

# St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School

*The Lord*

*bless thee and keep thee,*

*The Lord*

*make his face shine upon thee,  
and be gracious unto thee.*

*The Lord*

*lift up his countenance upon thee  
and give thee peace.*

*~ Numbers 6:24-26 ~*

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 14 & 17, 2022**

**Opening Hymn:****Speak, O Lord**

Christian Worship, Hymn # 633



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food  
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,  
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights



of your ho - ly Word; take your truth, plant it  
 true hu - mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our  
 of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the



deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness,  
 at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty.  
 dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.



that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of  
 Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic  
 And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your



fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.  
 nev - er fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
 Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

## INVOCATION

**M** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C** **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

**M** Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C** **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*(Silence for meditation and reflection)*

## ABSOLUTION

**M** Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY--*Kyrie*

**M** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

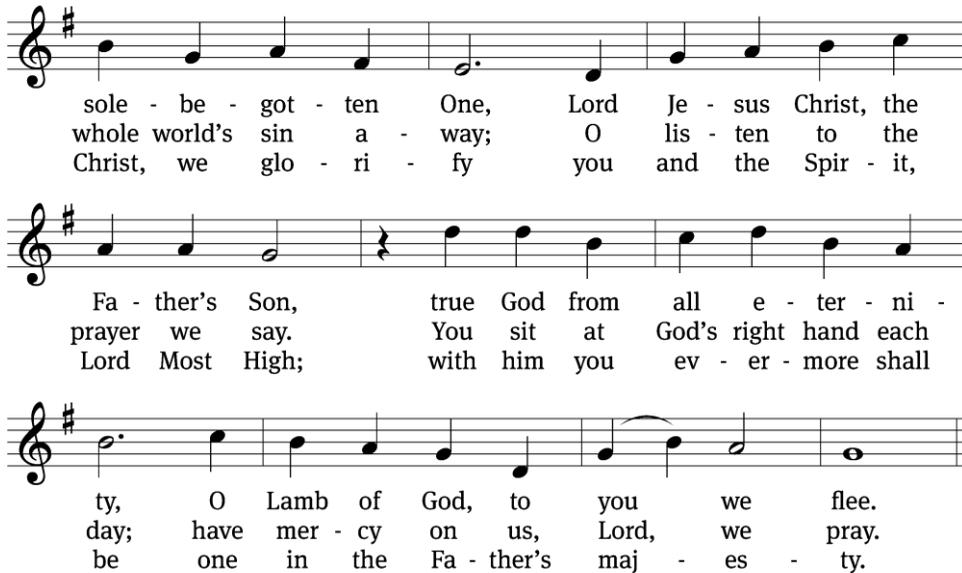


3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, our  
4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; have  
5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One; o'er



Fa - ther, the Al - might - y One, O Lord, the  
mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray. You take the  
all things you are Lord a - lone. O Je - sus

*(Hymn response continues on the next page.)*



sole - be - got - ten One, Lord Je - sus Christ, the  
whole world's sin a - way; O lis - ten to the  
Christ, we glo - ri - fy you and the Spir - it,

Fa - ther's Son, true God from all e - ter - ni -  
prayer we say. You sit at God's right hand each  
Lord Most High; with him you ev - er - more shall

ty, O Lamb of God, to you we flee.  
day; have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
be one in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**M** Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 18:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

<sup>3</sup>He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

<sup>6</sup>So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

<sup>7</sup>Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

<sup>9</sup>"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

<sup>10</sup>Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. <sup>11</sup>Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

**M** The Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## ***Epistle Lesson***

Colossians 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup>because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— <sup>5</sup>the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. <sup>7</sup>You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup>and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, <sup>10</sup>so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup>being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup>and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. <sup>13</sup>For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

 The Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:38-42

<sup>38</sup>As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

<sup>41</sup>"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup>but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

**M** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Hymn of the Day:

## One Thing's Needful

Christian Worship, Hymn # 645



1 One thing's need-ful; Lord, this trea - sure teach me high-ly to re-gard.  
2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed her e - ter-nal joy to find  
3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re-vealed in you.



All else, though it first give plea-sure, is a yoke that press-es hard.  
as in - tent each word she not - ed, at her Sav - ior's feet re - clined!  
Let me find in you my plea-sure; make my will and ac - tions true,



Be - neath it the heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, no true, last - ing  
How kin - dled her heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, while hear - ing the  
hu - mil - i - ty there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, in paths of true

*(Hymn continues on the next page.)*



hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all  
 les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con - cerns she for -  
 wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this



oth - ers are vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.  
 got for her Lord and found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing his Word.  
 knowl - edge di - vine, the bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

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## MESSAGE

Pastor Louis Sievert

Luke 10:38-42

### “Two Ways to Serve Jesus”

*PLEASE STAND*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed



**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.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M** Loving God and lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

**C** **Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**

**M** Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

**C** **Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.**

**M** The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

**C** **Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.**

**M** Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

**C** **Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

**M** Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. *(Special intercessions may be offered here.)* Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

**C** **Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.**

*(Our prayer concludes on the next page.)*

**M** Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*(Silent prayer.)*

**M** Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

**C** **Hear us for Jesus' sake. 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** 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:

## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Christian Worship, Hymn # 927



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's  
3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en us from earth to



joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
call a - way, borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,  
glad the sum - mons to o - bey, may we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er reign with Christ in end - less day.

