



*But the wisdom  
that comes from heaven  
is first of all pure;  
then peace-loving,  
considerate,  
submissive,  
full of mercy  
& good fruit,  
impartial & sincere.*

*James 3:17*

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10:45 a.m. Sunday, September 19, , 2021  
Sermon: "Addressing Anger/Violence" James 3:13 - 4:17  
Guest Pastor: Rev. James Travis



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- A Family to Whom You Belong -

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

## *The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost*

10:45 a.m. Sunday September 19, 2021

**Servants of God's House Today:** **Guest Pastor:** Rev. James Travis

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

**Elder:** Don Lantis **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

**Usher:** Dallas Schulz Team

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

**Reader:** Marge Delzell

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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** There is a war going on. It is quite evident in the outward conflicts within society. And, as Jeremiah and David realized, the world has warred against people of faith throughout history. But in today's Epistle, James reveals that the struggle continues within each of us. Our passions are often opposed to God. Our Lord Jesus, by His death and resurrection, has won the victory—and therefore, peace—over outward and inward warfare. His grace assures us of daily and eternal peace.

**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 God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Worship Service**

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

**The Ringing of the Bells**

**The Wave of Fellowship**

**The Invocation**

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

**C:** Amen.

## Opening Song “Great are You, Lord”

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore Ev'ry heart that is broken  
And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

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All the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will say *Great are You, Lord* (3x)

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise  
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It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise to You only

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise  
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## Nicene Creed

### First Lesson Jeremiah 11:18–20

(The prophet relies on God's protection as his opponents plot against him.)

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. | him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.”<sup>20</sup>But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

### The Epistle James 3:13–4:10

(The apostle proclaims God's peace even as we struggle with inner warfare.)

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

<sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have,

because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

<sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

<sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

<sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

**Holy Gospel** Mark 9:30–37 (After prophesying His death and resurrection, Jesus teaches the disciples how to serve humbly.)

<sup>30</sup>[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know,

<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?"

<sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

## Children's Message

## The Song of Instruction “Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)  
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)  
I will not forget Your love for me and yet, my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end.

Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat last line)  
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**The Word** Addressing Anger/Violence” James 3:13 - 4:17

### WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

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 15: 58—Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

### Offertory “I Lift My Hands”

(Verse 1)

Be still, there is a healer His love is deeper than the sea  
His mercy, it is unfailing His arms are a fortress for the weak

(Pre-Chorus)

Let faith arise  
Let faith arise

(Chorus)

I lift my hands to believe again You are my refuge, You are my strength  
As I pour out my heart, these things I remember You are faithful, God, forever

(Verse 2)

Be still, there is a river That flows from Calvary's tree  
A fountain for the thirsty Pure grace that washes over me (Pre-Chorus, Chorus)

(Bridge)

So let faith arise Let faith arise  
Open my eyes Open my eyes

(Chorus)

Songwriters: Chris Tomlin / Louie Giglio / Matt Maher I Lift My Hands lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group  
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## The Prayer of the Church

### Confession and Absolution

P: In today's Epistle, James urges, "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded." Let us go to God, echoing David's words in Psalm 54, appointed for today.

P: O God, save me, by Your name,

**C: and vindicate me by Your might.**

P: O God, hear my prayer;

**C: give ear to the words of my mouth.**

P: James' words in today's Epistle guide our confession. Gracious God,

**C: we confess that as we have desired friendship with the world, we forget that it would mean enmity with God. We confess that our passions are at war within us. We have had bitter jealousy and selfish ambition inside us. In all humility, we come to You, holy Lord, seeking Your peace to calm the war within us.**

P: God has not given up on you! He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us. Indeed, He gives more grace. James writes, "A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace," and in His death and resurrection, Jesus gave us His righteousness and established peace between us and God. 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.**

P: Behold, God is my helper;

**C: the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

P: With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You;

**C: I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

**INVITATIONAL SONG** ("Praise Team):

**He said come to the table**

**Come join the sinners who have been redeemed**

**Take your place beside the Savior now**

**Sit down and be set free**

**Come to the table**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)

## **DISTRIBUTION      "Sanctuary"**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

It is you, Lord who came to save The heart and soul of every man.  
It is you Lord, who knows my weakness, Who gives me strength, with Thine own hand.  
Lead Me on Lord from temptation. Purify me from within.  
Fill my heart with Your Holy Spirit. Take away all my sin.

When He comes in shouts of glory, And my time on earth is done.  
How I long to hear Him saying, "Faithful servant, well done."

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## **"One Bread, One Body"**

Chorus: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. (Chorus)
2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (Chorus)

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. (Chorus)

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## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **The Benediction**

## **The Going Out Song      "Shout To the North"**

Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.  
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.

Chorus: Shout to the north and the south, Sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing pow'r of our awesome King of love. (Chorus 2x)

We've been through fire, we've been through rain,  
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name.  
We've fallen deeper in love with You,  
You've burned the truth on our lips. (Chorus)

Rise up, church, with broken wings, fill this place with songs again  
Of our God who reigns on high.  
By His Grace again we'll fly. (Chorus 2x)

Lord of heaven and earth.  
He is Lord of heaven and earth.  
He is Lord of heaven and earth.

