

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Festival of Pentecost

June 2 & 5, 2022

PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send for your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Historic Antiphon of the Church)

WELCOME

The Spirit MARCHES VICTORIOUSLY through the Word.

PLEASE STAND

Opening Hymn:

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Old Christian Worship, Hymn # 590



Verse 1

O Holy Spirit, enter in

And in our hearts your work begin,

Your dwelling place now make us.

Sun of the soul, O Light divine,

Around and in us brightly shine,

To joy and gladness wake us

That we May be Truly living,

To you giving Prayer unceasing

And in love be still increasing.

(Our hymn continues on the next page.)



Verse 2



**Give to your Word impressive pow'r
 That in our hearts from this good hour
 As fire it may be glowing,
 That in true Christian unity
 We faithful witnesses may be,
 Your glory ever showing.
 Hear us, Cheer us By your teaching;
 Let our preaching And our labor
 Praise you, Lord, and serve our neighbor.**

CONFESSION OF SINS



The Scriptures speak to us as believers, saying, *“Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.”* (1 Corinthians 6:19) So also God tells us, *“The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.”* (1 Corinthians 2:10) God is always with us and knows the troubles that threaten us from within and without. Thus we acknowledge with the Psalmist:



“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.” (Psalm 139:7,8)



God desires to comfort us with the knowledge of his abiding presence, yet as sinners, God’s intimate connection with us can be disconcerting. God knows everything about us. When Paul is inspired to describe himself, he also accurately describes us, saying: *“I know that nothing good lives in me, that is in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.”* (Romans 7:18) God knows how sinful our actions, words, and thoughts can be. Let us now come to God in silent repentance with the sins troubling us today.

(Time for silent reflection and prayer.)

M Lord, we understand that because of our sins, we have no right to expect your acceptance or blessing. Thus we plead with David:

C ***“Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.”*** *(Psalm 51:11)*

ABSOLUTION

M There is no way for us to remove our guilt or pay what is owed for our sin. God tells us *“No man can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for him—the ransom for a life is costly.”* (Ps 49:7,8) Only through the redemption offered by God himself can we avoid the punishment that should be ours. In baptism, the Holy Spirit brought us into his family and washed away our sins by making Christ’s redemption our own through faith. Thus we remember with Paul:

C ***“God saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”*** *(Titus 3:5-7)*

M The Spirit has brought us into God’s family and given us this tremendous hope. But without the Spirit’s help we would lose our faith and this hope would never become reality. We need God’s constant care to make this hope sure and not merely a wish. Thus we remember with Paul:

C ***“Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”*** *(2 Corinthians 1:21,22)*

M It is only by the Spirit that we know and hold onto all these truths with certainty. May we never take these gifts for granted. Thus we sing with our praise and prayer in peace:

C Verse 1 **♪ Holy Spirit, Light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the gloom of night away;
Turn the darkness into day.**

C Verse 2 **♪ Holy Spirit, Love divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In your mercy pity me;
From sin's bondage set me free. (CW #593)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BE SEATED



11 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ²As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. ³They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.” ⁵But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶The LORD said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.” ⁸So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Luther’s Explanation to the Third Article

C I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” **13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. **15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: **17** *“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. **18** Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. **19** I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. **20** The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. **21** And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’*

Hymn of the Day:

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

Christian Worship, Hymn # 585

G Verse 1  **Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!**

**May all your graces be outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart;
Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of your light
You gather and in faith unite
Your church from ev'ry land and tongue;
This to your praise, O Lord our God, be sung:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

G 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!**

(Our hymn continues on the next page.)



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!**

MESSAGE

Pastor Louis Sievert

John 14:23-27

“Success in Fulfilling the Great Commission”

²³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. ²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

CREATE IN ME

C Verse 1  **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

(CW #942)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M O Lord Jesus Christ, before ascending into heaven you promised to send the Holy Spirit to finish your work in the souls of your believers.

C **Grant that we too may benefit from the work of the Spirit with us.**

M Grant us the Spirit of Wisdom that we may not be attached to the perishable things of this world but identify the things that are eternal.

