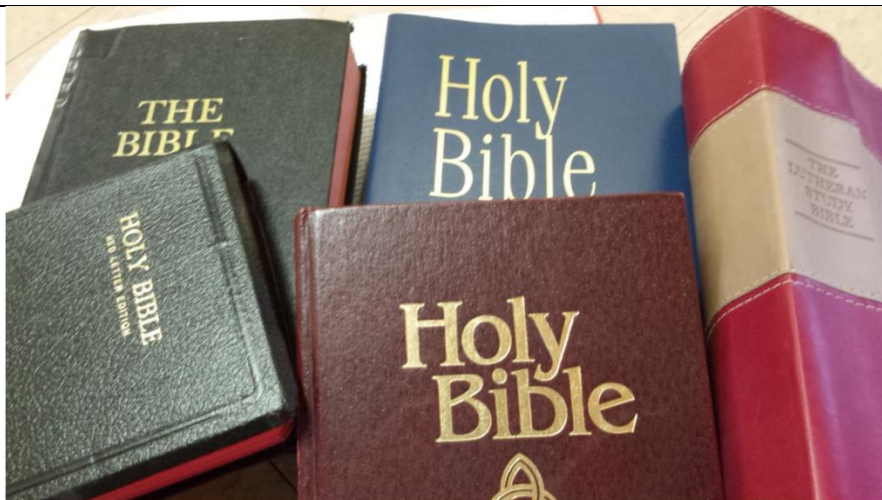


Principle of Interpretation #5: Distinguish Law & Gospel, Sin & Grace



How to Read/Study the Bible

A Sermon Series based on 1 & 2 Timothy

23rd Sunday after Pentecost and Feast of St. James of Jerusalem

October 22 is the traditional day the Church has celebrated St. James of Jerusalem, a brother of Jesus, pillar of the Early Church, & writer of the Epistle that bears his name. Periodically, Bethel celebrates the saints (those made holy through their faith) through whom God brought His Gospel through the generations of the Church.

October 23, 2016

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. Today, you can use preschool room #2 since the silent auction items are being viewed in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

8:00 a.m.

<i>Elder:</i>	Matt Messmer
<i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i>	John Kozlik
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Jay Souza, Logan Rosenthal
<i>Ushers:</i>	JJ Jones, OPEN, OPEN
<i>Lay Readers:</i>	Tim Faitsch, Lynn Faitsch
<i>Greeters:</i>	Rosenthal Family, Silasiri Family
<i>Fellowship:</i>	Hautzinger Family
<i>Oct. Altar Guild:</i>	Diane Rogala
<i>Oct. Counters:</i>	Chris Mason

10:45 a.m.

<i>Randy Gifford</i>
<i>Jack Warneke</i>
<i>Allyson Adams</i>
<i>Larry Peters, Linda Peters</i>
<i>Larry Peters, Randy Gifford</i>
<i>Lance Rasmussen, Traynor Family</i>
<i>Diane Sanders</i>
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Lauri Rizzo in memory of father Robert Oye,
the Ams family in celebration of Rachel's 21st birthday, and
Calvin and Susan Cox in celebration of her 28th wedding anniversary (10/22).

THE WORD OF GOD SERVICE

This service celebrates the Word of God, using words from Paul's letters to Timothy.

Opening Hymn

On Galilee's High Mountain

LSB 835 sts. 1, 3-4



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun-tain Christ gave the great com - mand
3 His strength with - in my weak-ness Will make me bold to say
4 And not a - lone to na - tions In far - a - way re - treats,



In words of strength and prom - ise Which all can un - der-stand:
How His re - deem - ing pow - er Trans-forms my stub-born clay;
But ev - 'ry-where I broad-cast His love through crowd-ed streets:

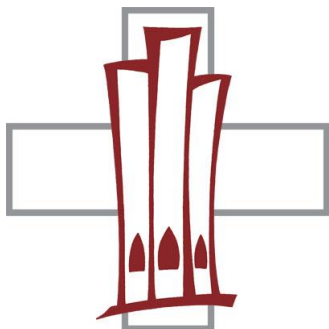


"All pow'r to Me is giv - en To do what I shall choose;
His touch of fire ig - nites me, With cour-age I am sent,
The lives that my life touch - es, How - ev - er great or small—



There - fore I send My chil-dren, Their wit - ness I will use."
My tongue - tied si - lence bro - ken, With grace made el - o - quent.
Let them through me see Je - sus, Who served and saved us all.

