

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 119:65-72

⁶⁵You have dealt well with your servant,
O LORD, according to your word.
⁶⁶Teach me good judgment and knowledge,
for I believe in your commandments.
⁶⁷Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I keep your word.
⁶⁸You are good and do good;
teach me your statutes.
⁶⁹The insolent smear me with lies,
but with my whole heart I keep your precepts;
⁷⁰their heart is unfeeling like fat,
but I delight in your law.
⁷¹It is good for me that I was afflicted,
that I might learn your statutes.
⁷²The law of your mouth is better to me
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring – not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s

womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 9: 9-13

P A reading from Matthew, Chapter 9

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Morning Prayer

Preservice Music, Call to
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Hymns and Songs

#689..... Let Me be Thine Forever

Back of Bulletin.... 10,000 Reasons
(Redman)

#702. My Faith Looks Up to Thee

#936..... Sing Praise to the God of
Israel

#917... Savior, Again to Thy Dear
Name We Raise

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Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church!

Here is where Jesus answers His promise to be with us always, by coming to us in His living and active Word and the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood.

Parents of Small Children:

We are very happy that you are here today, honoring Our Lord's Words: "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk. 18:16). If you feel you must step out with a fussy child, please hurry back! Like Jesus, we want your children in the Divine Service, not out.

Visitors:

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Schaeffer! We hope you'll come to Gathering Room after the service for refreshments.

Who may Commune at St. James?

The Sacrament of the Altar is offered at St. James every first, third, and fifth Sunday. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, or have not communed at St. James before, please speak with the Pastor or a Deacon before the service begins.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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