## We Grow ... We Go ... We Gather



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## The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 11, 2022

## Service of Prayer and Preaching (p. 260ff. in LSB)

The Preservice Music, The Call to Worship, \& Welcome

## The Opening Hymn: 906 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless, This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n, We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n-ly might, We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;


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## The Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C Teach me Your paths.
P Sanctify us in Your truth.
C Your Word is truth.
(P) From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
C 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.

The Old Testament Canticle




## The Collect of the Day

P Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

## The Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-24

(L) A reading from Ezekiel, the thirty-fourth chapter.
${ }^{11}$ "For thus says the Lord GoD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ${ }^{12}$ As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ${ }^{13}$ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ${ }^{14}$ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ${ }^{15}$ myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ${ }^{16}$ l will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ${ }^{17 \times A}$ As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ${ }^{18}$ Is it not
enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ${ }^{19}$ And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? 20"Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ${ }^{21}$ Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ${ }^{22}$ will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ${ }^{23}$ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ${ }^{24}$ And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken."
(L This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

## The Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:5-17

(L) A reading from 1 Timothy, the first chapter.
${ }^{5}$ The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ${ }^{6}$ Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ${ }^{7}$ desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. ${ }^{8}$ Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ${ }^{9}$ understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ${ }^{10}$ the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ${ }^{11}$ in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I
have been entrusted. ${ }^{12}$ I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ${ }^{13}$ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ${ }^{14}$ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ${ }^{15}$ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ${ }^{16}$ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ${ }^{17}$ To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.
(L) This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.
A Review of Luther's Small Catechism: The Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

A Hymn: 725 "Children of the Heavenly Father"


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The Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-10
${ }^{1}$ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ${ }^{2}$ And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ${ }^{3}$ So he told them this parable: 4"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ${ }^{5}$ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ${ }^{6}$ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ${ }^{7}$ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. 8"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ${ }^{9}$ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin
that I had lost.' ${ }^{10}$ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Sermon: Luke 15:1-10, "We Can't Let This One Get
Away" (Children, ages 3-8, are invited to participate in KIDZ Time during Pastor's sermon. They will return following his message.)

Offering (Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!)

A Hymn: 865 "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"


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The General Prayer of the Church \& 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.

A Hymn: "Living Hope" (Wickham)

Verse 1<br>How great the chasm that lay between us How high the mountain I could not climb In desperation I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness<br>Tore through the shadows of my soul<br>The work is finished the end is written Jesus Christ my living hope

## Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever Jesus Christ my living hope

## Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ my living hope (2 Xs)

## Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me (REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory (Chorus 2 Xs )

## Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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## Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

## Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
(P) The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the $\Psi$ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
C Amen.

## The Closing Hymn: 864 "Shepherd of Tender Youth"



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## The Announcements

## The Postlude

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Events of the Week: September 12-18, 2022

Today
Monday
Wednesday
Friday
Sunday:

6:00 p.m. LWML meeting
6:30 p.m. Communion service
7:30 p.m. Council meeting
10:00 a.m. Bible study (Darrell)
Pastor's Day off
8:00 a.m. Gizmo devo on FB
9:30 a.m. Worship service
11:00 a.m. Bible study
11:00 a.m. Knit/Crocheted Together in
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FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: September 4, 2022

| General Fund | 4854.85 |
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| Building Fund | 40.00 |
| ISJ Academy | 250.00 |
| TOTAL | 5144.85 |

## Announcements

Nursery Available: Parents, we have a nursery room that you can use during the service. There is a tablet with speakers located in the nursery that livestreams our worship service. If it is not operational, ask one of the ushers to help you turn it on.

KIDZ Time Starts TODAY: What is KIDZ Time? Children, pre-school age (starting at 3 years of age) through grade 2, are invited to attend KIDZ Time during Pastor Schaeffer's sermon. At KIDZ Time, the children learn a Bible story (we use Sunday school material from Concordia Publishing House), do a craft, and receive a snack. When Pastor Schaeffer's sermon is done, the children return to their families for the remainder of the service. We need volunteers for KIDZ Time. We need people who will teach, and we need people who will be present and help with the class. For safety reasons, we require two people to serve each KIDZ

Time. If you would like more information, please talk with Erin Reed or Christina Shourds.

Doesn't the new carpet in the sanctuary look great? We thank Brendan and Caleb Butler for installing the new carpet and we thank all who donated toward this sanctuary upgrade!

Join the LWML TONIGHT at 6:00 pm for a Bible Study on John 10:27. Marjie Weiss and Carol Bifulco will share highlights from their experiences as St. James' delegates to the LWML District Convention. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Together we will look ahead to the coming year's opportunities for service, enrichment, encouragement, and worship!

Diaper Time! During the month of September, we will be collecting diapers for the Grand Rapids Pregnancy Care Center. All diapers are needed but especially sizes 5 and 6. Please place the diapers in the container in the coatroom. Thank you!

An All Member 4 Week Bible study Begins the Week of October $\mathbf{1 6}^{\text {th }}$ What is an ALL-MEMBER Bible study? Our goal is to have $100 \%$ participation of all St. James' members. This might be a lofty goal ... and maybe it is ... but we urge every member to participate. If it has been a few years since you attended a Bible study, be assured that this study will be a pleasant reintroduction to the study of God's Word.

