



**St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**June 26, 2022**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Church Picnic**

**Welcome**

We welcome all visitors who come to worship with us today. We are delighted that you have come to share in the prayer and praise of our Lord and invite you to return and add your voice to ours in holy celebration. If you have a special need or prayer, please share them with the worship leader or voice them during the intercessional prayers. Before you leave us today, we ask that you please introduce yourself to the worship leader.

**Pulpit: Peggy Thatcher  
Church Organist/Choir Director: PATRICIA McCONNELL  
Administrative Assistant: Tim Surkovich**

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**St. James Mission Statement: To make disciples of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament by the Holy Spirit.**



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Lutheran Church*  
**Church Picnic 2022**

Welcome and Announcements:

Today we rejoice and give thanks for the arrival of summer. We celebrate God's glorious creation, we express gratitude for a season of accomplishments in school, work and home. We offer thanks to God for his gift of summer time so that we might enjoy vacations, time for special interests and rest.

Prelude:

Piano Music

Pat McConnell

## ***We Gather***

- L. Blessed may You be, O Lord, God our Father, from eternity to eternity.  
C. Yours, O Lord, are the grandeur and power, majesty, splendor, and glory.  
L. For all the heavens and earth are yours  
C. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom: You are exalted as head overall.  
L. Riches and honor are from you.  
C. And You have dominion overall.  
L. By your hand of power and might, bless us all this picnic day.  
C. It is yours to make great and give strength to all.  
L. Therefore, O God, we give You thanks for this food, and our laughter  
C. And we praise the majesty of your name.

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

- P. Most merciful God  
C. We confess that we have not followed your path but chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When we met by those in need, we have too often passed by the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.

**All:** Hear the good news. Amen.

\*GATHERING SONG:           When Morning Gilds the Skies           ELW 853

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## When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:  
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known  
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:  
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

**\*GREETING:**

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

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

**\*Hymn of Praise:**

ELW 823

**Praise the Lord! O Heavens**

1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns. a - dore him: praise him, an - gels, in the height:

sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.

Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;

laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.

Text: *Foundling Hospital Collection*, London, 1796  
Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** **Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## *We Listen to the Word*

### **First Reading:**

**Romans 8:18-27**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — <sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

## Psalm

## Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

<sup>4</sup>**what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup>**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,**

<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**\*GOSPEL:**

**Matthew 14:13-23**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. <sup>22</sup>Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

**The Gospel of the Lord  
Praise to You O Christ**

\*SERMON

*We Respond to the Word*

\*Hymn of the Day:

We Praise You, O God

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# We Praise You, O God

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963

Music: KREMSEK, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

## Responsive Prayer

L. Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal.

C. Have mercy on us.

L: Our Father in Heaven

**C:** Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today and our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

## **\*Creed**

L: I believe in God,

**C: 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.**

Let us pray

**L:** Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
**C:** and grant us your salvation

**L:** Give us the joy of your saving help again.  
**C:** And sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

**L:** Give us peace in all the world;  
**C:** for only in you can we live safely

**L:** Keep the nation's under your care,  
**C:** and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

**L:** Let your way be known upon earth;  
**C:** your saving health among all nations.

**L:** Let not the needy be forgotten,  
**C:** nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

**L:** Create in me a clean heart of God,  
**C:** and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.

**L:** Lord, hear our prayers.  
**C:** And let my cry come before you

**L:** The Lord be with you.  
**C:** And also with you.

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us remember your generosity and constantly do your will.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Bless this land with honest industry, truthful education and an honorable way of life. Save us all from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance and from every, evil cause of action.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Lord when times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful and in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Gracious Lord protect all of us. Forgive us of our sins. Be with us in troubled time. Be with all those we name in our hearts of loud at at this time....

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for who are with us this picnic day. May we fill nourished and fed by the gracious and loving hands.

Into your hands we commends ourselves: our bodies, our soul, and all that is ours. Let your angels be with us, so that the foe have no power over us

**C:** Amen

L: Let us bless the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God

L: Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life

**C:** Amen

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How Great Thou Art

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Recessional:

Piano Music

Pat McConnell

***Share your Lord and faith with another person this week.***



# How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;  
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Text: Carl G. Bohers, 1859-1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989  
 Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine  
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# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **IN THE CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY,**

**In the event of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Pastor Dave Bowman  
Phone: 814-696-0091 Cell: 814-330-8025**

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website is [www.stjamesaltoona.org](http://www.stjamesaltoona.org)

On Facebook—St. James Lutheran Church—Altoona, PA

## **REMINDER AND IMPORTANT**

***BULLETIN ADDITIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER  
THAN TUESDAY AT 10:30 AM.***

***For corrections, please contact the church  
office secretary Tim Surkovich, I'm in the office  
Monday-Thursday 9-1.***

**\*\*\*\*IF AN ARTICLE FOR THE KIRCHENBLATT CANNOT BE  
SUBMITTED BY THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH, PLEASE CALL  
AND RESERVE A SPACE FOR YOUR ARTICLE SO THAT THE  
KIRCHENBLATT CAN BE FORMATTED AHEAD OF TIME TO  
PROVIDE SPACE FOR ALL THE CONGREGATIONAL  
NEWS. \*\*\*\***



**The next Potluck  
Dinner is  
September 18, 2022**

**SWEETS AND TREATS**



**The next  
Sweets and Treats is  
October 2, 2022**



**NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**October 9th 12 PM**



## Our Prayer List:

Pastor Scott  
Donna Wilt  
Mark Hoover

Tim Surkovich  
Jane Helmers

Debbie Thomas  
Carol Weaver

Jeff Bickel  
Carolyn Feather

(Names for inclusion on our parish prayer list can be submitted to the church office. The name will remain on the list for one month. At the end of that period please advise the church office, if you would like the name to be continue for another month.)

Those serving in our military

### ***Graystone Manor//Bellmeade***

Robert Civils

### ***Homewood***

Sylvia Malsatzki

### ***Allegheny Lutheran Home:***

Janet Kauffman

### ***In their own homes:***

Deborah Manbeck



## Worship Guidelines

The council decided to follow the new CDC guidelines, so for fully vaccinated people, wearing masks is optional but encouraged.





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## Sight and Sound Bus Excursion to see *David!*

Join the Lutheran Churches of Blair County for this exciting excursion to see Sight & Sounds live on stage production of *David* on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. **Price per individual will be \$155.** *This will include your transportation, your ticket to a 11am show, and a meal at Hershey Farms.*

There will be two locations to which you can arrive for the bus: Lowes Parking Lot in Altoona at 6:30am or Walmart Parking Lot in East Freedom at 6:45am (we will have a sign-up sheet and plan to seat you accordingly by church group). We hope to arrive back within the area sometime around 7:30pm.

*Payments/Reservations can be made at Raystown Transit (1117 Logan Blvd, Altoona, PA 16602 OR 814-944-2585). Deadline for Payments/Reservations is September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.*



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