



**October 23, 2022**  
**Festival of St. James of Jerusalem**



# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

**Serving the Lord and Serving Us:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Paul Jenkins

**Service Volunteers:**

**Usher:** 8:30: Steve Proksch

11:00: Lawrence Kovaciny & John Ohlendorf

**Jr. Usher:** 8:30: Patrick Proksch

11:00: Daniel Kovaciny

**Keyboard Operator:** 8:30 Sandee Clay

11:00: Matt Popelier

**Livestream Producer:** Jack Proksch

**Today's Focus:** We ask God to give us the fervent faith that St. James lived and taught. Our worship follows the order *Morning Praise*.

# We Come into the Presence of God

## PASTOR'S GREETING AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

### MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

*This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.*

*Stand*

### MORNING HYMN



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our  
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you. Sing - ing, we of - fer  
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,  
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion. Yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.  
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.  
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

### Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## ABSOLUTION

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.**

## RESPONSE

M: O Lord, open my lips.

**C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

**C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: let us worship him.

## OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing, let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Oh, Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord". It consists of eight staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a common time signature 'C' and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing, let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand."

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: Amen.

*BE SEATED*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

#### **Acts 15:12-22**

*St. Luke reports the role of St. James at the Jerusalem Council, which will be explained further during the sermon.*

The whole assembly fell silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul, who reported all the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them.

<sup>13</sup> After they finished speaking, James responded, “Gentlemen, brothers, listen to me. <sup>14</sup> Simon has reported how God for the first time has visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. <sup>15</sup> The words of the prophets agree with this, as it is written:

<sup>16</sup> After these things I will return  
and rebuild David’s fallen tent.  
I will rebuild its ruins,  
and I will restore it,

<sup>17</sup> so that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord—  
even all the Gentiles who are called by my name,  
says the Lord who does these things.

<sup>18</sup> “Long ago he made these things known. <sup>19</sup> So it is my judgment that we should not cause extra difficulty for those among the Gentiles who are turning to God. <sup>20</sup> Instead we should write a letter telling them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from what is strangled, and from blood. <sup>21</sup> For from ancient times Moses has had those who proclaim him in every city, since he is being read in the synagogues every Sabbath.”

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<sup>22</sup> Then the apostles and the elders, together with the whole church, thought it would be best to choose men from their group to send to Antioch along with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas, called Barsabbas, and Silas, who were leading men among the brothers.

## **PSALM: 1**

*READ RESPONSIVELY*

M: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the council of the wicked

**C: or stand in the way of sinners.**

M: But his delight is in the law of the LORD,

**C: and on his law he meditates day and night.**

M: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season

**C: and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.**

M: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

**C: nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.**

M: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,

**C: but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

### **James 1:1-12**

*The opening verses of St. James' letter set the tone for his entire message: Christians are to put their faith on display through perseverance, prayer, and humility.*

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
To the twelve tribes who are scattered abroad:

Greetings.

<sup>2</sup> Consider it complete joy, my brothers, whenever you fall into various kinds of trials, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces patient endurance. <sup>4</sup> And let patient endurance finish its work, so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

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<sup>5</sup>If any one of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives it to all without reservation and without finding fault, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup>But let him ask in faith, without doubting, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup>In fact, that person should not expect that he will receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup>He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

<sup>9</sup>Let the brother of humble circumstances boast in his high position, <sup>10</sup>and the rich one in his humble position, because he will pass away like a flower of the grass. <sup>11</sup>Indeed, the sun rises with burning heat and dries up the grass. Its blossom falls off, and its beauty perishes. In the same way also, the rich person will wither away in his busy pursuits.

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who endures a trial patiently, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life, which God promised to those who love him.

## **SEASONAL SENTENCE**

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

*STAND*

## **GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT**

### **Matthew 13:54-58**

Jesus entered his hometown and taught in their synagogue. As a result, the people were amazed and said, "Where did this fellow get this wisdom and these miracles? <sup>55</sup>Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother named Mary? And aren't James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas his brothers? <sup>56</sup>And aren't all of his sisters here with us? Where then did this fellow get all of these things?" <sup>57</sup>And they took offense at him.

But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own hometown and in his own house." <sup>58</sup>He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.

