

## Invocation

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 46:1-2, 4-5, 10, 11*

- L** God is our refuge and strength,  
**C** **an ever-present help in trouble.**  
**L** Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
**C** **and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**  
**L** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
**C** **the holy place where the Most High dwells.**  
**L** God is within her, she will not fall;  
**C** **God will help her when morning dawns.**
- L** He says, "Be still, and know that I am God."  
**C** **The Lord Almighty is with us.**

- 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.**

### Opening Song: "Come, Lord Jesus, Come"

*On-Line Worship)*

Come, Lord Jesus, Come (repeat 3x)

Fill this place (repeat 4x)

With Your love, Lord Jesus, Come  
Come, Lord Jesus, Come (repeat 2x)

Fill this place (repeat 4x)

With Your love, Lord Jesus, Come  
Come, Lord Jesus, Come (repeat 3x)

### Epistle Reading

*James 1:17-21*

<sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. <sup>21</sup>Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

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

### Gospel Reading

*John 15:1-9*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask

whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Prayer of the Day

**L** We are Your grape-branches, O God, our vinedresser,

**C** **branches growing out from Christ, the true vine.**

**L** And You tend us, not so that we would bear mere leaves,

**C** **but that we would bear fruit.**

**L** Lift us up and also prune us, Father - we trust You.

**C** **But especially, move us to abide in Christ;**

**L** help us to spend relationship time with Him.

**C** **Then we will bear the fruit You seek,**

**L** Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now,

**C** **and forever. Amen.**

### Sermon Song: "In Christ Alone"

*(On-Line Worship)*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

## Sermon: Red Letter Challenge - Being

### Response to the Word

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

### Apostles' Creed

- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayer of the Church

#### Offering

#### Electronic Offering Message

*Currently, the offering plate will not be passed. There is a plate in the Narthex for you to place your offering. During the outdoor services, an offering box is on a table as you enter the tented area. You may give to God and the work of His Church by mailing them in, but you can also give electronically using the Church App (see "Pushpay button"), or Simply Giving or PayPal.*

#### Offering Prayer

- L** *Merciful Father,*
- C** **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us-  
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of Him Who offered Himself for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

#### Exhortation

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to lift us up, cleanse and forgive us.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** we confess that we are in bondage 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 abide in Your Son and bear the good fruit  
You seek, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

### Absolution

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Closing Song: "You Are My All in All"

*(On-Line Worship)*

[Verse 1]

You are my strength when I am weak

You are the treasure that I seek

You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jewel

Lord to give up I'd be a fool

You are my all in all

[Chorus]

Jesus Lamb of God

Worthy is Your name

Jesus Lamb of God

Worthy is Your name

[Verse 2]

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame

Rising again I bless Your name

You are my all in all

When I fall down You pick me up

When I am dry You fill my cup

You are my all in all [Chorus]

Chorus

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### Benediction

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### Announcements

**Eighth Grade Confirmation Students Receiving Holy Communion**

**Today at 1:00 p.m.**

Craig Biazzo  
Ryan Cusumano  
Brett Dixon  
Hope Dubon  
Ryan Geary  
Ryan Griffin  
Addison Hallaran  
Caroline Hartmann  
Zach Ingold  
Luke Johner  
Maggie Karika  
Jack Kozak  
Emma Larsen  
Samantha McGarrity  
Timothy Model  
Dylan Reinard  
Cole Schmideler  
Jake Spring  
Katelyn Steffens  
Julia Wadsworth  
Billy Weyer

**St. James Lutheran, a Giving People:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** have been given:

In honor of the Marriage of Brittany Gregor and Michael Spear on Saturday  
September 26, 2020. From Mom, Dad and Grandma.

**TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS:** Call Connie Marohn at 862-7123 after you have signed up for your requested date in the Altar Flower Book in the Narthex. Please use an Altar Guild envelope located in the Narthex to place your check for \$25.00 for *each* Bouquet payable to St. James Lutheran Church Flowers and the wording you wish printed in the bulletin. Place envelope into the offering plate or mail to 230 Second Ave., NY 11780. Envelopes must be received by Monday for the subsequent weekend.

**MAILING LIST/HOUSEHOLD INFO. FORM:** Please help us to update our database and church mailing list! There are copies of Family Household Information forms in the Narthex. If you've had any changes in your household over the past few years, please complete a form, put it in the envelope provided and either drop it in with your offering, or mail to 230 Second Ave., NY 11780.

**Other Announcements:**

**GRIEFSHARE:** is now meeting at 9:30AM on Wednesdays in the Multipurpose Room (formerly Youth Room). The 13-week program is a bereavement support group for those seeking help and encouragement following the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Each session will include an information-packed video featuring leading grief recovery experts, a group discussion about the video content and a workbook for journaling and personal study that reinforces the weekly session topics. **GriefShare** is offered free of charge to all members of the community seeking Christ-centered bereavement support and a warm, caring group "oasis" during their long journeys through grief. It is Bible-based and underwritten by a generous grant from St. James Funeral Home. Contact Deacon **Jim Lundgren** (jameslundgren48@gmail.com) or Care Giver **Bonnie Spiegel** (ladybon@optimum.net) for additional information or to register for **GriefShare**. Complete information is available from Jim or Bonnie, or online at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for people to volunteer to be on our **Tech Team** at STJLC. Our online worship opportunities are going very well, and we need more people to help make them even better! No prior experience is necessary, but people who work well with computers would be ideal team members. You will be trained in all aspects of the position. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please email DCE Ryan Howard at ryan@stjlc.com. Thank you!

**THANKS TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 349**, who conducted service project hours at Church on Sat 9/19/20. Service project coordination was organized by Scout Jayden Mayer.

