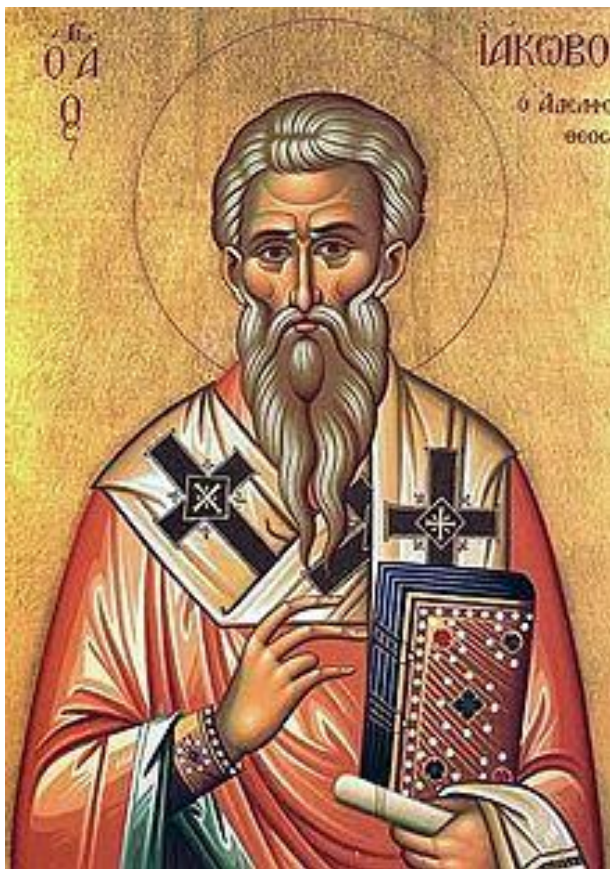


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Sunday, October 23, 2022
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
The Festival of St. James of Jerusalem,
Brother of Jesus, and Martyr

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

St. James of Jerusalem (or "James the Just") is referred to by St. Paul as "the Lord's brother" (Galatians 1:19). The New Testament refers to "brothers and sisters" of Jesus (Matthew 13:53; Mark 6:3; John 7:3; Acts 1:14; 1 Corinthians 9:5). Many modern theologians believe that James was a son of Joseph and Mary and, therefore, a biological brother of Jesus. But throughout most of the Church (historically, and even today), Paul's term "brother" is understood as "cousin" or "kinsman." Along with other relatives of our Lord (except Joseph, who died before Jesus entered his public ministry, and his mother Mary), James did not believe in Jesus until after His resurrection (John 7:3-5; 1 Corinthians 15:7). After becoming a Christian, James was elevated to a position of leadership within the earliest Christian community. Especially following St. Peter's departure from Jerusalem, James was recognized as the bishop of the Church in that city (Acts 12:17; 15:12ff.), with a special calling to the Jews (Galatians 2:9). According to the historian Josephus, James was martyred in 62 AD by being stoned to death by the Sadducees. Hegesippus adds that this happened at the Temple after James claimed that Jesus was the "Son of Man." James was then thrown from the Temple and stoned to death. James authored the Epistle in the New Testament that bears his name. In it, he exhorts his readers to remain steadfast in the one true faith, even in the face of suffering and temptation, and to live by faith the life that is in Christ Jesus. Such a faith, he makes clear, is a busy and active thing, which never ceases to do good, to confess the Gospel by words and actions, and to stake its life, both now and forever, in the cross.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

HYMN: #549 "Around the Throne, a Glorious Band"

Text: Rowland Hill (1744-1833)



1 A - round the throne, a glo - rious band, The
 2 Through trib - u - la - tion great they came; They
 3 They see their Sav - ior face to face And
 4 "Wor - thy the Lamb, for sin - ners slain, Through
 5 Oh, may we tread the sa - cred road That



saints in count - less num - bers stand, Of
 bore the cross, de - spised the shame. From
 sing the tri - umphs of his grace. Each
 end - less years to live and reign; You
 saints and ho - ly mar - tyrs trod, Wage



ev - 'ry tongue, re - deemed to God, Ar -
 all their la - bors now they rest In
 day and night they sing his praise, To
 have re - deemed us by your blood And
 to the end the glo - rious strife, And



rayed in gar - ments washed in blood.
 God's e - ter - nal glo - ry blest.
 him the loud thanks - giv - ing raise:
 made us kings and priests to God."
 win, like them, a crown of life.

