

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3 & 6

WELCOME

God's Church will Stand Forever

Opening Hymn:

God Is Here! As We His People

Christian Worship, Hymn # 221



Verse 1

**God is here! As we his people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of his Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.**



Verse 4



**Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the gospel;
Help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive;
We who cannot live without you,
We adore you! We believe!**

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

M The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M We have come into the presence of god, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C Verse 1 **♫** **My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day Be wholly thine!**

C Verse 2
♫ **May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Almighty and eternal God, give us an increase of faith, hope and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BE SEATED

Epistle Lesson

Romans 11:33-36

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! ³⁴ “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵ “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?” ³⁶ For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

C I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Hymn of the Day:

Built on the Rock

Christian Worship, Hymn # 529

C Verse 1

♪ **Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and the old to rest,
But above all the soul distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.**

C Verse 3

♪ **We are God's house of living stones,
Built for his own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of his wondrous salvation.
Were we but two his name to tell,
Yet he would deign with us to dwell
With all his grace and his favor.**

C Verse 5

♪ **Grant then, O God, your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ his message is bringing:
"I know my own; my own know me.
You, not the world, my face shall see.
My peace I leave with you always."**

Exodus 6:2-8 **“The Church will Stand Forever”**

1. Because the LORD stands behind His name
2. Because the LORD stands behind His promises
3. Because the LORD stands behind His people

² God also said to Moses, “I am the LORD. ³ I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself fully known to them. ⁴ I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners.

⁵ Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

⁶ “Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. ⁸ And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.’”

PLEASE STAND

M O Lord God, heavenly Father, we praise and glorify you for the unsurpassed gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess that we are unworthy sinners who have transgressed you will and Word.

C **We repent of our evil and pray for the faith that trusts you utterly and completely in the righteousness of Christ Jesus for our forgiveness.**

(Responsive prayer continues on the next page.)

- M** Open our hearts to the mighty power of your Word.
- C** **Teach us to depend on your means of grace for spiritual strength.**
- M** We pray for our beloved country. Give us citizens who perceive that the standard of all that is right is not personal advancement or private favor, not public opinion or party platform, but your holy will.
- C** **Lavish your grace on all families, that each home may, by its Christian love and character, be for our children a foretaste of the joy and blessedness of our heavenly home.**
- M** For all who are in any sickness, pain, anguish, or suffering, for all who are in any danger of body or soul, we pray. Teach them to turn to you and wait on you for mercy. Grant them hope and a joyous deliverance from all their trials, and let them walk in your light all their days.
- C** **These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our refuge and hope. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** **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.**

BLESSING

- M** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

Onward, Christian Soldiers

Christian Worship, Hymn # 537

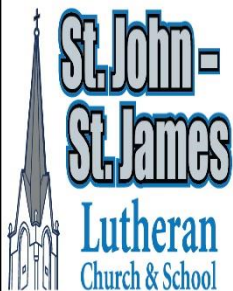
C Verse 1

- ♪ **Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle See his banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.**

C Verse 3

- ♪ **Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail.
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.**

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Send Bulletin Information to cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com—Wednesday Deadline

Thursday, September 3rd & Sunday, September 6th

SERVING YOU THIS WEEK—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Scott Bubolz, Brian Bubolz, Dave Hoepfner, Bill Voeltz ■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am OUTDOOR WORSHIP—**Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt, Andy Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe, Zac Bubolz ■ **Church Cleaners—**Dr. Buchner & Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower Committee—**Judy Hoyer & Audrey Duchow.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp, Gary Bernhardt ■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am Outdoor Worship—**Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack, Terry/Karen Prochnow, Bob/Mary Busse, Fred Busse, Erwin Waack, Jon Waack, Randy/Sandy Waack, Dereck Waack and Todd Hickmann ■ **Church Cleaners—**Shawn/Melissa Behnke & Sheri Lau ■ **Flower Committee—**Judy Hoyer & Audrey Duchow ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—**Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian & Joan Sheahan.