**EAGLE SCOUT FUNDRAISER:** St James Lutheran member, Jack Irmischer is raising money for his Eagle Scout Car wash fundraiser on Saturday, Oct 10th, 9 am-3 pm in the Church Parking Lot. Tickets may be purchased in the Narthex where he will have a "Trust Station" set up. A minimum donation of \$10 per vehicle would be appreciated. All funds will go to the materials for the project that will benefit the church that his family has been a part of for generations. He will renovate the storage room to the right of the Parish Hall stage: clean out, paint walls and stain storage cabinets, and install 4-6 metal rack systems for supplies. In addition, Jack wanted to give back to his Youth Group by installing an awning behind the Church Office/Youth Building to provide a safe, shaded area behind the fenced-in property, hoping that the youth members will enjoy a comfortable area for their studies. Please bring your car(s) and/or give a donation!

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Friday, 10/2, 3:30-8 pm, at St. James Episcopal Church, Mills Hall, 490 N. Country Rd. St. James, NY 11780. Call Michelle Torres at 646-983-0661 for more information.

**UPDATE OF THE SMITHTOWN FOOD PANTRY:** The Smithtown Food Pantry will be opening on Tuesday, October 6th, 2020. Beginning small, we will continue to serve our clients and collect donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 am-12. Thanks to the generosity of the community, Pat and church coordinators were able to mail over 900 grocery cards since last April to our clients throughout this pandemic. Their appreciation and gratitude was both sincere and emotional. Some called the pantry and left messages to express their thanks, some wrote thank you notes and even one sent us a box of masks. Monetary donations from the community will continue to be used to purchase food, meat, milk and eggs. Checks can be made out to Smithtown Food Pantry, P.O.Box 1663, Smithtown, NY 11787 Fr. John Jeffrey Purchal of St. Thomas of Canterbury, has kindly offered us the use of the whole annex building. Using this along with the pantry will give us the necessary space to distance from each other and clients. If you wish to volunteer at the pantry to serve our community, please contact Pat Westlake by her cell phone ((516-445-5597) or Email address (smithtownpantry@optonline.net). Wearing masks is mandatory on the church grounds. If you are high risk or have been sick or near a sick person, please do not help at this time. Your temperature will be taken and a contact tracing form will be required. Rubber gloves, masks, sanitizer and wipes are available at the pantry. You can bring the following items to the annex during the new pantry hours. Food drives CANNOT be planned at this time. \*(peanut butter, jelly, soups, mac/cheese, tuna, tomato sauce, pasta, canned chicken, canned fruit, canned chili, canned ravioli/ spaghetti,,canned/instant potatoes, canned vegetable, spam. cereal, and rice).As the pantry reopens, there will no licenses of clients checked. Their names, town and phone number will be recorded. Pre-packaged bags of food will be distributed in a drive-by manner with little or no contact. We are already brainstorming ideas for how to deal with the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Thank you all for your continued support of the Smithtown Food Pantry. We are here to give to our community because of your generosity. God Bless. With Gratitude, Smithtown Food Pantry

### **RED LETTER CHALLENGE:**

In many of our Bibles, when we read the words of Jesus (that is, the words that He said while He was here on Earth in the flesh, as recorded in the four Gospels), they are often colored red. The idea for the Red Letter Challenge came from that color. What if we took those words of Jesus - the ones He says in red - and put them into practice? The Red Letter Challenge is unique because it takes Christ's literal words and gives you practical daily challenges based on those words. Do you have what it takes to really follow Jesus and do what He said? We believe you do!

We are going to attempt this challenge together as a Congregation, and we believe Jesus will do great things with us as we take this challenge! **Beginning on September 20th, we will spend 6 weeks putting Jesus's words into practice. Everyone who takes the challenge will have a book that will guide them with individual devotions and challenges over the 6 week period.** We will also be centering our worship services around the challenge, and you will have the opportunity to **meet together in Small Groups with other brothers and sisters who are taking the challenge with you!** You'll be able to sign up for the challenge and obtain your book at worship over the next few weeks, or by contacting the Church Office. The cost of this challenge is \$20 per person - that pays for the book as well as the 6 week course. It's absolutely worth it! If you have any questions, please email DCE Ryan Howard at ryan@stjlc.com. Let's take on this challenge together!

## **PEEK AT THE WEEK**

### **SUNDAY September 27**

5:15-7:45 am AA- Multipurpose Room  
8:30 am (Sanctuary) / 10:30 am (Sanctuary) Worship Service

### **MONDAY September 28**

5:15-7:45 am AA- Multipurpose Room  
1-3:00 pm Piecemakers-*cancelled today*

### **TUESDAY September 29**

5:15-7:45 am AA- Multipurpose Room  
9-12:00 pm Mom's Group-Multipurpose Room (upstairs)  
6:30-8:30 pm AA Multipurpose Room  
7:00 pm Outreach Ministry meeting-Library

### **WEDNESDAY September 30**

5:15-7:45 am AA- Multipurpose Room  
9:30-11:30 am Griefshare-Multipurpose Room

### **THURSDAY October 1**

5:15-7:45 am AA- Multipurpose Room  
10-11:00 am - Bible Study-Parish Hall  
7:30 pm Sunday School Teachers Meeting- Sub-Story of Parish Hall

### **FRIDAY October 2**

5:15-7:45 am AA- Multipurpose Room  
8-9:00 am Morning Prayer-Sanctuary

### **SATURDAY October 3**

5:15-7:45 am AA- Multipurpose Room  
5:30 pm Worship Service

### **SUNDAY October 4**

5:15-7:45 am AA- Multipurpose Room  
8:30 am (Sanctuary) / 10:30 am (Sanctuary) Worship Service

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