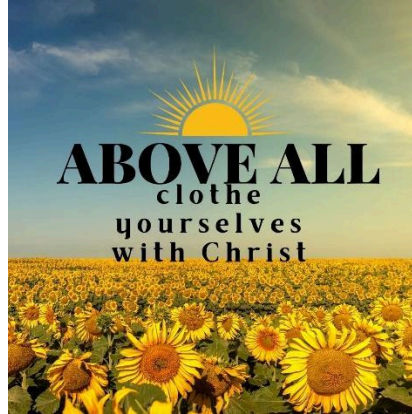


ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
JUNE 9, 2024 9 AM
3rd Sunday After Pentecost
“The Clothing of a Christian”



Summer often brings vacations, travels, and opportunities to step out of the busyness of our daily lives. We visit with family and friends, encounter new places and experiences, and enjoy rest and relaxation. Today, we celebrate the rest, recreation, and renewal of summer through Scripture and song. And we celebrate and praise our God, who gives us this gift and guides us in all of our journeys.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all you people! Come from east and west, north and south!

Come across bridges, come along streets, come by car, bike, or foot!

Come! We are delighted that you are here!

We are here to sing, to pray, to greet, to wonder, to give thanks.

So let us worship God.

In the name of Christ. Amen!

OPENING HYMN *Kyrie Eleison*

Refrain: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

2 That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

3 For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

4 For your spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

GREETING

The God who created space and time, journeyed with us in human form, and travels with us still,
be with you all. **And also with you.**

OPENING LITANY

We are God's beloved people!

Called to lives of kindness, humility and compassion!

God seeks to clothe us with love and to bind us together in harmony.

God desires that we bear with one another and forgive as Christ forgives.

We are God's beloved people!

Called to enjoy the gifts of our Creator and participate in the ongoing act of recreation and re-creation.

God seeks to clothe us with Sabbath rest and renewal so that we may reconnect with God, with creation, with one another, and with the world.

We find renewal in our worship, in our quiet times, in our travels, and in our rest.

Let us worship the God who binds everything together in perfect harmony!

We worship the God who calls us beloved! Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us when we travel. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SONG *In the Garden*

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses

CHORUS: And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing CHORUS

I'd stay in the garden with Him
'Tho the night around me be falling
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling CHORUS

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:1-8

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps watch over you will not fall asleep.

⁴**He who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil; it is he who will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 6:10-17

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; ¹¹put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, ¹²for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and

put on the breastplate of righteousness¹⁵ and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace.¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING Luke 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's^[1] feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SONG *Oceans*

You call me out upon the waters
the great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
in oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus: And I will call upon Your name. And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise...

My soul will rest in Your embrace. For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters; your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
you've never failed and you won't start now. *Chorus*

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders.
Let me walk upon the waters Wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
and my faith will be made stronger,
In the presence of my Savior (*repeat several times*) *Chorus*

SERMON

Hymn *Go, My Children, With My Blessing* #543

1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

BLESSING OF BIKES AND OTHER WHEELED THINGS *At this time, you are invited to bring your bicycles and other wheeled recreational items forward or stand with them.*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel: When the living creatures moved, the wheels moved beside them; and when the living creatures rose from the earth, the wheels rose. Wherever the spirit would go, they went, and the wheels rose along with them; for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. When they moved, the others moved; when they stopped, the others stopped; and when they rose from the earth, the wheels rose along with them; for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. (*Ezek. 1:19-21*)

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

We give you thanks for warm weather and time to play in your delightful creation.

You are with us on our way to work, to the pool, around the neighborhood, and across town.

We give you thanks for wheels that are fast and helmets that protect.

You are with us in the whoosh of the wind and the pop of the wheel.

We give you thanks for friends and companions as we ride.

You are with us in our laughter, in our races, and in our friendships.

God of play and transport, we are thrilled to be able to experience your world from the seat of our motorcycles and bicycles, from our skateboards and scooters and rollerblades. Keep those who ride mindful of cars and animals, rocks on the trails, and rounding corners. Keep those who drive aware of speedy bicycles, new riders wavering in their steadiness, and the tenderness of training wheels.

Bless these wheels that they would move us from place to place safely. Bless the helmets that we wear that they would protect us if we fall and be a sign to those around us that we value the life you have given us. Be the wind at our back and the strength to push up a hill. Grant us safe travel throughout our days and guide us safely home each night. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

PRAYERS: God of the journey, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

SONG *(During offering) Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

OFFERING PRAYER

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you guide our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and travel with us in our work, our service, our recreation, and our rest; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION: *Communion will be brought to you in your chairs or at your car. Communion is served in pre-filled cups. Both wine and grape juice are available. Grape Juice is in the dish in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. All are welcome to this feast of God's grace!*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Thrive*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray: **God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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BLESSING

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be ever at your back.

May all your journeying be joyous. And until we meet again, may God hold you and the wheels you travel with, in the palm of God's hand. Go in peace and safety. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *My Lighthouse*

In my wrestling and in my doubts In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh. You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go. In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh. You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse,
Shining in the darkness I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise. You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings, With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh. You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness I will follow You oh
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I will trust the promise. You will carry me safe to shore
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ goes with you.
Thanks be to God.

Announcements

St. James Softball: Friday June 14th, 6:30 PM on Diamond 1 Come and cheer for our St. James softball team as they take on River City Church!

VBS Registration Forms Available Now in the June Journal and in This Bulletin! St. James will be hosting a joint VBS with St. Paul and Our Saviours from July 22-25th. Registration forms are in the June Journal, in this bulletin, and also available in the office. VOLUNTEERS are also needed! Please fill out the volunteer section on the VBS registration forms or call the office!

****ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY NUEHRING****

Calendar

Tuesday, June 11th: Do-Days 9 am
Wednesday, June 12th: Men's Breakfast 7 am
Friday June 14th: St James Softball 6:30 pm Diamond 1
Sunday, June 16th, Holy Laughter Sunday

VBS REGISTRATION FORM

July 22-25 2024 5-8 pm

Join us for a joint vacation bible school with
St. Paul , St. James and Our Saviour's
Lutheran Churches!



Names and Ages of Children

Parents' Names

Address

Permission to take
photos of children?

YES

NO

Phone Number

E-Mail

List food allergies here

VOLUNTEER REGISTRAION FORM

Would you Like to Volunteer to help with any of the following things?

Leading
groups

Food

Decorating

Name

Phone Number

E-Mail
