

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 28, 2015

Welcome to St. James/Santiago Apóstol Lutheran Church

<u>We're glad you're here!</u> Our mission is to help you grow in your relationship with God and with all of God's people. Our worship services are designed to gather us as God's people, to hear God's Word, receive Jesus in bread and wine, and join us with God's people of all times and places. We pray that you will be blessed and encouraged by worshiping here. No matter who you are, God knows you and God loves you. If you are a visitor or guest, we warmly invite you to join our faith community. If you want to know more, please speak to our pastors or a member of our Steering Committee. Below is some information you may find helpful during and after worship.

<u>Children and their families</u> are vital to our life and ministry at St. James/Santiago Apóstol. Children are always welcome in worship. In the cry of a baby, or the fussiness of a toddler, we hear a new voice that speaks to God, reminding us that children are a blessing and a joy. If children ever need a break from worship, we have a nursery in the front hallway by the front doors.

<u>Holy Communion</u>. All God's children are welcome at the table of the Lord. God loves you, and welcomes you to the Lord's Supper, whether you are a new Christian, a returning one, or someone who is exploring who and what God might mean in your life. Please don't hesitate to come forward and share in the meal with us: there is room for everyone, especially for YOU.

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<u>Offerings</u>. We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes ministry possible. The offering at this service will support St. James/Santiago Apóstol Lutheran Church and its outreach ministries in this neighborhood of Oak Forest/Garden Oaks/North Houston. A portion also goes to our national church body for mission and ministry around the world.

Restrooms are located in the front hallway by the front doors.

<u>Learning Hour/Fellowship Time</u>. During the time between our worship services, you are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, juice, hospitality and fellowship. We also offer Learning Groups for adults and children, so please ask anyone how to join a class or small group at any time.

<u>If you ever need a Pastor</u>, both Pastor Arthur (713.725.6760) and Pastora Adriana Johnson-Rivas (832.512.7652) prefer that you call them directly on their cell phones. If you know of someone who is scheduled for surgery or is in the hospital, please let us know. If there is an emergency, if you would like a pastoral visit at home, or if you simply have questions about life, faith, or getting more involved, calling us directly on our cell phones is always the best way to reach us.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 28, 2015 10:00 A.M.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Setting Three
P = Presiding Minister, A = Assisting Minister, C = Congregation

INTRODUCTION

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

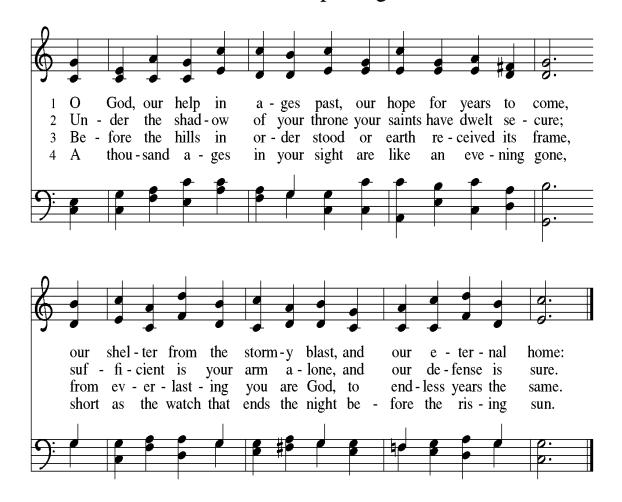
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: C:

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

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:

C:



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,

his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,

"therefore I will hope in him."

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,

to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly

for the salvation of the LORD.

It is good for one to bear

the yoke in youth,

to sit alone in silence

when the LORD has imposed it,

to put one's mouth to the dust

(there may yet be hope),

to give one's cheek to the smiter,

and be filled with insults.

For the LORD will not

reject forever.

Although he causes grief, he will have compassion

according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

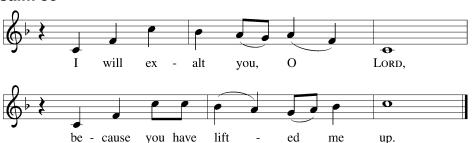
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 30

C:



I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- ed me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O LORD, [|] from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down [|] to the grave.

Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in ho-ly remembrance. R

God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

While I felt se- cure, I said, I shall never be disturbed.

You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

I cried to 'you, O LORD; I pleaded with 'my Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or de-tclare your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and have mer- cy upon me; O LORD, be my helper. R

You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy. Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever. R

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7–15

Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by

his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something — now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has — not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written.

