

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-23

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. ²²For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-15 (LBW)

¹The LORD, the God of | gods, has spoken;*
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.
²**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,***
God reveals him- | self in glory.
³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;*
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a | raging storm.
⁴**He calls the heavens and the earth | from above***
to witness the judgment | of his people.
⁵“Gather before me my | loyal followers,*
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”
⁶**Let the heavens declare the rightness | of his cause;***
for God him- | self is judge.
⁷Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel, I will bear wit- | ness against you;*”
for I am | God, your God.
⁸**I do not accuse you because | of your sacrifices;***
your offerings are al- | ways before me.
⁹I will take no bull calf | from your stalls,*
nor he-goats out | of your pens;
¹⁰**For all the beasts of the for- | est are mine,***
the herds in their thousands up- | on the hills.
¹¹I know every bird | in the sky,*
and the creatures of the fields are | in my sight.
¹²**If I were hungry, I | would not tell you,***
for the whole world is mine and all | that is in it.
¹³Do you think I eat the | flesh of bulls,*
or drink the | blood of goats?
¹⁴**Offer to God a sacrifice | of thanksgiving***
and make good your vows to | the Most High.
¹⁵Call upon me in the | day of trouble;*
I will deliver you, and you shall | honor me.”

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-34

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ALLELUIA), PG 62-63

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the Thirteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

²²{Jesus} went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: PASTOR KEN REED

***HYMN: LBW 306 “CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE”**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY (“CREATE IN ME”), PG 75

*PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER, PG 76

*BENEDICTION, PG 76

*HYMN: LBW 507 “HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION”

**Silent Reflection as the candles are extinguished*

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

**(please stand as you are able)*

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The St. James’ family extends a warm welcome to visitors who have joined us for worship this morning. Please complete the Visitor’s Card, (to be found in the pew rack and returned to an usher), introduce yourself to the pastor, and return to be a part of our worshiping community!

Attendance last Sunday:
Worship: 84
Sunday School: 20

Last Week Giving: \$ 5,830.00
Year to Date Giving: \$185,934.01

Weekly Budget Amount: \$ 5,660.52
Year to Date Budget: \$192,457.68



St. James Lutheran Church
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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen

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

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

*HYMN: LBW 532 “HOW GREAT THOU ART”

*APOSTOLIC GREETING, KYRIE, PG 57-58

*HYMN OF PRAISE (“GLORY TO GOD”), PG 58

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from Heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world.

Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON