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What good is it...  
if you say you  
have faith but  
do not have works?  
Can faith save you?

*James 2:14, NRSV*

6 p.m. Sat., September 4, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., September 5, 2021  
Sermon: "What Good is it?" James 2:1–10, 14–18



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

## THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(6 p.m. Sat. Sept. 4, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., Sept. 5, 2021 )

### **Servants of God's House Today:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Kenny Hsu **DCE Intern:** Grace Wolfgram

**Organists:** 6 p.m. Sat. Ruthie Witte; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Mabel Huldeen

**Ushers:** Steve Segebart

**Missionaries:** Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,  
Rev. Paul Flo, Rev. Charles Cortwright

**Elders:** 6 p.m. Sat. Randy Johnson; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Tim Draube

**Readers:** 6 p.m. Sat. Marlis Hilden; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Jim Winckler

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**WELCOME!** We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

**AS WE GATHER** We focus today on the words of James, which call us to an active faith that loves our neighbors. We are forced to ask ourselves: What good is a faith that bears no fruit of love and service to others? Such a question might make us worry about our salvation. Friends in Christ: do not fear; your living, saving faith in Christ will inevitably overflow with His good works. Christ powerfully works in us as we live out our daily vocations. Serve the Lord with gladness.

**HOLY COMMUNION** The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **DIVINE SERVICE ONE**

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(The congregation is invited to respond with the words written in **bold.**)

**The Ringing of the Bells**

**The Wave of Fellowship**

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

The Invocation

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

**C: Amen.**

Opening Sentences: *Based on Psalm 146*

P: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live.**

P: Blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD;

**C: the LORD sets the prisoners free.**

P: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

**C: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.**

P: The LORD upholds the widow and the fatherless.

**C: The LORD will reign forever!**

*Confession and Absolution*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(A moment of silence for reflection of God's word and self-examination)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*Service of the Word*

The Kyrie “Lord, Have Mercy” (*Sung*)

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

This is the Feast (*Sung*)

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(Refrain) This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

<sup>1</sup>Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)

<sup>2</sup>Power, riches, wisdom, and strength and honor, blessing, and glory are His. (Refrain)

<sup>3</sup>Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

<sup>4</sup>Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

<sup>5</sup>For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

(Final Refrain) This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.** (*Sung*)

P: Let us pray.

**C: Lord Jesus Christ, Your grace and mercy overflow to all people. Lead us to love our neighbors, regardless of their differences from us, so that all people might know the good news of Your death and resurrection for their eternal life and salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading    Isaiah 35:4–7a (God will come and restore all things.)

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf	unstopped; <sup>6</sup> then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;
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L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual      We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.

*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

**C: Fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

The Epistle Lesson      James 2:1–10, 14–18 (What good is a dead faith?)

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

<sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

<sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it...

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

(Stand as you are able)

The Alleluia and Verse Psalm 147:2–3

**C: Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.**

(Please remain standing for the Gospel)

The Holy Gospel      Mark 7:24–37 (Jesus heals a deaf man in the Decapolis.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord. (Sung)**

<p><sup>24</sup> From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden.</p> <p><sup>25</sup> But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup> But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."</p> <p><sup>29</sup> And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup> And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the</p>	<p>demon gone.</p> <p><sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.</p> <p><sup>32</sup> And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.</p> <p><sup>33</sup> And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue.</p> <p><sup>34</sup> And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.</p> <p><sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."</p>
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P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*Sung*)

(Please be seated)

### Children's Message

Hymn of the Day      "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"      LSB 848

Sermon      "What Good is it?" James 2:1–10, 14–18

### The Nicene Creed

### The Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

**C: to love all people in every place.**

P: For all the nations of the world, their leaders and residents, that peace may reign and that the Church would be a faithful witness of Jesus' love and service in every place. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

**C: to love all people in every place.**

P: For all those who work in the service of others, that their work might be blessed by God and appreciated by others. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

**C: to love all people in every place.**

P: For all those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray for comfort in the face of grief. Grant that all those who mourn find hope in the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

**C: to love all people in every place.**

P: For all those who have abandoned the faith, Lord, that they would once again hear Your Word and receive Your good gifts. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

**C: to love all people in every place.**

P: For all Christians throughout the world, that their faith and good works would overflow as a blessing to many others. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

**C: to love all people in every place.**

P: For all those with disabilities, Lord, that we might treat them with more thoughtfulness and care, serving them as Your beloved people. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

**C: to love all people in every place.**

P: For all who are sick, injured, preparing for surgery, and recovering, *especially Doug Siefker*, that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord of all nations, grant us grace,

**C: to love all people in every place.**

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Jennifer Kroeger, Ralph Schroeder Jr., Jade Bottger, Braxi Gomez, Rebekah Ramirez, Doris Hill, Brooklyn Koll, Holland McKay, Piper McKay, Ashley Porter, Michelle Winkel, Kevin Woehler, Kennadi Woehler, Kendra Gomez, Kenny O'Dell, Nancy Carter, Samantha Carter, Zach Carter, and Aubrey Wagner. Lord of all nations, grant us grace,

**C: to love all people in every place.**

P: Lord, into Your hands we place all these things, knowing that You hear us and remain faithful.

**C: Amen.**

### Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

**St. Paul's members** have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

**To our guest:** Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20 "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit with you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."*

Offertory Hymn "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

LSB 781 vs. 1,3-5

(stand as you are able)

Offertory (Sung) *Psalm 116: 12-13, 17-19*

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

*Service of the Sacrament*

Preface (Sung)

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P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Sung) *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

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Words of our Lord

Pax Domini The Peace of the Lord *John 20:19*

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.** (sung)

Agnus Dei "Lamb of God" (Sung) *John 1:29*

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.



## Reading of the Communion Announcement Card

(Please be seated)

### The Distribution Hymns

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” LSB 636 vs. 1-4

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” LSB 637

(Stand as you are able)

### The Post Communion Collect

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P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

**C: Amen. (sung)**

The Closing Hymn “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

LSB 643

### Silent Prayer

### Postlude

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## **St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)**

### **Worship Services**

Traditional (6 p.m. Saturday & 8:15 a.m. Sunday)

Contemporary Service (10:45 a.m. Sunday)

### **Sunday School:**

Next Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

### **Youth & Adult Bible Classes**

9:30 a.m.

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# Book of James: The Proverbs of the New Testament

## Part I: What Good is it?

**Text:** James 2:1–10, 14–18

Date: 09/06/21

### Verse to Remember:

*“So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” James 2:17*

### Points to Ponder:

1. Who is the author of the Book of James?
2. How do we read the book of Proverbs?  
Law or Gospel?
3. Chapter 1:
  - James 1:3 the testing of your faith produces \_\_\_\_\_.
  - James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask \_\_\_\_\_ ...
  - James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from \_\_\_\_\_, coming down from the Father of lights...
  - James 1:19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to \_\_\_\_\_, slow to \_\_\_\_\_, slow to \_\_\_\_\_;
4. Chapter 2
  - Never judge a book by its \_\_\_\_\_
  - Treat all people with \_\_\_\_\_, equality, and justice, no matter their social or economic standing.”
5. What good is it at all?
6. Not saved \_\_\_\_\_ good works, but saved \_\_\_\_\_ good works.
7. Our living, saving faith in Christ will inevitably overflow with \_\_\_\_\_

## Book of James: The Proverbs of the New Testament

Part I	James 1-2	What Good is it?
Part II	James 3:1-12	Is Something Burning?
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Part IV	James 5	What to Do While Waiting