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***O Great Weaver***

Theme Song for CLAY 2018: *threads*  
Jeremy Langner and Carey J. Buss

***O Great Weaver of this grand tapestry Weave our stories together***  
***O Great Weaver of marvelous mystery Wave our lives together in you.***  
*You knit me together you formed me from earth,  
The image of God from the day of my birth.  
Your Spirit breathed life in these dried up and dusty old bones,  
Through water and word you claim me as your own.*

***O Great Weaver of this grand tapestry Weave our stories together***  
***O Great Weaver of marvelous mystery Wave our lives together in you.***  
*You stitch us up when we're torn and worn through,  
You take our threads and you mend us anew.  
And when we feel like we are just hanging on by a thread,  
You promise us grace In the wine and the bread.  
So we sing*

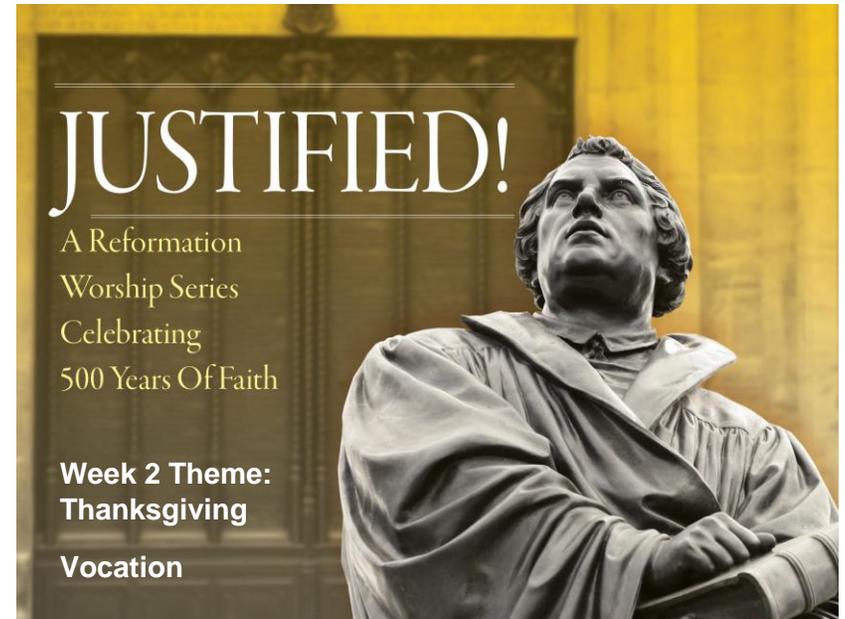
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**St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, September 30, 2018**



**GOOD MORNING and WELCOME ALL**

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Today we owe special thanks to our guest musician  
David Knarr.

Today's readings reflect two of the strains that go into the celebration of a national day of thanksgiving: gratitude for abundant harvest (Joel) and civic prayer for a peaceable common life (1 Timothy). The core meaning of Thanksgiving for many of us—a home feast for extended family and friends—is not reflected in the readings; but it is reflected weekly in the church's meal of thanksgiving (eucharist). What we wish for both these thanksgiving meals is that they will go deeper than celebration of one another and our own blessings, to recognize in our true Host one who wants everyone brought to the table.

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Occasion 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Date, Word Sunday, October 7, 2018

Communion Setting Three

Welcome Prelude, Welcome, Announcements  
Invocation & Confession and  
Forgiveness see across

Gathering Hymn **#681 We Plow the Fields and Scatter**

Greeting **C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day **Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Hymn **O Great Weaver** see the back

Reading **Joel 2:21-27**

Psalm Psalm 126 – by the Reader

Reading **1 Timothy 2:1-7**

Children's Hymn **#682 to God Our Thanks We Give**

Alleluia **P. 142 Gospel Acclamation**

Gospel Reading **Matthew 6:25-33**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **#679 For the Fruit of All Creation**

Intercessions & Peace **C; Make us all strong for lives of love and service.**

Offering & Offertory **#184 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**  
Offertory Prayer – Pr. Karen

Great Thanksgiving P. 144 Communion rite begins  
Communion Hymn **#840 Now Thank We All Our God**

Sending Hymn **#829 Have You Thanked the Lord?**

Dismissal Postlude

**Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart

**C: And with all your soul and with all your mind.**

P: This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it:

**C: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**C; Amen.**

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another. *Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**C: O God, our merciful redeemer, we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for † his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God. Amen.