Text: Rowland Hill, 1744-1833, abr., alt.

Tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD (LM) *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, London, 1778, adapt.

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. **C:Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in

all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,

you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;

you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and

ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Grant, O God, that following the example of your servant James of Jerusalem, brother of our Lord, your Church may give itself to fervent prayer and to the healing of strife and discord; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Acts 15:12-22a

¹² And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles. ¹³ After they finished speaking, James replied, “Brothers, listen to me. ¹⁴ Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. ¹⁵ And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written,

¹⁶ “After this I will return,
and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen;
I will rebuild its ruins,
and I will restore it,
¹⁷ that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord,
and all the Gentiles who are called by my name,
says the Lord, who makes these things ¹⁸ known from of old.’

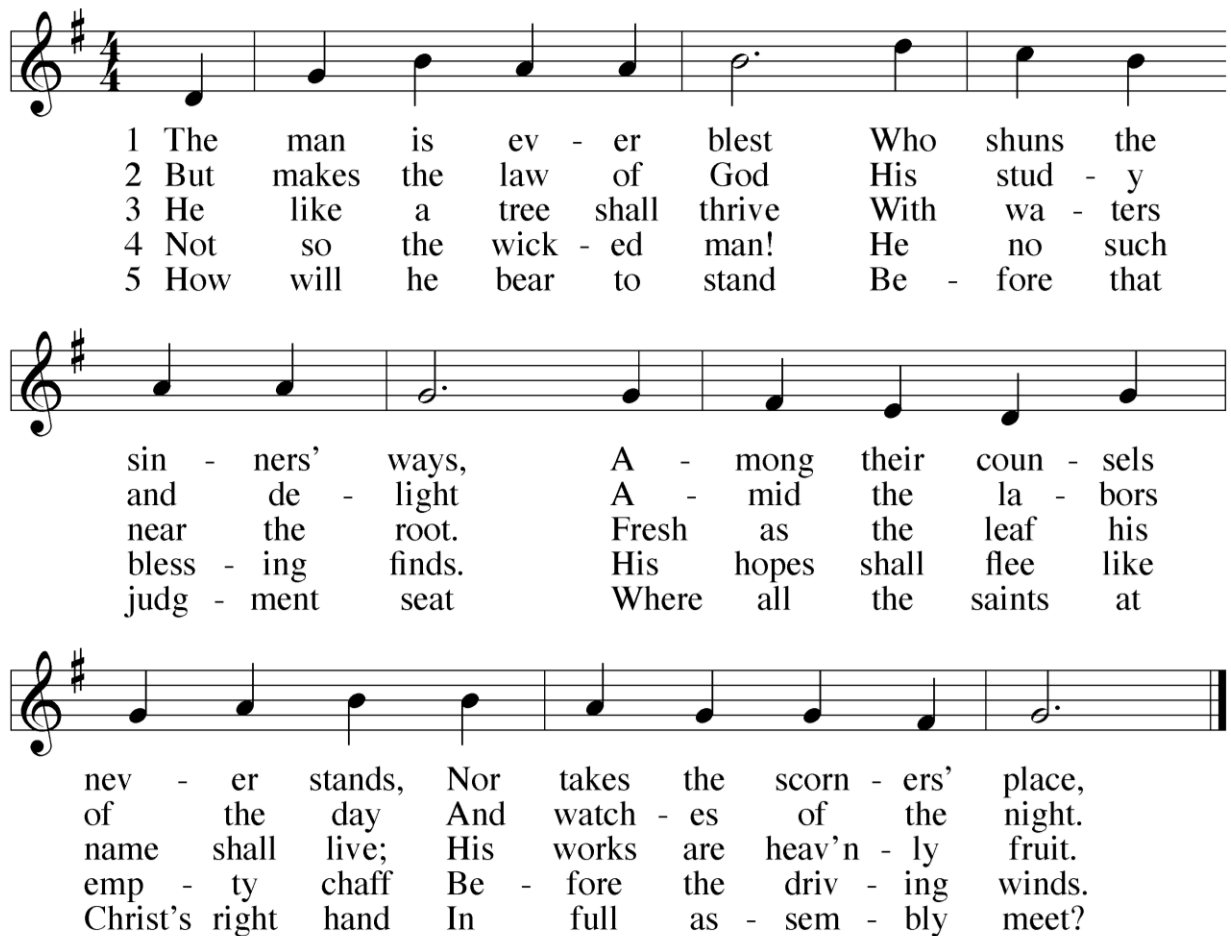
¹⁹ Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, ²⁰ but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and

