

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School

faith

without

ACTION

is dead.

James 2:17

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

WELCOME

Faith is more than theory; it acts!

Opening Hymn:

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

Christian Worship, Hymn # 176

 Verse 2  **Come, holy Light, Guide divine,
And cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright
And call him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our Master be
That we in living faith abide,
In him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

 Verse 3  **Come, holy Fire, Comfort true;
Grant us the will your work to do
And in your service to abide;
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by your pow'r prepare each heart,
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to you, our Lord, ascend.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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 3 **Lord, I believe your precious blood,
Which at the very throne of God
Forever will for sinners plead,
For me-e'en for my soul-was shed.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)



Verse 4

**Lord, I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
You have for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made. (CW# 376)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY



Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-10

⁴The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. ⁵The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. ⁶I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. ⁷Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! ⁹It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant? Let the one who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on their God.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

²⁸ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said:

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

Hymn of the Day:

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke

Christian Worship, Hymn # 453

Verse 1  **“Come, follow me,” the Savior spoke,
“All in my way abiding.
Deny yourselves; the world forsake;
Obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate’er betide;
Take my example for your guide.**

Verse 5  **Then let us follow Christ our Lord
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to his Word,
In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain
The crown of heav’nly life obtain.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Louis Sievert

James 2:14-18

The Christian and Good Works

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

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:

We Are the Lord's

Christian Worship, Hymn # 427

C Verse 1  **We are the Lord's; his all-sufficient merit,
Sealed on the cross, to us this grace accords.
We are the Lord's and all things shall inherit;
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

Verse 2  **We are the Lord's; then let us gladly tender
Our souls to him in deeds, not empty words.
Let heart and tongue and life combine to render
No doubtful witness that we are the Lord's.**

Lancer Link

Fall update

STRATEGIC PLANNING PRESENTATION & QUESTIONS

Both 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM Services



Bulletin Announcements

Our Father's Business

Today	Preacher, Pastor Louis Sievert
	Organ Today—Kristen Hillmann
Tue. 9/21	B-Team Volleyball at Immanuel at 5:00pm-7:00pm
Wed. 9/22	Messengers Practice at 6:30 pm
Fri. 9/24	A-Team Volleyball at Newtonburg at 5:00 – 6:00pm
Sat. 9/25	Bluejay Soccer at New Holstein (K-2, 3-4, 5-8)

Sunday, September 19

SERVING YOU TODAY—Sunday—8:00 am Ushers Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **Sunday—10:15 am Ushers—**Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **Church Cleaners—** Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon ■ **Flower Committee—**Judy Hoyer & Audrey Duchow.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—Sunday—8:00 am Ushers— Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack ■ **Sunday—10:15 am Ushers—**Terry/Karen Prochnow, Fred Busse, Erwin Waack, Jon Waack, Randy/Sandy Waack, Dereck Waack and Todd Hickmann ■ **Church Cleaners—**Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee—**Judy Hoyer & Audrey Duchow ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—**Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan.

NEW CHURCH DOORS—The new church doors are now programmed and working as they should! The handicap access buttons will now work if you need assistance with opening the doors. If you have a key fob to unlock the doors, they are now programmed to unlock both church doors B & C. Doors A, B, C & D will unlock automatically a half hour before each scheduled worship service & will relock approximately a half hour following the end of the service.

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 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 and Capital Campaign, which will be discussed at this meeting. A vote will not be taken at this meeting. We will vote on it at a special voter's meeting in October. The Annual Reports were emailed and sent out this week. Please bring your Annual Report along to the meeting.

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING—A special voters meeting will be held on October 24th at 11:15 in the commons. We will vote on two separate things. 1. Calling a second pastor no later than next spring. 2. Have an 18 month capital campaign for a Ministry Reserve Fund.

NEEDED—Our SJSJ Volleyball teams have some home matches on October 1, & October 8. We are in need of volunteers to operate the scoreboard during these matches at 5pm, 6pm & 7pm. If you have never done this before and are unsure about helping, please contact Mr. Stuebs (pstuebs@stjohnstjames.com) with any questions. Space that need to be filled are as follows: October 1—(1)5pm, (1)6pm, and (1)7pm, & October 8—(1) 5pm.

MESSENGER CONCERT RECORDINGS—The August 11 (Starts Right Here) concert is available for viewing on the SJSJ YouTube Channel. There are DVD and professional audio CDs available at both entrances. Please enjoy them!

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.

IN MEMORY OF—Mary Fenlon gave a gift to the Building Fund in memory of Pat Fenlon Sr. who passed away on 9-19-2004. Dan & Audrey Duchow, Randel & Julie Bubolz, Glen & Geraldine Behnke and Lorna Bastian gave a gift to the Building Fund in Memory of Heidi Bubolz. Dr. and Sharon Buchner gave a gift to the Building Fund in memory of Mark Natzke. Thank you all for your wonderful gifts!

NEW MEMBER WELCOME— Welcome to our Church family Becky, Keegan, Mercedes & Cooper Grimm, who have transferred into membership from Trinity, Brillion. Welcome to our Church family!

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 have another informational meeting **Today Sunday, September 19 after both services.** We encourage everyone who came to the first presentation to attend this one also. You will have had time to read all the information that was handed out to you. Hopefully our members will have more questions and comments about the second pastor proposal. If you were at the first presentation, could you bring the information that was handed out to you at the first presentation to this second presentation. 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.

