

Isaiah 66 - Judgment and Hope

¹⁸“And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory.

¹⁹“I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they will bring all your people, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels,” says the LORD. “They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. ²¹And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites,” says the LORD.

²²“As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the LORD, “so will your name and descendants endure. ²³From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the LORD. ²⁴“And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

Hebrews 12 - The Mountain of Fear and the Mountain of Joy

¹⁸You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.” ²¹The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”

²²But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Luke 13—The Narrow Door

²²Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, ²⁴“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

²⁶“Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

²⁷“But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

²⁸“There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. ²⁹People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ³⁰Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



ENTER

Through the narrow door!

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2019

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Worship Services

Sunday—8:00 am and 10:15 am

Office Hours: 7:30am—3:00pm, Monday-Friday

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September 15th

14th Week in Pentecost

SERVING YOU TODAY—8:00 am Ushers—Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Gary Bernhardt, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Roger Hoida, Dave Hoida, Bill Ebert III, Deven Krepline, Howard Haese ■ **Church Cleaners**—Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger & Judy Hoida ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Hoyer, Audrey Duchow

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—8:00 am Ushers—Dan Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene & Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel, Jacob Bubolz ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim & Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners**—Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger & Judy Hoida ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Hoyer, Audrey Duchow ■ **Organist**—Kristen Hillmann

PRAYER—God of mercy and might, through the resurrection of your Son you have freed us from the anguish of guilt and the bonds of death. Be with us on our pilgrimage and help us glorify you in the presence of all your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ORDER OF OUR SERVICE —Liturgy page 38—Hymns—339, 431, 539 and 399.

SERMON TEXT—Luke 13:22-30
Theme: The Gate of Heaven

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Sunday School at St. John - St. James Ev. Lutheran Church is held most Sundays from September through May (approx. 9:05-10:10am). All of God's children ages 3 through 6th grade are always welcome! Please pick up a registration form from the West Office in the back of church or register online at our website (www.stjohnstjames.com). Click on "Our Church" in the top menu bar. The registration link will be on the right-hand side under "Important Links".

ANNUAL MEETING— The Annual Meeting is today Sunday, September 15 at 9:15 am in the Commons area. Items on the agenda are: 1)Report on the Synod Convention and 2)Vision 2020. Dan Duchow will give a report on the Synod Convention, and all members are invited to attend the meeting and hear the work our synod is doing. If you have not picked up your reports they will be available today on the tables in back of church.

OFFICE HOURS—Church/School office hours will now be 7:30 am—3:00 pm.

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Sievert
Organist, Charmaine Wagner
9:05 am Sunday School

(9/16) Monday

9:05 am Youth Bible Class
5:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Ladies Aid Meeting

(9/17) Tuesday

4:00 pm B-Team Volleyball at St. John—St. James—Reedsville

(9/18) Wednesday

6:30 pm Choir Practice

(9/20) Friday

4:00 pm A-Team Volleyball at St. John—St. James—Reedsville

(9/21) Saturday

Gr. K-2 & 3-4 Soccer Tournament at MLHS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—There will be no adult bible study today. Bible study will begin next Sunday, September 22.

PARENTS OF COLLEGE-AGE STUDENTS—The Spiritual Growth Committee of SJSJ would like to connect with your child. We will be getting together to assemble care packages of fun and necessary items plus a devotion. If you would like your child to receive a package, please submit their contact information to the church office before September 29th.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED—Our first family fun night is a glow walk scheduled for September 25th. If you are able to donate bars/cookies or come and help serve snacks on that night, please contact Mrs. Karla Aden at kaden@stjohnstjames.com.

NEWSLETTER—Would you like to receive the church newsletter in your email inbox? If so please email us at cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com or aschrubbe@stjohnstjames.com.

SWEET CORN—The MLHS "Sweet Corn Fest" is coming here in the parking lot of St. John-St. James on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019 as a free will donation. To date, the MLHS Academic Voucher Committee has awarded 1529 vouchers to students in grades 5-8 that participate in the MLHS Academic Fair. Each voucher is worth \$100 of tuition to Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE—Worship Services will now be 8:00am & 10:15am until May of 2020.

LADIES AID—Ladies aid meeting will meet on Monday, September 16 at 7:00 pm.

OUR SYMPATHIES—Orvilla Duddeck, Sister of Luellis Meyer and Aunt of Delaine Reis was received by our Savior on August 28, 2019 in Watertown, WI.

IN MEMORY—A donation was given in memory of Orvilla Duddeck from Luellis Meyer. Thank you!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—Church Attendance: (9/8) 141 + 137 = 278 ■
Communion Attendance: 152

SJSJ Building Fund Account August 2019

Balance 08/01/19 \$16,505.13

Deposits

Interest	\$3.40
8/6/2019	\$1,456.00
8/12/2019	\$4,405.00
8/19/2019	\$1,795.00
8/26/2019	\$835.00
Total Deposits	\$8,494.40

Withdrawals

Transfer to Loan (Aug. Payment)	\$4,685.00
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Total Withdrawals	\$9,440.00

Ending Balance \$15,559.53

Outstanding Loan Balance for Building Project
\$1,292,584.32

Almost 18 years ago one of our members was convicted of a sexual offense. He has been incarcerated since the conviction, has completed his sentence, and will be released from prison in September. More importantly, he has repented of his sin and knows his forgiveness through faith in Christ Jesus. He has done extensive rehabilitative counseling, has many safeguards in place to avoid future events and has met with key leaders. He has signed a limited access agreement to keep him from future accusations and our children safe from future incidents. He will be accompanied by a trained chaperone whenever he attends ministries here at SJSJ. May we generously offer grace to others, just as we have received it, so that those who seek forgiveness and strengthening in true faith and repentance may find it among us as God's family. If you have concerns, please speak with Pastor Aden.

SJSJ LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULTS—Attention all SJSJ youth in grades 7-12. If you are interested in joining the SJSJ Lutheran Young Adults please contact Angela Kiley at 920-860-0025.

QUILTERS—Quilters will be meeting in the Commons area in the corridor by the storage room on Thursday, September 19 at 9:00am and every Thursday after from 9:00am—11:00 am. Come join us!

TRUNK OR TREAT—This year's Trunk or Treat will be on Saturday, October 19, 2019 in the parking lot from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. A chili lunch will be served with a costume contest, wagon rides, many games, and a bouncy house. Come and join us for 2 hours of free food and fun! If interested in decorating a trunk for this fun event please sign-up on the sheet provided in the back of Church or in the Commons area of School. Watch for Pumpkins for food donations.

THANK YOU—A donation was given to building fund in memory of Evelyn Busse.

OUR SYMPATHIES—Evelyn "Evey" Busse was received in the arms of our Lord on August 29, 2019. Our sympathies to Donald Busse, Bob and Mary Busse and their families.

NOTICE—The Friendship Service advertised in the September/October newsletter and in previous bulletins will be postponed until further notice.

St. John – St. James Church Council Meeting Highlights September 9, 2019

Treasurer Bubolz reported on income for the month of August was \$51,020 and expenses for August were \$53,000. Total debt balance at the end of August is \$47,310.

Membership Action:

Transfers in:

⇒ Accepted into membership by profession of faith of Adam Denor, Myron and Jean Peter.

Removals: No removals.

Transfers out:

⇒ Evelyn Busse transfer to church triumphant.

Releases:

⇒ Adicyn Immel, Natalie and Sophia Braun, parents of these baptized souls were released last month.

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