C **May your Spirit help us to ever seek and serve those things that will last.**

M Grant us the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten our minds with the light of your divine truth.

C **May your Spirit help us to ever grow in our comprehension and appreciation of your Word.**

M Grant us the Spirit of Right Judgment that we may choose that which is good and pleasing to you.

C **May your Spirit help us to ever desire the path of righteousness for your name's sake.**

(Prayer continues on the next page.)

M Grant us the Spirit of Courage that we may bear our crosses and overcome all obstacles that oppose our salvation.

C **May your Spirit help us to accept challenges and difficulties with the strength you provide.**

(Special intercessions may be offered here.)

M Grant us the Spirit of Knowledge that we may know God and know ourselves.

C **May your Spirit help us to ever turn away from our sinful inclinations and rather turn to You for all things.**

M Grant us the Spirit of Reverence that we may respect and care for ourselves, all people, and all things that you have created in our world.

C **May your Spirit help us to ever find the service of God sweet and satisfying.**

M Grant us the Spirit of Wonder and Awe that we may be filled with loving admiration toward God and avoid anything that would offend him.

C **May your Spirit help us to ever trust in your unlimited power, love, and wisdom.**

M Mark as your own dear disciples, Lord Jesus, as the Spirit moves within us to now join in the prayer you taught:

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

M 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: Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word
Christian Worship, Hymn # 902

C Verse 1  **Spread, abroad, O mighty Word;
Telling of a gracious Lord
Whose all-pow'rful gospel call
Fills his heav'nly banquet hall.**

C Verse 2  **Tell how God the Father's will
Made the world, upholds it still,
How his only Son he gave
All from sin and death to save.**

C Verse 4  **Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.**

C Verse 6  **Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See your light and heed your call.**

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Today

Preacher, Pastor Louis Sievert, Retired Pastor

Music Today—Judy Mangin

6/9 Thur.

Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Thursday, June 2 & Sunday, June 5

SERVING YOU THIS WEEK—Thursday 6:30 Ushers—Jeff/Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp ■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers**— Dan/Jacob Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel ■ **Church Cleaners**—Sarah Zimmerman, Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Mangin, Jennifer Janke.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—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**—Sarah Zimmerman, Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Mangin, Jennifer Janke ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan.

MINISTRY RESERVE FUND—We have started a fund for our Second Pastor to help defray costs involved in adding another Pastor. If you wish to give to the Ministry Reserve Fund please place your offering in an envelope and clearly mark it as **Ministry Reserve Fund or 2nd Pastor Fund** and place it in the offering plate.

FREE T-SHIRTS—There are free t-shirts on the back table in the West office. Please help yourself!

SAVE THE DATE—Pastor Aden's 25th Anniversary celebration will be on Sun. July 31st. More details to follow.

SJSJ CAMP OUTING—The annual church/school camp outing held at Devil's River Campground is being planned for July 8th—10th. If you would like a campsite for this year's SJSJ Camp Outing, please contact Karie Robley at 920-772-4959 or email her at robley@tds.net. Deadline for the camp outing is Sunday, June 26th.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE—All Thursday evening services will be held at 6:30 pm inside the sanctuary. Starting Sunday, June 5th all Sunday worship services will be held OUTSIDE in the parking lot. Please bring your own lawn chair. This summer schedule will continue through Labor Day weekend.

8th GRADE GRADUATION—Congratulations to the 2022 graduating class of St. John—St. James: Josee Busse, Rebecca Krepline & Jonathan Schrubbe! God's Blessings!

HOME BOUND MEMBERS LIST—On the table in the West Church Office you will

find a copy of our home-bound members. Please pick one up, our home-bound members would love a card, letter or phone call from you!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SET UP / TAKE DOWN—The Worship committee is looking for volunteers to set up and take down for the outdoor services starting June 5. Set up and take down will take approximately 20-30 minutes before and after the service. If you'd like to serve in this way, a sign up sheet is in the west office. Thank you!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS—The Church & School Offices will be open from 8:00am—12:00pm daily during the months of June, July & August. Scrip will be available to purchase during these hours.