from what has been strangled, and from blood. ²¹ For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues.” ²² Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 1

The congregation will sing **Hymn #475** “The Man is Ever Blest.”

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)



1 The man is ev - er blest Who shuns the
2 But makes the law of God His stud - y
3 He like a tree shall thrive With wa - ters
4 Not so the wick - ed man! He no such
5 How will he bear to stand Be - fore that

sin - ners' ways, A - mong their coun - sels
and de - light A - mid the la - bors
near the root. Fresh as the leaf his
bless - ing finds. His hopes shall flee like
judg - ment seat Where all the saints at

nev - er stands, Nor takes the scorn - ers' place,
of the day And watch - es of the night.
name shall live; His works are heav'n - ly fruit.
emp - ty chaff Be - fore the driv - ing winds.
Christ's right hand In full as - sem - bly meet?

6 God knows and he approves
The way the righteous go,
But sinners and their works shall meet
A dreadful overthrow.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: ST. MICHAEL (SM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.

SECOND LESSON: James 1:1-12

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:

Greetings.

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, **3** for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. **4** And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. **6** But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. **7** For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; **8** he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

9 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, **10** and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. **11** For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

VERSE OF THE DAY (spoken by the pastor)

Alleluia! Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights. Alleluia! (James 1:17)

STAND

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:54-58

⁵⁴ ...and coming to his hometown [Jesus] taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? ⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” ⁵⁷ And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household.” ⁵⁸ And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.



BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #552 “By All Your Saints Still Striving”

Verses 1,20,3 Text: Horatio B. Nelson (1823-1913) Text: Based on Horatio Nelsen, by Godwin; © Church

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By All Your Saints Still Striving

St. James of Jerusalem



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, For
 2 Praise for the Lord's own broth - er, James
 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



all your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
 of Je - ru - sa - lem, He saw the ris - en
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blessed. You
 Sav - ior, And placed his faith in him. Pre -
 Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till



rose, our King vic - to - rious, That they
 sid - ing at the coun - cil That set
 all the ran - somed num - ber Who stand



might wear the crown And ev - er shine in
 the Gen - tiles free, He wel - comed them as
 be - fore the throne As - cribe all pow'r and



splen - dor Re - flect - ed from your throne.
 kin - dred On e - qual terms to be.
 glo - ry And praise to God a - lone.

Text: Horatio B. Nelson, 1823–1913, st. 1-4, 6-27, alt.; Harlyn J. Kuschel, b. 1945, st. 5.

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Tune: KUORTANE (76 76 D) Finnish folk tune, c. 19th century.

SERMON

STAND

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of
God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin
Mary,
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures.**

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

M: The apostle Paul instructs us: “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.” Rejoicing in Christ’s salvation offered to all, let us call upon God our Father for ourselves and for all people.

