



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**Jackson, Minnesota**  
***“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”***  
**St. James the Elder, Apostle**  
**July 25, 2021**

**Welcome** to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.

**Communion Policy:** In the Lord’s Supper, the Risen Christ gives us His true Body & Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we participate in the Lord’s Supper we declare doctrinal unity. Therefore we ask guests who are not members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to speak with Pastor before communing with us.



**Prelude and Ringing of the Bell**

**Hymn**            “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”            **857**

**Confession and Absolution**            **203**

**Introit**                            **Ps. 89:1, 5, 15–16; antiphon: Ps. 119:46**

**[P]** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

**[C]** **and shall not be put to shame.**

**[P]** I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;

**[C]** **with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.**

**[P]** Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,

**[C]** **your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!**

**[P]** Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,

**[C]** **who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,**

**[P]** who exult in your name all the day

**[C]** **and in your righteousness are exalted.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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**[C]** **and shall not be put to shame.**

**Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis**

**204**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O gracious God, Your servant and apostle James was the first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the name of Jesus Christ. Pour out upon the leaders of Your Church that spirit of self-denying service that they may forsake all false and passing allurements and follow Christ alone, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

Acts 11:27—12:5 ESV

<sup>27</sup> Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.

<sup>28</sup> And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). <sup>29</sup> So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea.

<sup>30</sup> And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

<sup>12:1</sup> About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup> He killed James the brother of John with the sword, <sup>3</sup> and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. <sup>4</sup> And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. <sup>5</sup> So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.      **C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.

**P** How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

**C** who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

**P** Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

**C** and their words to the ends of the world.

## Epistle

Romans 8:28–39 ESV

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

<sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he

called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

<sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**[P]** This is the Word of the Lord.    **[C]** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

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## Holy Gospel

St. Mark 10:35–45 ESV

**[P]** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**[C]** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup> And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup> Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” <sup>39</sup> And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup> And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup> And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the

Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed** 206

**Hymn** “The Son of God Goes Forth to War” 661

**Sermon** “Please God, Not the World” **Acts 11:27—12:5**

### Prayer of the Church

*Heather Muir (Mary Muir’s stepdaughter), Sue Schulz, Neil Miller, Corlene Hansen, Rose Baerg (Mark Oeltjenbruns’s aunt), Ron Kloos, Spencer Heser, Barney Olson, Delbert Milbrath (Steve Milbrath’s uncle), Travus Mekosch, Kim Nesmoe.*

*Petitions conclude:*

**P** . . . let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

*Final petition concludes:*

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** Amen.

### Offering

**Service of the Sacrament** 208-212

**Distribution Hymns** 420, 732

**Closing Hymn** 582

“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

### Postlude



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