FUNERAL HELP NEEDED—Our Ladies Aid needs a little help for funeral set-up/take-down and to help serve and clean up after meals. If you would be interested in helping out please place your name on the list provided in the West Church office. Thank you!

KITCHEN DONATIONS—The SJSJ kitchen could use a few donations! If you would like to donate please drop off your donations in the kitchen. The following is needed: 8oz. Styrofoam cups, paper towels, medium sized plates for funeral desserts and strong sectioned plates for funerals. Thank you so much!

MEMORIALS GIVEN—Val Jean Link gave a gift to the Building Fund in memory of Jerry Reis. Thank you!

FREE COVID TESTS—Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order free at-home tests. Order yours today on line at <https://special.usps.com/testkits> or call **1-800-232-0233**.

VOTERS' BUDGET MEETING—A Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 19th at 10:00 am in the Commons. Items on the agenda are: 1) 2022-2023 Budget.

THANK YOU—Thank you to all our hot lunch volunteers for helping us serve hot lunch and cleaning up afterward. You perform a great service to our children and our school. Please keep us in mind for the 2022-2023 school year!

Aden-Bleskey Wedding

Lydia Aden (daughter of Pastor and Karla Aden) will marry Jordan Bleskey at St. John-St. James on June 18, 2022, at 2:00 PM. The congregation is invited to a 'Sweet' Reception in the Commons immediately following the ceremony.

MLC/MLHS Scholarship Assistance

This fall Maya Aden, Lynsey Marohn, Josh Aden and Michaela Bubolz will be attending MLC in New Ulm, MN. They plan on being Called Workers in our Synod. This is a real blessing with the Called Worker shortage and a lot of vacancies in our synod. Next school year the cost of attending MLC will be \$29,400. We have established a Scholarship Fund to help fund their education.

If the student's home congregation gives each student \$1200, MLC will match it.

We will have either 10 or 11 students at MLHS this fall. Some of them don't receive financial assistance. Tuition at MLHS is \$6,000.

We will extend this offering to June 12th.

- SJSJ has set a goal of \$5,600 for the MLC Scholarship Fund. We presently have \$3,317.00. Still needed \$2,283.
- We have set a goal of \$4,600 for the MLHS Scholarship Fund. We presently have \$1,585. Still needed \$3,015.

As you can see, we are still quite short of our goal for these two funds, We want to help our MLC students who plan on being Called Workers in our Synod. We also want to help our MLHS students who are receiving a Christian High School education.

If you wish to make a contribution, please mark your envelope, either MLC Scholarship. or MLHS Scholarship. If you wish to contribute to both funds mark your envelope MLC/MLHS Scholarship. Please make out checks to St. John-St. James. We can't cash checks made out to MLC or MLHS Scholarship Fund.

HEATING SYSTEM

On Sunday May 22nd our voters decided to go ahead with a new heating system

for our 1961 addition. The cost is \$49,975.00 plus about \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 for the electrical work. Mark and Lyle will donate some materials and some labor for a savings between \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00. We thank them for this donation. The total cost would then remain at \$49,975.

For funding this project, we will take \$8,500.00 from the LaVerne Treichel estate, \$5,000.00 from Scrip and \$15,000.00 from Fund A in the Endowment Fund. This leaves about \$25,000 for the congregation to take care of. We will have a special offering from June 19th to September 11th. Also, a member and his wife who wish to remain anonymous, have offered to loan whatever we need as a member loan with no interest and no time limit. If we don't have the \$25,000.00 by September, we don't have to borrow it from the bank. We thank this family for their generous offer. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Duchow at 920-754-4751 or 920-860-9379

- Needed \$25,000.00. We presently have \$2,280.00, still needed \$ 22,720.00.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—MAY 23-29, 2022

Church Attendance:

Thursday—161, Sunday—9:00 am Service—79, Total: 240

Offerings:

General Fund: \$ 7,281.00, Synod \$ 620.00, MLHS \$ 648.00 —Total \$ 8,549.00

Special Offerings:

Building Fund: \$ 1,480.00 (needed each week \$2,312)

MLC Scholarship \$ 250.00

MLHS Scholarship Fund—\$50.00

Heating System—\$ 2,030.00