COMMUNION—On Thursdays we will continue with how we have been doing Communion in the past weeks. For the Sunday Outdoor Worship services, we will be handing out fellowship cups, please listen for instructions from Pastor. Ushers will be there to help the process run smoothly.

FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL MEETING & REPORTS DUE—The Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 20th at 10:15am and the items on the agenda are the Building Fund. If you have not gotten your July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 reports to Cindy please do so very soon.

LIKE & SHARE—When you watch our on-line devotions and services please remember to like and share.

MEMEBERSHIP DIRECTORY—Our updated Membership Directory is out for you to pick up. If you do not have email and would like a copy, we can provide you with one. Please call the church office at 920-754-4568, the school office at 920-754-4432 or Dan Duchow at 920-754-4751. The directories are also available in the West Church office.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES—Because of our great attendance and all of the wonderful feedback on all the previous Sunday Outdoor Worship Services, our church administration has decided to extend our Outdoor services for the month of September. Please bring a comfortable lawn chair, dress accordingly and listen to God's Word while enjoying the great outdoors! If weather does not permit, we will worship in the school gymnasium where masks will be required, and please remember to practice social distancing at our Outdoor Service. Our 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service will be held in the church, but we must wear a mask.

SEPTEMBER USHER SCHEDULES—September Usher schedules are emailed and sent out. As usual we will have some extra hard copies in the West Church office on the table, please feel free to grab one. If weather does not permit, please note that ushers scheduled for that day should come at about 8:00 to put the tarps down in the gym.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Sunday School will begin here this Fall, date and time will be determined. All Children ages 3-6th grade is welcome to attend any Sunday. New to this year we will offer a virtual Sunday School option if you are not feeling comfortable having your child(ren) meet in person. If choosing the virtual option, we would still need you to register either on-line or in person. Please register by August 31st. If you would be willing to teach grades 4-6, we are looking for volunteers to help out. We would greatly appreciate your assistance! Please go to our website (stjohnstjames.com) to register. Click on "OUR CHURCH" in the top menu bar & look for "SJSJ Sunday School Registration" under the Important Links on the right-hand side.

BUILDING FUND MEMORIAL—A gift was given in memory of Carol Herzog from Mary Lou Krepline and \$235 was given in memory of Robert Buchner to our Building Fund.



Our Father's Business

Today

Thursday 9/10

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden

Organist, Kristen Hillmann

Thursday Worship at 6:30 pm



NEW PRAISE CHOIR DIRECTOR—Kristen Hillmann will be the new Praise Choir Director. We are thankful for her willingness to serve in this position. The Choir season will be conducted differently going forward. If you are interested in participating in the Praise Choir, or have any questions, please contact Kristen. Look for more detailed information in the near future.

USHERS NEEDED—Would you be willing to serve as an usher? We are in need of a few good men and women who would be interested in serving at our worship services. If interested or if you would like more information please contact Gary Bernhardt (920-732-4483) or any of our Church Administration. Thank you!

PARTTIME GROUNDSKEEPER—MLHS is looking for a part time groundskeeper. Duties include general lawn care and maintenance of the outside buildings. Pay will be based on experience. If interested please contact the business office or e-mail TJ Schneider at tschneider@mlhslancers.org.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE—We are accepting donations Monday-Friday from 9:00 – 12:00 pm. Our Facebook page is Repeat Performance Store. Please like us and you will receive the weekly sales listed on Sunday night for the following week. We are now having two departments on sale each week. We are hoping this will allow more of our inventory to find its way into your homes! We have many visit our shop on a weekly basis; you would be surprised what you can find! Wishing all a safe and healthy week ahead!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—AUGUST 24—30

- Church Attendance: Thur. 6:30 pm—49, Sun. 9am Outdoor Service—155, Total: 204
- Regular Offerings—General: \$ 7,530.00, Synod: \$ 191.00, MLHS: \$ 83.00, Total: \$ 7,804.00
- Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 2,460.00 (needed each week \$2,312)
- Roger and Carol Bubolz Door Offering - \$400.00