MESSENGERS CONCERT T-SHIRT—"Starts Right Here" t-shirts remain for sale for \$12 in the narthex; comfortable material! What an awesome testimony to wear (or to gift) The back says: 2 Chronicle 7:14—"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." **If your size isn't available, please register it on the sheet, and one will be ordered.

FUTURE MESSENGERS SERVICES—MESSENGERS will resume leading worship on the first Sunday of each month, beginning October 3, 2021, and ending in May 1, 2022.

LADIES AID MEETING—There will be a Ladies Aid meeting on September 20th at 4:00 pm. Please join us for the fun!

LYA—SJSJ is inviting all youth that are in 7-12 grade to participate in SJSJ Youth Group (LYA). If interested please contact Angela Kiley at 920-860-0025. Hope to see you there!

OUR SYMPATHIES—Gerhard H. Bubolz, age 93, went home to be with Jesus and his passed loved ones on September 14, 2021. Our most sincere condolences to Bergetta (wife) and all other family members and close friends. The visitation for Gerhard was Friday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m. and the funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Knollwood Mausoleum Chapel. Rev. Darin Aden officiated the funeral. We pray for peace in your hearts!

BLUEJAY SPIRIT WEAR—It's that time of year again to order your Bluejay Spirit Wear! Forms are available in the West Office in church. If you wish to order, please return the order form with payment to the school office on or before **Friday, September 24th.** If you have any questions regarding our Bluejay Spirit Wear, please contact Brad

Busse at (920) 450-1094 or bradbusse174@gmail.com. Thank you Brad for coordinating our spirit wear orders again this year!

PREACHING TODAY—Pastor Louis Sievert will be substitute Preaching for Pastor Aden this Sunday. Pastor Sievert is a retired Pastor from Two Rivers.

Women's Bible Study - Starting Soon!

As we look around the world today, we see more and more--this is not our Home. Praise God-- we have a God who is **"With Us in the Wilderness"**. All women are invited to participate in this aptly named Bible study. Participants will be asked to purchase a book for the study. Because I would like to have a seat and a book ready for you on September 29th, please contact Karla Aden at kaden@stjohnstjames.com or 920-460-0597 by September 22nd to let me know you will be joining us. If you would like to join us, but you are wondering what you would do with your small children, let me know, and I will see what I can arrange.

When: Wednesdays at 6:30PM September 29th-November 18th

Where: at the Aden home 422 Spruce Drive, Reedsville

SAVE the DATE

TRUNK or TREAT

Saturday, October 23, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

St. John - St. James

Join us for 2 hours of Food and Fun!

Please join us for our 10th annual Trunk or Treat. We are in need of decorated car trunks, donations and help with setting up and taking down. Let's make this a fun community event. The more decorated trunks we have, the more fun for everyone! Trunks can be as simple as fall decorations, a game, or a fun theme. This is a time for SJSJ to shine to our community.

Please use good Christian taste when decorating.

Please look for sign-up sheets and donation opportunities in the school commons and church narthex. Please drop off all donations in the school commons, no later than Sunday, October 17.

All trunks need to be set up and ready to go in the parking lot by 10:15 on October 23, 2021. Please contact Sarah Marohn with any questions.

St. John – St. James Church Council Meeting Highlights September 13, 2021

Membership Action:

Transfers in:

- Becky Grimm—communicant (husband Travis—not a member); Keegan—communicant; Mercedes & Cooper—baptized souls: Transfer into membership from Trinity, Brillion.
- Pierce Ryan Popp—baptized soul (infant son of Ryan & Marissa Popp): Baptized soul (August 22, 2021)
- Jeff Doemel reported on income for the month of August was \$45,022 and expenses were \$64,862. Total debt balance at the end of July is \$6,010.
- The Charities balance at the end of July was \$33,971.83. Total monies in the Building Project Fund are \$17,491.50.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE—September 6-12

Church Attendance: ■ Sunday 8:00am—110, Sunday 10:15am—88 Total: 198 ■ Offerings—General Fund—\$ 7,481.00, Synod—\$ 156.00, MLHS—\$ 86.00, Total \$ 7,723.00 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$ 1,920.00 (needed each week \$2,312) ■ MLHS Building Fund—\$ 150.00 ■ MLC Building fund—\$ 150.00

SJSJ Building Fund Account

August 2021

08/01/2021		\$15,603.50
<u>Deposits</u>	-	
In Honor Of/Memorials	\$1,100.00	
Special Offering	\$2,000.00	
8/3/2021	\$770.00	
8/11/2021	\$3,252.00	
8/17/2021	\$1,406.00	
8/25/2021	\$1,355.00	
8/31/2021	\$590.00	
Electronic Offerings	\$1,010.00	
Total Deposits	\$11,483.00	
<u>Withdrawals</u>	-	
Member Loan Interest Payments	\$225.00	
Transfer to Loan (August Payment)	\$4,685.00	
Transfer to Loan (August Payment)	\$4,685.00	
Total Withdrawals	\$9,595.00	
Ending Balance		\$17,491.50

Outstanding DSB Loan Balance for Building Project

\$943,608.80

Outstanding MEMBER Loan Balance for Building Project

\$380,000.00

