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The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 2023

The Divine Service, Setting One (LSB p.151)

The Preservice Music, Call to Worship & Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: 794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised

The Invocation, Confession and Absolution LSB 151

The Introit

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Psalm 89:15-18; antiphon: v. 1

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;* with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,* who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face, who exult in your name | all the day* and in your righteousness are ex- | alted. For you are the glory | of their strength;* by your favor our horn is ex- | alted. For our shield belongs | to the LORD,* our king to the Holy One of | Israel. Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen. I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;* with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Kyrie	LSB 152
Gloria in Excelsis	LSB 154

The Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 28:5–9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

A This is the Word of the Lord.



The Epistle Reading

Romans 7:14-25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel Reading

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁴[Jesus said:] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (p. 158-159)

Hymn of the Day: 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Sermon

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!)

Prayer of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Lift 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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Announcements and Blessing for Online Worshippers

Service of the Sacrament (pp. 160)

Distribution Hymn: 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Hymn to Depart: 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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This Week at St. James

Today (7/2)	Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM Worship – 9:30 AM Bible Study – 11:00 AM
Friday (7/7)	Pastors Day Off - 9:00 AM
Saturday (7/8)	Men's Breakfast - 8:30 AM
Sunday (7/9)	Gizmo on FB - 8:00 AM Worship - 9:30 AM Bible Study - 11:00 AM F.I.F Meeting - 11:00 AM

Looking Ahead

Serving Today (7/2)

Officiant	
Lector	Cindy McAuliffe
	Beth McKay
	Jerry Talen / Bryan Ensing
	Walt and Karen Kryzanowski / Caleb Butler
	Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
July Altar Guild	Phyllis Schultz

Serving Next Sunday (7/9)

Financial Discipleship:	June 25/26, 2023
General Fund	\$2,387.00
Needed each week for budget	\$5,769.00 (-\$3382.00)
Tessaro Ministry	\$10.00
TOTAL Contributions	\$2,397.00

Announcements

<u>"We preach Christ Crucified"</u> is the five-week Bible study. In today's lesson we will look at "The Foolish Congregation" All are welcome to attend. If you happen to miss one or two weeks of the study, no worries! The Holy Spirit will bless you every time you study His Word! And you will receive a handout with all five lessons so that you can work through the material on your own if you are unable to attend in person.

<u>Portals of Pray:</u> The new issue of Portals of Prayer can be found on the table in the lobby. Please help yourself and take one to share.

Study Jesus' Parables with Pastor Schaeffer! When we read the Gospels, we see the wonderful things our Savior has done for us. We see His perfect life, His innocent death, and His glorious resurrection. We know that He did all this for us and saved us by His work. We see another facet of His ministry as well when we read the Gospels: we see Him as teacher. One of the common teaching methods He used was the parable. Some of our favorite Bible stories may be parables. Pastor Schaeffer will begin a 12-week study of some of Jesus' most beloved parables starting July 16th. Some of the parables we will study include: The Prodigal Son, the Sower, the Rich Fool, the Good Samaritan, and the Ten Virgins, among others. The study will take place on Sunday mornings following the worship service. We will also make the study available on Zoom for those who may be unable to attend in person but want to participate in it. You will need to let Pastor know that you want to be part of the Zoom community so that he can email you a link every week. The study will also be recorded and posted to our St. James' website, so you can watch it when you have time to do so.

<u>All men are invited to our Bible study</u>/breakfast on Saturday, July 8th. It begins at 8:30 a.m. and wraps up around 10:00 a.m. Please RSVP to Pastor so he knows how much food needs to be prepared.

<u>Painters Needed</u>: ISJ needs some of the classrooms painted. Please contact Dale Rosema if you are willing to help.



Mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 15th from 6-8 pm! This is the day St. James will presents the 2023 Back to School Block Party:

Start the School Year ... on the Right Note

The event will center on the theme of Psalm 96:1 "Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth."

Plan now to join in the fun! Sign up to help serve hot dogs and ice cream. Sign up to help with the obstacle course, games, crafts, and music. Sign up to bake cookies for the cookie walk. You can also help with the event by purchasing back packs and school supplies which will be used as game prizes. Stay tuned for further details!

A Statement on Holy Communion

We rejoice in the celebration of the LORD'S Supper as the Lord Jesus comes to us in a very personal manner, giving to us His true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, "*A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself*." (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) It is out of love and care for every individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to refrain from attending the Lord's Supper.

Members of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations, who:

- Repent of their sin;
- Believe in Jesus as their Savior;
- Trust that they are receiving, not only bread and wine, but also the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of their sins; and
- Intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as forgiven sinners resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the newness of life;

are invited to partake of this Holy Meal with us. We request that ALL guests who desire to commune, kindly speak to the Pastor before the service.

If you prefer to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion, please do so. We ask that you cross your arms over your chest so that Pastor knows you want to receive a blessing.

NOTE: We provide gluten-free communion host and non-alcohol grape juice. Just let Pastor and/or the assistants know when you come for Holy Communion.