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JAMES 1:22





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“As followers of Jesus, we serve our neighbors locally and globally.”

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Largo & Allegro (Sonata in F Major)* – Benedetto Marcello
Jessica Kistler, flutist

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All who are able, please stand and face the baptismal font at the front of the church. Throughout this worship folder, the text in **bold type** is said by the congregation.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and prayer

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

HYMN #824: *This Is My Father's World* TERRA PATRIS

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

GLORIA (*Glory Be to God in Heaven*) (music on p. 204 ELW Setting 10)

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;

Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.

For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (*printed on back cover*)

The congregation is seated. At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

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

PSALM 15 *The psalm is spoken responsively.*

¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst
the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27 (*printed on back cover*)

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(music on p. 205 ELW Setting 10)

The congregation stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (printed on back cover)

Prior to the reading of the Holy Gospel, the following is said:

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:

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

SERMON

The congregation is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY #557: *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun* MORNING HYMN

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

Each petition concludes: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The congregation responds: Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,

"Peace be with you" or similar words. At the conclusion of the Peace, the congregation is seated.

SOLO: *Saraband (Sonata No. 8)* – Arcangelo Corelli

Jessica Kistler, flutist

OFFERTORY HYMN #467: *We Place upon Your Table, Lord* DISTRESS (stanzas 1 & 3)

As the offering is presented, the congregation stands to sing the offertory hymn.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The presiding minister continues with the proper Preface. At the conclusion of the Preface, the congregation sings the Sanctus.

SANCTUS (*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*)

(*music on p. 207 ELW Setting 10*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The congregation responds. Amen.

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.

FRACTION

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup we share the blood of Christ.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI (*O Lamb of God*)

(*music on p. 208 ELW Setting 10*)

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save:
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave:
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made:
give us your peace, we pray.**

COMMUNION

The congregation is seated. Lutherans teach that Christ is truly present with, in, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We commune by pouring chalice. Please take an empty cup before going to the rail. (The pre-filled cups contain grape juice.) Those who wish to receive only a blessing at the altar should indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. As the ministers distribute the elements, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Each person may respond: Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC: *Lent et Triste* – Erik Satie
Jessica Kistler, flutist

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift of faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN #534: *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name* ELLERS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Fughetta in D Minor* – Edmond Lemaigre

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God.

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

Vicar	Philip J. Supeck
Organist	Roger Kurtz
Asst. Minister/Lector	Zachary Fetter
Altar Guild	Jean Slaymaker
Acolyte	Joyce Burkholder
Ushers	Claude Grube, Andy Anderson, Charles Sweigart Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We extend our appreciation to Jessica Kistler, guest flutist, for sharing her musical gifts this morning.

VICAR'S OFFICE HOURS

Vicar Philip Supeck will be holding office hours at Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Out of office visitation and meetings may occur on these days so be sure to call the Church Office to check his availability and to schedule an appointment prior to your arrival. His preferred email is jlcpastr@ptd.net. If you require immediate emergency assistance outside of these times, please contact Vicar Philip at 717.725.3429 and leave a message. Your calls will be returned at Vicar Philip's earliest convenience.

Reminder Dates

Fellowship 9:00 am, Adult Forum 9:30am and Worship Service at 10:30 am on Sunday, September 1. Choir Rehearsal on Thursday, September 5 at 7pm.

Polka Mass at BULC on Sunday, September 15 at 10am. This will be a combined service with BULC. Rothsville Community Day on Saturday, September 21. Volunteers needed. Speak to Ken Craley directly or call 717-625-3848 or 717-875-8603. More information in September Newsletter.

Zachary Fetter will be back leading Adult Forum starting September 22 at 9am. We will be discussing the Gospel Readings from Mark. All are welcome to join us! Schedule in September Newsletter.

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Office Administrator will be in the office on Thursdays 10am to 5pm and Fridays 10am to 6pm.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY

Join Us on September 8th at 9:30am to assemble personal care and school kits for Lutheran World Relief and Christmas satchels for the Seafarer's International House!

POLKA MASS

Polka Mass at BULC on Sept. 15 at 10am. Jerusalem is invited to this event. Following worship, there will be a picnic lunch in Brickerville's Fellowship Hall. Hot dogs, BBQ, mac & cheese, drinks, cake and place-settings provided. There is a sign-up sheet out in the narthex for those who plan to attend. Please bring a side dish like types of desserts, fresh fruit, salad with condiments, etc. Come and meet Vicar Philip Supeck. There is NO service at Jerusalem that day. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors.

MUSIC NOTES:

The text of the Hymn of the Day ("Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun" – *ELW* #557) was written by Thomas Ken (1637-1711), an Anglican priest who became Bishop of Bath and Wells in 1685. Ken wrote this hymn at a time when the established church believed only scripture should be sung as hymns, with an emphasis on the Psalms. Writing new lyrics for church music was considered blasphemous – akin to adding to the scriptures. Ken wrote this and several other hymns for the boys at Winchester College with strict instructions that they use them only in their rooms for private devotions. Ironically, the last stanza of "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun" has come into widespread use as the Doxology, perhaps the most frequently used piece of music in Protestant public worship. At Ken's request, the hymn was sung at his funeral – fittingly held at sunrise.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Psalms 15**SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look

at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines."

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile . . .

²¹"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 7:24-37.

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