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*BE SEATED*

## OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Today

Preacher, Pastor Louis Sievert, Retired Pastor

Music Today—Michaela Bubolz

Thur. 7/21

Worship Service at 6:30 pm

### Thursday, July 14 & Sunday, July 17

**SERVING YOU THIS WEEK—Thursday, July 14—6:30 pm Ushers—**Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susan Bubolz, Bill Voeltz; **Sunday, July 17—9:00 am Ushers—**Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **Church Cleaners—**Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee—**Sandra Reinemann, Nicole Kiesow.

**SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—Thursday 6:30 pm Ushers—**Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp, **Sunday, July 24 9:00 am Ushers—**Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **Church Cleaners—**Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy/Rebekah Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe, Ray/Suzanne Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee—**Sandra Reinemann, Nicole Kiesow.

**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.

**CAMPFIRES AROUND THE CROSS—**Please join us for the next Campfire around the Cross on **July 20th at 6:30 pm**. Weather permitting we will meet around the firepit behind church. There is limited bench seating--bring a lawn/camp chair if you are able. The evening will include a Bible story, games for kids, snacks, and the enjoyment of each other's company. If the weather does not cooperate, we will meet in the Commons. This event is for all ages--feel free to invite a friend or neighbor.

**MEMORIALS GIVEN—**Joe & Judy Hoyer gave a gift to the Building fund in memory of Lorraine Dickert. Thank you so much!

**ANNUAL REPORTS—**Our fiscal budget year has ended on June 30, 2022. Our annual meeting will be held sometime in September, the actual date has not been determined at this time. We ask all committee chairman to turn in your annual reports by August 7, 2022. This will give our secretary time to format the report and get it back to the congregation in a timely manner.

**PASTOR'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY**—On Sunday, July 31st, we will be celebrating the 25th anniversary in the pastoral ministry for Pastor Aden in the 9:00 am outdoor service (weather permitting). Pastor Jon Zabel from St. Paul, Green Bay, will be the guest preacher. A time of fellowship will be held following the service until the meal is served at approximately 10:45 am in the Commons. A short program will follow the meal. Sign-up sheets for food donations, attendance, and kitchen helpers are in the west office after the Thursday night services. The sign-up sheets will be on clip boards on the table outside for the Sunday morning outdoor worship. Help will also be needed in set up on Saturday, July 30th. **The committee asks that everyone please sign the sheets by today, July 17th.** If you haven't signed up after the 17th you are still welcome to attend. We will be holding our usual Thursday night service on July 28th. Chicken and ham will be served for Pastor Aden's anniversary celebration. The Church Council has decided to ask for donations to cover the cost of the meat. Please drop off monetary gifts in the container marked “Donations for Chicken and Ham” on the back table. If you wish to remember Pastor Aden with a card you can put the card in the “church” which will be in the Commons area. Bring your food to the kitchen before the 9:00 am service. If you are attending the Thursday evening service, bring your food to the kitchen when you come to the celebration on Sunday. For those who are helping with setup, we will be setting up on Saturday July 30th at 10:00 AM

**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!

**2ND PASTOR**—At the special voters meeting on June 30th our congregation has called Pastor Adam S. Manian to be our Youth and Outreach Pastor. Pastor Manian serves at St. John Lutheran Church Vesta, MN and Peace Lutheran Church, Echo, MN. Keep Pastor Manian and his family in your prayers as he deliberates our call. If you would like to call Pastor Manian, his number is 507-829-5772 .

**HOME BOUND MEMBERS LIST**—On the table in the West Church office you will find an updated list of members who would love to get cards, letters or phone calls. Thank you!

**CRADLE ROLL VOLUNTEERS**—We are looking for a few members willing to help distribute cradle roll materials to families with young children. Materials and organization will be provided. Volunteers only need a friendly and encouraging attitude. Depending on the number of volunteers, one would be asked to distribute about five

packets per year. Packets can be mailed, handed off at church services/events, or delivered to homes. If this is a way you would like to serve your Savior, please contact the church/school office or Karla Aden at [kaden@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:kaden@stjohnstjames.com).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**—Sunday School here at SJSJ will begin sometime in September (please watch the Church Bulletin for the exact date.) 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](http://stjohnstjames.com)) to register. Click on "OUR CHURCH" in the top menu bar & look for "Sunday School Registration" under the Important Links on the right-hand side.

## 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

- Presently given—\$ 27,515.00.

<b>SJSJ Building Fund Account</b>		
<b>June 2022</b>		
06/01/2022		\$28,613.86
<b><u>Deposits</u></b>	-	
<i>In Honor Of/Memorials</i>	\$150.00	
6/8/2022	\$2,205.00	
6/13/2022	\$1,470.00	
6/21/2022	\$2,384.00	
6/28/2022	\$845.00	
<i>Electronic Offerings</i>	\$1,060.00	
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$8,114.00</b>	
<b><u>Withdrawals</u></b>	-	
<i>Member Loan Interest Payments</i>	\$1,460.00	
<i>Transfer to Loan (June Payment)</i>	\$4,685.00	
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<b>Total Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$10,830.00</b>	
<i>Ending Balance</i>		\$25,897.86
<b>Outstanding DSB Loan Balance for Building Project</b>		
<b>\$855,184.45</b>		
<b>Outstanding MEMBER Loan Balance for Building Project</b>		
<b>\$380,000.00</b>		

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE—JULY 4-10, 2022**

**Church Attendance:** Thursday—67, Sunday—9:00 am Service—107, Total:174

**Offerings:** General Fund: \$ 7,482.75, Synod \$ 85.00, MLHS \$ 308.00  
—Total \$ 7,875.75

**Special Offerings:** Building Fund: \$ 2,000.00, (needed each week \$2,312)  
Heating System—\$ 120.00  
Ministry Reserve—\$ 83.25