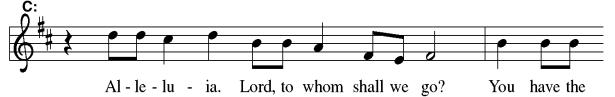
"The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

A: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The congregation sings the Gospel Acclamation during the Gospel Procession.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:





The Gospel is announced.

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage is ritually unclean, treated as an outcast in Jewish society. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him

repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

SERMON: Pastor Arthur Murphy

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

C:

You Are My King

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken, I'm accepted, You were condemned. I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me, Because You died and rose again.

(Repeat once)

(Chorus)
Amazing love,
How can it be
That You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love,
I know its true.
It's my joy to honor You,
In all I do, I honor You.

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken, I'm accepted, You were condemned. I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me, Because You died and rose again.

(Repeat Chorus)

In all I do, to honor You.

You are my King You are my King Jesus You are my King You are my King

(Repeat Chorus Twice)

In all I do, to honor You. In all I do, to honor You.

APOSTLES CREED:

P: Let us confess our faith, the faith in which we have been baptized:

C:

I believe in God, 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.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; so that, in your good time, every people and nation may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy One, you do not distance yourself from the pain of your people, but in Jesus you bear that pain with all who suffer at others' hands. With your cleansing love bring healing and strength to the people of Mother Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Charleston, S.C.; and by your justice, lift them up, that in body, mind and spirit, they may again rejoice. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Out of the darkness we cry to you, O God. Enable us to find in Christ the faith to trust your care even in the midst of pain. Assure us that we do not walk alone through the valley of the shadow, but that your light is leading us into life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Gracious God, your Son called on you to forgive his enemies while he was suffering shame and death. In these difficult times, lead our enemies and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you. We pray for Dylann Roof that he may know of your love and find forgiveness in you. We pray for the Roof family and St. Paul Lutheran Church of Columbia, S.C., in their grief. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For the families who grieve loss of loved ones who have been murdered in this senseless tragedy in Charleston, S.C., we pray, grant these saints rest eternal, O God, as they now rest in you. We await the day when this world will know of your great Shalom and all your saints will be gathered with you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Merciful God, you visit the hurting, giving healing and strength. We pray for your children in any need: the orphaned, the neglected, the grieving, the injured, and those we name this day especially. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The ministers and the congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you." After the peace is shared, the congregation sits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: ELW#612

C:

Healer of Our Every Ill





give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.





peace and glad-ness; still un-fold-ing, ev - 'ry broth-er; way of heal-ing;

Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our give us all your vi - sion, God of Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our Spir-it of com-pas-sion, fill each

love. guide. heart.

hearts.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of ev'ry nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

C:

Day by Day



lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e - ter-nal rest. help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face. with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son.

By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace

C: Amen.



SENDING HYMN:

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C:

Baptized and Set Free





DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE WELCOME, EVERYONE!

We welcome all our quests today. Please speak to the pastor if you have special concerns or wish to discuss becoming a member of this community by baptism, affirmation of baptism, or transfer of membership from another Christian congregation.

KEEP OUR FRIENDS & RELATIVES IN PRAYER

Sally Burgess Charles Cernik Orie Clark III Grady Green FJ Hoffman Pr. Fred de Oliveira Charla Largent John Largent Margaret "Candy" Largent Linda Bernice Martinez Patricia Nash Louise Richter Herminia Rivera Kelly Simmons Kimberly Tessier Mic Tessier Terry White Phyllis Zendejas

STEWARDSHIR	CORNER
ATTENDANCE AVERAGE	
FIRST SERVICE	
Average Total To Date	23
June 21, 2015	30
TOTAL TO DATE	26
SECOND SERVICE	
Average Total To Date	37
June 21, 2015	45
TOTAL TO DATE	41
WORSHIP TOTAL:	67
CONTRIBUTIONS	
Total to Date	\$73,315.51
June 21, 2015	\$2,725.00
Total to Date	\$76,040.51
2015 Budget	\$175,000.00
2010 Budget	Ψ173,000.00
Gap to Date	\$98,959.49
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ASSISTING IN MINISTRY

Presiding Minister Assisting Minister Altar Care Acolyte Crucifer

Pastor Arthur Murphy Steve Grimslev Flizabeth Baber Eliseo Gonzalez Alexander Saavedra

Cantors Organist Usher Teller

Meghan Garvin Sergei Savitski Kimberley Tessier Stephen Gould

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON., JUNE 15 – FRI., JULY 3 Three weeks of Camp Hope Rodeo!
Our third week of Camp Hope Rodeo
Starts Tomorrow!! If you can, please make
a special money offering by cash or check,
and write for "Rodeo supplies" on the
check or offering envelope to support our
young campers. Thank you!

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