

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 19 & 22, 2021


WELCOME


God Calls on Us to Live in Wisdom


Opening Hymn:


Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Christian Worship, Hymn # 223

Verse 1  **As we begin another week,
In Jesus' name your grace we seek.
God, grant that through these seven days
No evil may befall our ways.**

Verse 2  **Your gentle blessings, Lord, outpour
On all our labors evermore.
Our hearts with your good Spirit fill
That we may gladly do your will.**

Verse 3  **In ev'ry season, ev'ry place,
May we recall your Word of grace
Until, when life's brief day is past,
We reach eternal joy at last.**

Verse 4  **And keep with angels in your rest
The endless Sabbath of the blest.
Grant this to us through Christ, your Son,
Who reigns with you upon your throne.**

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.

(Hymn response printed on next page.)

C Verse 1  **You are the way; through you alone
Can we the Father find;
In you, O Christ, has God revealed
His heart and will and mind.**

C Verse 2  **You are the truth; your Word alone
True wisdom can impart.
You only can inform the mind
And purify the heart.**

C Verse 3  **You are the life; the empty tomb
Proclaims your conqu'ring arm,
And those who put their trust in you
Not death nor hell shall harm. *(CW# 356)***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Proverbs 9:1-6

9 Wisdom has built her house; she has set up^[a] its seven pillars. **2** She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table. **3** She has sent out her servants, and she calls from the highest point of the city, **4** “Let all who are simple come to my house!” To those who have no sense she says, **5** “Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. **6** Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of insight.”

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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.

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”



⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”



⁵³ Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

Hymn of the Day:

Lamb of God, We Fall before You

Christian Worship, Hymn # 354

** Verse 1  Lamb of God, we fall before you,
Humbly trusting in your cross.
Our great joy is to adore you;
All things else are only dross.**

** Verse 2  Jesus is the perfect Savior,
Only source of all that’s good;
Ev’ry grace and ev’ry favor
Come to us through Jesus’ blood.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 3 **♪ Jesus gives us true repentance
By his Spirit sent from heav'n,
Whispers this assuring sentence,
“All your sins are now forgiv'n.”**

C Verse 4 **♪ Faith he grants us to believe it,
Grateful hearts his love to prize;
Want we wisdom? He must give it,
Hearing ears and seeing eyes.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Darin Aden

Ephesians 5:15-20

“Live Carefully”

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and 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:

O, Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

Christian Worship, Hymn # 185

C Verse 2  **Help us that we your saving Word
In faithful hearts may treasure;
Let e'er that bread of life afford
New grace in richest measure.
Make us to die to ev'ry sin;
Each day create us new within
That fruits of faith may flourish.**

C Verse 3  **Then when our earthly race is run,
Death's bitter hour impending,
May your good work in us begun
Continue till life's ending,
Until we gladly may commend
Our souls into our Savior's hand
To rest in peace eternal.**

Bulletin Announcements

Our Father's Business

Today Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden
Organ Today—Charmaine Wagner
Thursday 8/26 Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Thursday, August 19—Sunday, August 22

SERVING YOU TODAY—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner ■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers**—Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners**—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**—Kay Pantzlaff.

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FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE—Starting September 12 we will be have two services on Sundays at 8am & 10:15 am. There will no longer be a Thursday evening service after Thursday, September 2nd. Our last Outdoor Worship Service at 9am will be September 5.

ANNUAL REPORTS—Our fiscal year ended on June 30, 2021. We will now be getting the information needed to put into a report for the Annual meeting. If you have a report that needs to go into the Annual Report please have your report to Cindy **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** Thank you!

MONTHLY FLOWER COMMITTEE—We need members to volunteer to take care of the flowers in Church, etc. Please call Karen Prochnow at 920-754-4688 for more details.

CHURCH DOOR KEYS—If you currently have a key to the old church doors, please bring it to the school office and we will exchange it for you with a new key fob that will now work with all of our electronic doors.