The four-week Bible study will focus on four aspects of our life of Christian discipleship:

- Praise (Week of October $16^{\text {th }}$ )
- Ponder (Week of October 23 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ )
- Pray (Week of October $30^{\text {th }}$ )
- Proclaim (Week of November 6)

This Bible study is authored by Sandra Schaeffer and the Bible study facilitators will be laypeople.

We hope to offer the Bible study at different days and times of the week, beginning with a Sunday morning Bible study, but that will depend on how many laypeople can be recruited to facilitate the study.

Please, make it your priority to attend this study of the "Four 'Ps' of Christian Discipleship."

Would you like to serve as a lector, that is, a person who reads the Old Testament and Epistle lessons on Sunday morning? If so, please see the sign-up sheet on the table by the church office and select a Sunday. One Sunday remains open: October 30 (Reformation Sunday).

Our choirs begin Thursday, September 22 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$. If you have a love of singing or are interested in ringing, we would love to have you join us! Our adult bell choir meets on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and our singing choir meets immediately afterwards at $7: 15 \mathrm{pm}$. No experience is necessary! If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Beth McKay at 616-304-5536.

For those of us who are retired, it is sometimes difficult to find something to spend our spare time on. May I suggest that if you find yourself with this dilemma on Wednesday mornings, we would love to have you join us at our Bible study class. We meet every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the church. We are currently discussing the conflict between science and religion in our society. A very interesting and timely topic. We hope you will be able to join us. And, of course, non-retirees are invited to join us too! © - Darrell Pfannkuch

## Please Attend the Lifetime Plan for Giving Workshop: Sunday, October $9^{\text {th }}$ at St. James.

What is the Lifetime Plan for Giving? Many people want to provide for the people and ministries they care about but don't know how to get started. Lifetime Plan for Giving is a process offered by the LCMS Foundation to assist you in transferring the blessings God has given you to your family and favorite ministries in the most efficient manner.

How does the process work?
Julie Burgess, gift planning counselor in Michigan, will be at St. James Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 9.
Starting at 1:00 pm (to around 2:30 p.m.), Julie will share information about planned giving for your estate plan. Going through the Lifetime Plan for Giving is a four-step process that will assist you in either reviewing your current plan or starting your estate planning. Julie will walk you through these steps and there is no charge for her services. Adults of all ages are encouraged to attend this informational presentation. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to schedule a private and confidential meeting with Julie to review your current plan.

There will also be a pizza lunch served from noon to 12:45 p.m. Please sign up for the lunch. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Room along with an information sheet about the "Lifetime Plan for Giving."

Knit/Crocheted Together in Love Sponsored by LWML

- Where: St. James Lutheran Church First Floor Classroom
- When: Sunday, September 18, 2022, 10:45 am 1:00pm
- Who: Anyone, ages 13 and up interested in: 1. learning the basics of knitting/crocheting; 2.
advancing knitting/crocheting skills; 3 . sharing knitting/crocheting skills and patterns; 4 . visiting with others while working on own project; 5, fun and Christian fellowship
- What to bring: Your own snack/lunch; Knitting needles or crochet hook if you have one. If not, we will have one for you to use. Yarn, if you have some. If not, we will have some for you.
- How to sign-up: No need to sign-up. Just come.

St. James is looking for a partime secretary to do the Sunday bulletin, the monthly newsletter, and updating of basic records (e.g., worship and communion attendance; church roster). If interested, please speak with Pastor Schaeffer.

Portals of Prayer (October - December), regular and large print, are available on the table in the foyer by the church office.

ISJ has some Scrip cards available for sale. If you are interested, please see Carol Bifulco and she will place your order and have the cards for you next Sunday. There is a list of available cards on the bulletin board in the Gathering room. Feel free to ask Carol if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

Take a Stand for the Life of the Unborn Child. The Life Chain will be Sunday, October 2 from 2:00-2:3:30 p.m. Participants will stand along $44^{\text {th }}$ Street between Breton Road and Ivanrest Ave. More information about the Life Chain can be found on the information sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

SECOND BEST SALE -- Friends in Faith is having a DROPOFF date of Saturday Sept. 17 and Oct. 1 at church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All large items are to be brought that day due our inability to store them. No mattresses, box springs, analog (tube type TVs), nursery furniture, medical items or any items that are not usable and saleable are accepted. Members of Friends in Faith will be here to unload your car and take everything into church for you! How great is that!?! We ask that clothing be clean and gently used. Smaller items can be brought to the church any time the church is open. Please call the church office to ensure that someone is at the church. If items need to be brought sooner or if you have any questions, please contact Walt at 970-7407 or Dale Rosema 262-1390.
Volunteers are needed on Sunday, October 2 after worship to set up tables and to sort the items for the sale. Volunteers are needed Monday and Tuesday for sorting and pricing. They are also needed for Thursday through Saturday to assist customers and clean-up on Saturday. It's a great time to get to know each other and help support our Youth and Church functions. Work for an hour or enjoy the 9-4 day with everyone. A sign-up sheet will be at the entrance by the office. If you have any questions, please see Walt Kryzanowski or Dale Rosema

October 6th -8th is the sale<br>Thursday ,9:00am-4:00pm<br>Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm<br>Saturday, 9:00am-12:00pm

## Those who serve Today:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer
The Lector: Miss Amber Streeter
Organist: Beth McKay
Deacons: Jerry Talen
Ushers: Walt and Karen Kryzanowski
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July Altar Guild: Marjie Weiss and Melissa Ensing