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Invocation and Greeting

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**
P: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 1 Tim. 1:2b
C: And also with you.

The Word of God

P: In worship, we become acquainted with the sacred writings,
C: which are able to make us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
P: All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
C: so that we may be equipped for every good work. Amen. 2 Tim. 3:15-16

Confession of Sin

P: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance:
C: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Tim. 1:15
P: For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men:
C: Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all. 1 Tim. 2:5-6

Silence for meditation on our need for Christ's forgiveness.

Absolution (Forgiveness)

1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Tim. 1:9-10; 2 Tim. 2:21

P: God our Savior desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. He saved you and called you to a holy calling, not because of your works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave you in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. You have been cleansed of your sin, set apart as holy, useful to our Lord, and ready for every good work in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: If we have died with him, **C: we will also live with him;**
P: if we endure, **C: we will also reign with him;**
P: if we deny him, **C: he also will deny us;**
P: if we are faithless, **C: he remains faithful—**
P: for he cannot deny himself.

2 Tim. 2:13-14

Anthem

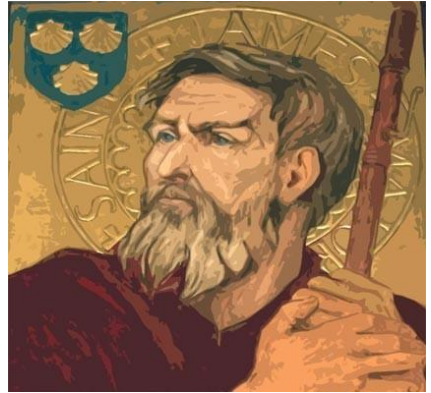
“Softly and Tenderly”

Adult Choir

Feast of St. James of Jerusalem

James, son of Joseph and Mary, born after Jesus, was at first reluctant to believe in Jesus. However, once James came to faith, he became one of the pillars of the Early Church, leading them at the time of Council at Jerusalem. His epistle is likely the earliest such letter in the New Testament. While certainly we do not pray to the saints of old, "we should nevertheless honor the saints just as the early church...gave thanks to God for setting them free, for the grace given to them, for their blessedness, and for the excellent gifts which God through the saints poured out on the church....Are not the saints the brightest mirrors of divine grace in which we see what the grace of God can do?"

(Urbannus Rhegius, 16th century Reformer)



Verse for St. James of Jerusalem By All Your Saints in Warfare

LSB 517 st. 27

2 We sing of James, Christ's broth - er, Who
at Je - ru - sa - lem Told how God loved the
Gen - tiles And, in Christ, wel - comed them. Re -
joic - ing in sal - va - tion May we too, by God's
grace, Ex - tend Christ's in - vi - ta - tion
To all the hu - man race.

Greeting and Collect for St. James of Jerusalem

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

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, shepherd of Your people, You raised up James, 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

The Charge to the Congregation Regarding the Scriptures

P: Devote yourselves to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from the Scriptures, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you. *1 Tim. 4:13, 2 Tim. 1:13-14*

C: We have devoted ourselves to the Scriptures.

We dedicate this time now to hear from God's Word. Amen.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:54–58 (ESV)

⁵⁴Coming 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?

⁵⁵Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” ⁵⁷And 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.” ⁵⁸And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the History of the Early Church

Acts 15:12–22 (ESV)

[At the Council of Jerusalem] ¹²all 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. ¹³After they finished speaking, James replied, “Brothers, listen to me. ¹⁴[Simon Peter] has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. ¹⁵And 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,

¹⁷that 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 ¹⁸known from of old.’