GROUNDS KEEPER POSITION—We will be interviewing for the Grounds Keeper position for next year (2022). The job requires the ability to operate riding mower, walk

behind mower, weed trimmer and leaf blower. Average of about 25 hours per week. Person must be reliable and responsible for the care of the grounds and all equipment. Choose your own hours as long as the grounds are kept up. Job description and applications are available in the west office and in the school office. If interested, please contact Dan Duchow (920-860-9379) or Gary Bernhardt (920-629-5221)

ANNUAL MEETING—The Annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, September 26 at 9:15 in the Commons. Items on the agenda are a second Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION & BIBLE STUDY - Starting on September 12th adult Bible study will start up between services in the commons area at 9:15am. Coffee and lite snacks will be provided. If you would like to volunteer to help out with the coffee and provide snacks there is a signup sheet in the west office. Sunday School will also begin on September 12th. All of God's children ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome to attend on any Sunday. Please register as soon as possible to help our director & teachers better prepare for the year. Please go to our website (stjohnstjames.com) to register. Click on "OUR CHURCH" in the top menu bar and look for "SJSJ Sunday School Registration" under the Important Links on the right-hand side. Please join us as we grow closer in God's word.

HYMNALS AVAILABLE- If you would like to use a hymnal during worship service, they will be available as you enter the sanctuary. Please return them to either entrance.... OR.... Since we will be getting our new hymnals at the end of the year, we are offering the current hymnals to anyone who would like one for personal use. Feel free to take one home and help us repurpose them instead of storing them in a box forever.

KITCHEN CLEANING—Our Ladies Aid will be cleaning the kitchen on Monday, August 23rd at 9:00am. If interested in helping all you need to do is show up! Thank you to all our helpers! We are so grateful for all your love and devotion to St. John-St. James Church and School.

2nd PASTOR—The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) has conducted interviews with the church council, committee chairman, organizations, the faculty and members of the congregation. The number one need that was pointed out is the need for a second pastor. So the SPC has put together a plan for a second pastor. The stewardship committee has put together a financial plan. We want to present this to all members of the congregation.

We will be having congregational information meetings after church services on Thursday, **August 26** and **Sunday, August 29**. We will have another informational meeting on **Sunday, September 19 after both services**. The church services will be shortened to allow more time for the presentation. We will have a question-answer session after the presentation at this meeting. We invite all members of this congregation to attend these important meetings.

THANK YOU—Thank you to the Schrubbe, Zimmerman, and Stuebs families who helped clean up after the softball tournament in Kellnersville. Also, a thank you to the tournament coordinators for donating \$350 to our athletics program.

MESSENGERS CONCERT T-SHIRT - T-shirts are available for \$12 in the narthex. If your size isn't available, please register it on the sheet, and one will be ordered! The theme for the MESSENGERS concert on Aug 11, reminded us that sharing the Gospel and the love of Christ "Starts Right Here"! If not us, then who? If not now, then when? *Isaiah 6:8- Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here I am. Send me." ——— Through hardships, through adversity, the Church of Christ still stands. His Word will NEVER return empty but accomplish what He desires (Is 55:11).*

MESSENGER CONCERT RECORDINGS -The concert is available for viewing on the SJSJ YouTube Channel. There are DVD copies available at church and Professional audio CDs will be available next week. Thanks!

HOME BOUND MEMBERS—An updated list of home-bound members is on the table in the West Office. Please feel free to take one. Our home-bound members would love to get cards and letters from you! Thank you!

THANK YOU—Thank you to Jade Busse and Julian and Gabriel Stuebs who helped put the new outside basketball hoops together. Your effort is much appreciated!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT—All school families are reminded to join us for Back-to-School Night next **Tuesday, August 24th beginning at 6:00pm** in the church. Following the informational meeting in church, all students are welcome to visit their classrooms for more classroom/teacher specific information and to bring their school supplies to their classrooms to get ready for the upcoming school year!

NORTHWESTERN PUBLISHING HOUSE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY—Northwestern Publishing House (NPH) connects people with God's Word through the

publishing and sales of trustworthy Christian books and gifts. NPH is currently seeking an experienced business leader to serve as its President. This is a full-time, salaried position located at NPH's office in the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry in Waukesha, WI. If you would like more information or are interested in being considered for this position, please visit nph.net/join-our-team or call Bill Ziche at 414-615-5778.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—August 9-15

Church Attendance: Thursday 6:30 pm Service—48 ■ Sunday 9:00am—145, Total: 193 ■ Offerings—General Fund—\$ 7,350.00* Synod—\$ 705.50*, MLHS—\$ 265.50* , Total \$ 8,321.00* ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$ 2,186.00* (needed each week \$2,312) * Totals include electronic offerings.