Kind Father, Your Son declared to us that we cannot serve You and also be devoted to money. Free all Your baptized children from obsession with the goods of this world, that they may set their hearts on the joys of the kingdom and the inheritance that never fades. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Almighty God, You entrust to Your people the abundant wealth of Christ’s salvation in Your Word and Sacraments. Bless pastors, that they might be faithful stewards of these

mysteries, and grant that all Your people would make proper use of Your Means of Grace and rejoice in Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Maker of heaven and earth, You have created man and woman for different offices and with different gifts, that they might complement one another and glorify You. Grant that, in our homes and congregations, Your people might rejoice in the callings You have given them. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: God, our Savior, uphold our president, our governor, and all whom You have placed in high positions with wisdom and mercy, that we may lead peaceable and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Heavenly Father, be with the sick and those who suffer, those troubled in mind, those grieving in their sorrows, and the dying in their last hours. Grant them the comfort of Your presence, relief according to Your will and peace in their hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Gracious God, Your Son gave Himself as a ransom for all and now gives Himself to us, that we might have life and salvation. Give us unity in faith and hearts eager for mercy as we receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Almighty Father, You desire all to be saved. Remember Your foes who forget Your Word and call them to repentance and faith, that they also would rejoice in Your righteousness and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Heavenly Father, shepherd of Your people, You raised up James the Just, brother of our Lord, to lead and guide Your Church. Grant that we may follow his example of prayer and reconciliation and be strengthened by the witness of his death. Lord, in Your mercy **C: hear our prayer.**

M: We give thanks to You, O Lord, for You have forgiven our debt of sin for the sake of Jesus. Preserve us in His grace and life until that day when You gather us to be among the saints in glory around Your throne; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

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**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.**

BE SEATED

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

STAND

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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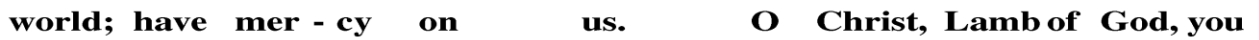
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei



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2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith, The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray, By your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.

3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd never trod
 To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim The nearer reign of God:
 Send us on ways where faith Transcends timidity,
 Where love informs and hope sustains Both life and ministry.

4 O Christ, th'apostles' Lord, The martyrs' strength and song,
 The crucified and risen King To whom the saints belong:
 Though generations pass, Our tribute still we bring,
 Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, Our lives an offering.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

#554 "Oh, How Blest Are They" Text: Simon Dach (1605-1659)

1 Oh, how blest are they whose toils are
 2 We are still as in a dun - geon
 3 They mean - while are in their cham - bers
 4 Christ has wiped a - way their tears for -
 5 Come, O Christ, and loose the chains that

end - ed, Who through death have un - to God as -
 liv - ing, Still op - pressed with sor - row and mis -
 sleep - ing, Qui - et and set free from all their
 ev - er; They have that for which we still en -
 bind us; Lead us forth and cast this world be -

cend - ed! They have a - ris - en From
 giv - ing; Our un - der - tak - ings Are
 weep - ing; No cross or sad - ness There
 deav - or. To them are chant - ed Songs
 hind us. With you, th' A - noint - ed, Finds

the cares which keep us still in pris - on.
 but toils and trou - bles and heart - break - ings.
 can hin - der their un - trou - bled glad - ness.
 that ne'er to mor - tal ears were grant - ed.
 the soul its joy and rest ap - point - ed.

Text: Simon Dach, 1605–59, abr.; tr. Henry W. Longfellow, 1807–92, alt.
 Tune: O WIE SELIG (10 10 5 10) Johann Störls . . . Schlag-Gesang-Und Noten-Buch, Stuttgart, 1744.

THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER’S

- Today
 - 9:30 AM Divine Service
 - 10:45 AM Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
 - 1:30 PM Trunk or Treat
- Tuesday
 - 7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting
- Wednesday
 - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class
- Thursday
 - 7:00 PM Senior Choir Practice
- Saturday
 - 9:00 to 11:30 AM HVL Trunk or Treat
- Sunday
 - 9:30 AM Festival of the Lutheran Reformation Divine Service
 - 10:45 AM Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Diane Wendland; Ushering – Team 3

TRUNK OR TREAT- Today, Sunday, October 23 from 1:30 to 3:00 PM.
(Cars should arrive by 1pm.) Please join us in decorating your trunk and passing out treats! Cars can be decorated as elaborately or simply as you want (just please nothing too scary).

HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL TRUNK OR TREAT: HVL is hosting a trunk or treat for the community on October 29th from 9:00-11:30am. Everyone is invited to attend.

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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