Judy Johnson has a new cell
phone number. It is 231-409-5993. Her land line
remains the same, 616-288-5520. Please make this
change in your church directory.

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: August 1, 2021

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| General Fund | \$5,775.00 |
| Future Building Expansion | 125.00 |
| Roof Repair Fund | 10.00 |
| Plate Collections | 1,130.00 |
| Tessaro Ministry Nigeria | 25.00 |
| <u>ISJ Academy</u> | <u>40.00</u> |
| Total: | \$7,105.00 |
| <u>On-line giving</u> | <u>562.80</u> |
| Total: | \$7,667.80 |



ISJ Academy is looking for after school care workers. This position is open to those interested in working with and supervising students through the week. This position would be five days a week for 4-5 hours each

day (2-6pm). We are looking for high school students, college students, retirees or anyone looking for a fun job. If you are interested, please contact Jen Welch at ecc@mychristianschool.com or call 363-0505.

JASON GRAY CONCERT IN GRAND RAPIDS AREA - FREE! The concert is **August 14** from 7-9 p.m. at the amphitheater in Walker Community Park (700 Cummins Ave NW). The Vine Church, a new LCMS church in the Grand Rapids area, is excited to bring Jason Gray to Walker and the people of Grand Rapids. The concert is **FREE** but donations to two fantastic not-for-profits that serve our city, Matthew's House Ministries and King's Table Ministries, will be appreciated. For more information visit <https://www.onthevinechurch.com/>.

BEST PRACTICES HEARTLAND DEADLINE IS AUGUST 15! Be sure to register soon for Best Practices Heartland, taking place September 19-21 at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth! With the goal of helping other congregations most effectively use their God-given gifts, the conference is free of charge to all who attend. [Register now!](#)

There is going to be a “**Creston after the Dark Street Party**” on **Saturday, September 11th**. As part of that “*party*” there will be a Resource Fair. ISJ Academy and St. James are planning to have a table at the “*Resource Fair*” so that we can make some connections with people in the community and promote our school and church and most importantly, witness of Christ. We need people to:

- Help set up and take down the table.
- Man the table for St. James from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. with the goal of interacting with people.

If interested, please speak with Pastor Schaeffer.



Confirmation meeting for All Children who are in Grades 7 and 8.

There will be a confirmation information meeting on **Tuesday, August 31st at 6:30 p.m.** at the church. All children of confirmation age (grades 7-8) and their parents are encouraged to attend. **This includes the 7th-8th graders at ISJ Academy who are also members of St. James.**



Parents!!! We are interested in providing a children’s education program this Fall. We want a program that you will use and that will solicit your involvement. Prior to the pandemic we had KIDZ TIME during the worship

service as Pastor preached his sermon. We also offered a Jr. Youth Bible study following the worship service. In addition, a family CIA (Christians in Action) group was hosted by the Urbanski’s and attended by several families. During the pandemic, Kim Urbanski and Carol Bifulco provided an on-line “Virtual KidzTime” Sunday School. You will find it located under “Connect” on our website, www.stjamesgr.com.

We are setting a meeting for **Sunday, August 29th following the church service** to discuss what our children’s ministry program will look like this Fall.