

St. James Anglican Church

Third Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday, June 14th, 2026

Holy Eucharist – 10 a.m.

Celebrant & Homilist: The Ven. John Anderson

Mr. Jeff Campbell, Director of Music

Organ Prelude “Fugue in C Major” *arr. Dietrich Buxtehude*

Processional Hymn #393 (CP) “Immortal, Invisible” *St. Denio*

Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

God meets us in surprising yet ordinary places—under a tree, in the smile of a stranger, in a refreshing breeze that comes at just the right time.

God, open our hearts to notice your presence all around us.

God speaks to us in surprising yet ordinary ways—in a well-placed word from a friend, in a prayer that comes at just the right time, in a song that resonates through our entire being.

God, open our minds to recognize your voice all around us.

God fulfills God's promises in surprising yet ordinary ways—in an unexpected act of kindness, in providing just what we need at just the right time, in sending someone to listen when we feel alone.

God, open our hands to receive your blessings all around us.

Beloved, in the surprising and ordinary ways that God shows up among us, may we meet God and our neighbors with open hearts, minds, and hands, ready to encounter God's miraculous work.

God, open our lives to receive your blessings, that we may share together in the joy, wonder, and laughter of God's miraculous works all around us.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, December 2025.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gathering Hymn # 300 (CP) "Glorify Thy Name"

D. Adkins

V1

Father, we love you, we worship, we adore you, glorify your name in all the earth. Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name in all the earth.

V2

Jesus, we love you, we worship, we adore you, glorify your name in all the earth. Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name in all the earth.

V3

Spirit, we love you, we worship, we adore you, glorify your name in all the earth. Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name in all the earth.

Gathering Prayer

God of love, in your compassion you reach out to the lost and helpless. Continue this work through us, so that your reign of justice and peace may increase; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. **Amen.** Propers Working Group (2016)

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading from Genesis 18: 1-15

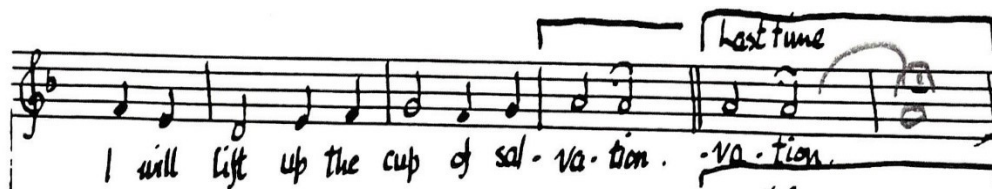
The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent

entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116: 1, 10-17

Alan Cooper, Cantor



I will lift up the cup of salvation.

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

I kept my faith, even when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted'

I said in my consternation, 'Everyone is a liar.'

Refrain

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

Refrain

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

Refrain

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds.

Refrain

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

Refrain

Second Reading Romans 5: 1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to

die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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The Gospel

Before the Gospel #715 (CP) "Alleluia"

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. 'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the

Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. *Matthew 9:35, 10: 8, (9-23)*

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel # 715 (CP) "Alleluia"

Sermon: The Ven. John Anderson

Anthem "I Thank My God" *arr. Arr. Mary McDonald*
The St James' Choir Guests

Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Prayers of the People

Beth Morum, *Lay Reader*

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Faithfulness

V1

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness, morning by morning
new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided, great
is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.**

V2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and
stars in their courses above, join with all nature in eloquent witness to
thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

V3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow; blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Refrain

Great Thanksgiving

Prayer before Communion

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who
hunger in any way, so that all may know your care; and prepare us
now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen. Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Eucharistic Prayer #5 (BAS pg. 204)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say)

Sanctus 732 (CP) "Holy, Holy" *Community Mass/R. Proulx*

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of

my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.¹⁰ Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

I am the bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord.

Give us this bread for ever.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

Invitation to the Table

So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God

#747 (CP) "Jesus, Lamb of God"

Schubert/Proulx

The Communion

All are welcome to receive communion. If you do not wish communion but a blessing, please cross your arms and the priest will bless you. In the Anglican tradition wine is administered from a chalice or common cup. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice you can cross your arms, and the words of institution will be said. We do not practice intinction or dipping the bread in the cup.

Music During Communion

Duet "You Raise Me" *arr. Graham/Lovland*

Alexandra Teske & Kenneth Baker, Vocalists

Duet "Be Thou Exalted" *arr. Bruno Huhn*

Christina Bosco & Kenneth Baker, Vocalists

Anthem "Psalm 16" *arr. Craig Courtney*

The St. James' Choir and Guests

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy,

strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

Glory to God,

whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn #381 (CP) "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"

Praise My Soul

Dismissal

Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves! And go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sung Benediction "May the Lord Bless You" *J. Hunnicutt*

May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you; may the Lord lift up his face to shine on you. May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you; may the Lord lift up his face to shine on you. X2

Organ Postlude "Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals"

arr. Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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