*BE SEATED*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON: "Meet St. James"**



## HYMN OF THE DAY: 405, "Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink"



1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though  
2 That will not mur - mur nor com - plain Be -  
3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When  
4 That bears un - moved the world's dread frown Nor  
5 A faith that keeps the nar - row way Till



pressed by man - y a foe, That will not trem - ble  
neath the chas - t'ning rod, But in the hour of  
tem - pests rage with - out, That, when in dan - ger,  
heeds its scorn - ful smile, That sin's wild o - cean  
life's last spark is fled And with a pure and



on the brink Of pov - er - ty or woe,  
grief or pain Can lean up - on its God,  
knows no fear, In dark - ness feels no doubt,  
can - not drown Nor Sa - tan's arts be - guile,  
heav'n - ly ray Lights up the dy - ing bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,  
And then, whate'er may come,  
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss  
Of an eternal home.

Text: William H. Bathurst, 1796–1877.

Tune: ST. PETER (CM) Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877.

## SERMON

Text: Matthew 13:54-58

Theme: Jesus, Give Us James' Fervent Faith

STAND

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there 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.**

*BE SEATED*

## OFFERING

*Please take a moment to fill in the Friendship Register located in the pew at this time.*

*The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.*

*Stand*

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

**M:** In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

**C:** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: O Lord, with thanksgiving and praise we remember all your faithful servants who throughout the ages have witnessed to your name: the mighty and the lowly, great leaders and humble men and women, those who have served you in prosperity and those who in the day of trouble have not failed, those in foreign places and those in this land. We rejoice that they now rest in your presence from their labors.

Heavenly Father, we recall with thanksgiving what you have done for your Church through them. May their good works prompted by your love in Christ and performed to your glory encourage us to live for you.

As we join our worship and work to theirs, may we recognize ourselves to be part of that great cloud of witnesses from every age and place. Unite all your people in the true faith, in the hope of an eternity at your side, and in the love that reveals us to be your children.

### *Special prayers*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

### *Silent prayers*

M: Holy Spirit, our comfort in trouble and guide through life, as you have protected and prospered your saints in the past, look with favor on us now and bring us safely to eternal glory.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## CLOSING HYMN: 449, "Children of the Heavenly Father"



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; In his  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his



in his bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird or star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he  
Lord his chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them his grace he  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In his might - y arms he bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Tune: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA (LM Trochaic) Swedish folk tune, 19th century.

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## Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Adult Bible class & Sunday School meet between services. The adult Bible Class is focusing on St. Mark's Gospel. Other topics through the spring of 2023 will include "My Brother's Keeper" (Biblical strategies for Christians to reach out to family and friends straying from their Savior) and "The Armor of God."

## Wine and Word Bible Study - Thursday, Nov 3

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. We are studying "The Ten Commandments of Bible Interpretation" with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or [dawn.f.knox@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

## Christmas for Kids

Trinity will be hosting its first Christmas for Kids program on Saturday, December 10, from 10-11:30. One or two more adult volunteers would be wonderful; if you could help out, please speak to Pastor. A link to register is now available on Trinity's website, [www.TrinityofWoodbridge.org](http://www.TrinityofWoodbridge.org). Please pray that this first-time event will work to bring the love of Jesus to the forty children we hope to welcome that morning. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with Christmas for Kids, and to God for the opportunity to spread his love in Christ.

## Small Choir

Trinity's small choir sings once a month during Worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

## Help Needed with New Mover Welcome Packages

Each month Trinity delivers welcome care packages to new residents in our nearby neighborhood. We have a dedicated but small crew undertaking this project. If you would like to help, either providing care packages or delivering them, please speak to pastor. We are trying to make friends, inviting contact with as many new neighbors as possible, but need more help. Thank you for considering.

## **Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed**

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email [admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org](mailto:admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org)

## **Our Little Free Library**

Our Little Free Library always welcomes donations of books and food! If the library outside is full, you can place donations in the white plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall right beside the door to the hallway.

## **Lord's Supper Available to All Members**

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity and waiting to return to the sanctuary for worship, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or [revpauljenkins@yahoo.com](mailto:revpauljenkins@yahoo.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work



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**to glorify God**

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.