¹⁹“Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, ²⁰but 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. ²¹For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues.”

²²Then 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. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Series Reading from St. Paul's 2nd Letter to Timothy 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18 (ESV)

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.—And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Song of Praise

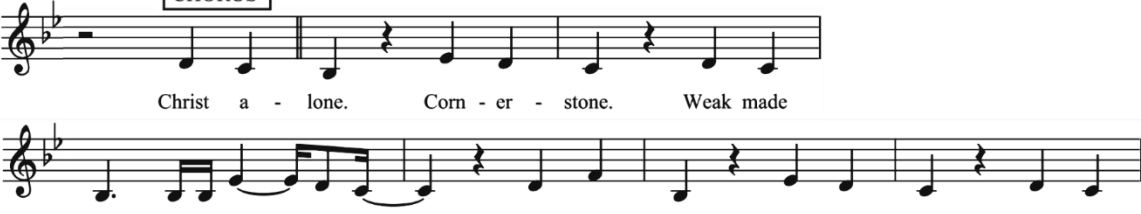
Cornerstone

VERSE 1




1. My hope is built on noth - ing less, than Je - sus' blood and
right - eous - ness. — I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,
but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' Name. —

CHORUS



Christ a - lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made
strong in the Sav - iour's love. — Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of

VERSE 2 & 3



all. **END AFTER 3RD CHORUS** 2. When dark - ness seems to
3. When He shall come with
hide His face, I rest on His un - chang - ing grace. —
trump - et sound, oh may I then in Him be found. —
In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in —
Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone. Fault - less stand be - fore —
— the veil. — **TO CHORUS**
— the throne. —

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Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555 sts. 1–3, 6, 8–9



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and fa - vor;
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could ren - der
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had giv - en



Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They help and save us nev - er.
Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For man, the vile of - fend - er.
That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And by their works gain heav - en.



Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
Our flesh has not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
The Law is but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.



9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.



The Charge for the Pastor

P: Paul instructed Timothy as a pastor. His letters speak of the calling and duties of pastors, and his words are appropriate to describe what it means for you as a congregation to call me to serve as your Pastor. Please use these words to remind me of my duty now:

C: We charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus:

**Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season to speak His Word;
Point out errors, warn people, and encourage us,
with complete patience and teaching. Amen.**

2 Tim. 4:1-2

Sermon

“Law & Gospel, Sin & Grace”

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory

LSB 871 st. 3; tune: Haslemere

Sung as our Offerings are brought forward to the Altar

HASLEMERE

***Songs and Tunes for Education, 1861
harmonized by MARTIN SHAW, 1931***

In unison, simply



Lord, I will to - day On Your love re - ly; Let no ev-il thought Cloud the clear blue sky.
Joy-ful and cont-ent With life's simp-ler things, Know-ing all I need From Your kind-ness springs.

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Prayers

P: Supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings
are to be made for all people,

C: *thanking God whom we serve,*

P: as we remember others constantly in our prayers night and day.

**C: *And praying for our leaders and all who are in high positions,
that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life,***

P: godly and dignified in every way.

C: *This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior.*

1 Tim. 2:1-3; 2 Tim. 1:3

(Pastor then offers the Prayers of the Church).

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Benediction

P: Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession today in the presence of these witnesses—your brothers and sisters in Christ. *1 Tim. 6:11-12*

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Splendor and Honor

LSB 950



1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er
2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,
3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,

Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,
By whose self - of - f'ring we are made God's peo - ple:
And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,

For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -
A priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and
Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry

a - tion Called in - to be - ing.
na - tions, Called to God's ser - vice.
giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

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Join us for Fellowship & Fun

Friday, October 28 ~ 5:30—8:00 p.m.

Come join us, there will be games for all ages & prizes to win.



TODAY

Silent Auction items can
be viewed and bid on in the
Youth Room at the end of
the gym!!!

Please sign up for dinner by the Hub!!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to work in the kitchen, clean up & run games.

**This is a fundraiser to benefit
Bethel's Preschool.
Funding for Fall Fest is provided by
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