

# **St. John-St. James**

**Ev. Lutheran Church & School**



**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 21 & 24, 2022**



AS WE GATHER

*Dear Father in heaven, often we become discouraged by the hardships and heartaches we experience. In this next hour we pray that you are honored and we are blessed through the Word and song we proclaim. May Your Holy Spirit ever live in our hearts, that we may be empowered by Your presence, enlightened by Your truth, and encouraged by Your love. We ask it in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.*

WELCOME

*FOCUSED prayer claims what God wants for us, not what we want for him.*

**Opening Hymn:**

**When in the Hour of Utmost Need**

Christian Worship, Hymn # 723



1 When in the hour of ut - most need we know not  
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone that we may  
3 For you have prom - ised, Lord, to heed your chil - dren's  
4 And so we come, O God, to - day and all our  
5 So that with all our hearts we may to you our



where to look for aid, when days and nights of  
meet be - fore your throne; to you, O faith - ful  
cries in time of need through him whose name a -  
woes be - fore you lay; be with us in our  
glad thanks - giv - ing pay, then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought no help or coun - sel yet have brought,  
God, we cry for res - cue in our mis - er - y.  
lone is great, our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.  
an - guish still, free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,  
to your Word and now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

## 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.



1 How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all  
2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his  
3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no



mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to  
shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call  
wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.  
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there  
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?



The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the  
un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has  
I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with



Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.  
all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings 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.

**G** Amen.

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous <sup>21</sup>that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.”

<sup>22</sup>The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

<sup>26</sup>The LORD said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

<sup>27</sup>Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, <sup>28</sup>what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?”

“If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.”

<sup>29</sup>Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?”

He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.”

<sup>30</sup>Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?”

He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.”

<sup>31</sup>Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?”

He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.”

<sup>32</sup>Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?”

He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.”

**☐ 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.**

*Epistle Lesson*

1 Timothy 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup>I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— <sup>2</sup>for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

## Hymn of the Day:

## Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

Christian Worship, Hymn # 719



- 1 Lord, teach us how to pray as once the Twelve you taught,
- 2 Lord, teach us how to pray when cares dis - tract the mind.
- 3 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - kin - dle faith's bright flame,
- 4 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us day by day



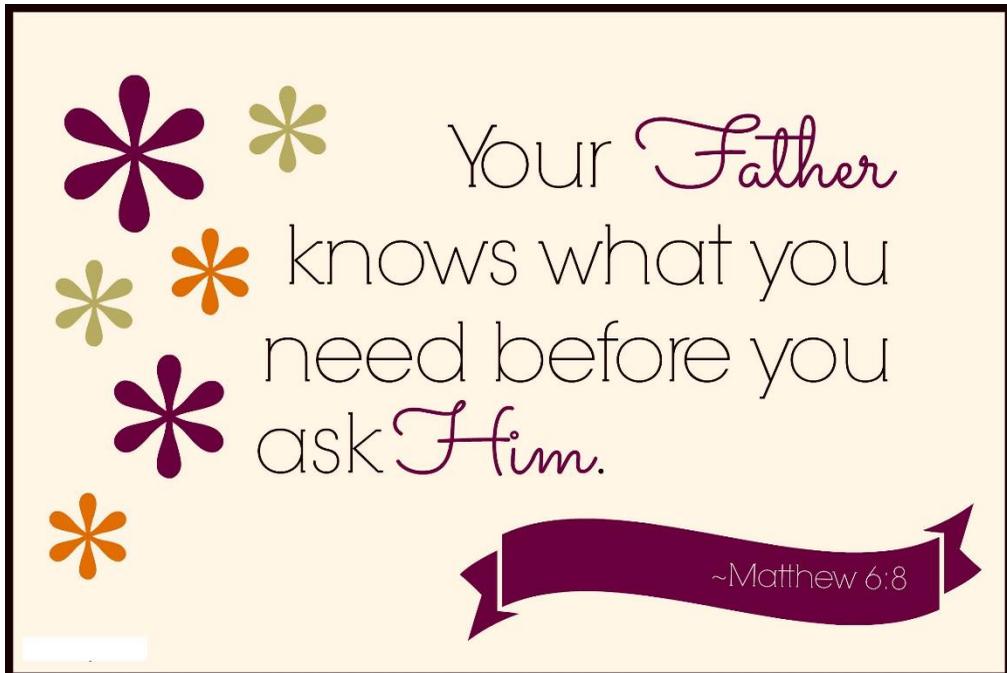
for we can nev - er find the words to praise you as we ought.  
Help us to wait in qui - et - ness, a calm - er spir - it find.  
un - til our faith leaps up a - gain to speak and praise your name.  
that you wait ea - ger - ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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Luke 11:1-11

**“Father Knows Best”**

<sup>1</sup>One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

<sup>2</sup>He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“ ‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation.’ ”

<sup>5</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’

<sup>7</sup>And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

<sup>9</sup>“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>11</sup>“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup>Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- 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 your will and Word.
- C** **We repent of our evil and pray for the faith that trusts utterly and completely in the righteousness of Christ Jesus for forgiveness and for life.**
- M** Keep us mindful of the privilege and faithful to the practice of prayer.
- C** **Teach us to depend on you for spiritual strength and life.**
- M** Grant that our minds may be renewed in righteousness, that our consciences may be stirred to choose the good, and that every thought, word, and deed may be brought into captivity to Christ.
- C** **Give to your Church ministers and teachers who have the faithfulness and courage of true prophets, that your people may be built up in faith, abound in good works, rejoice in your love, and finally enter heaven and a perfect life.**
- 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. (*Special intercessions may be offered here.*) Teach your people in all circumstances to turn to you and to wait on you for mercy. Grant them hope and a joyous deliverance from whatever challenges they may face in this life.
- C** **We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:**
- 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



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.



**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn:

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Christian Worship, Hymn # 721



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
3 Are we weak and heav-y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv-i-lege to car-ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?  
Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol-ace there.

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# CAMPFIRES



# THE CROSS

**Wednesdays: June 22-August 17 (July 6 off)**

**We'll meet around the firepit at 6:30 pm.**

*(In case of bad weather, we'll meet in the Commons)*

- **Bible Story**
- **Games for kids**
- **Snacks**
- **FELLOWSHIP**

**Bring chairs and bring friends! (It's for all ages.)**

## OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden

Music Today—Kristen Hillmann

Thur. 7/28

Worship Service at 6:30 pm

### Thursday, July 21 & Sunday, July 24

**SERVING YOU THIS WEEK—Thursday, July 21 6:30 pm Ushers—**Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp **Sunday, July 24 SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers—**Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **7/25-8/7 Church Cleaners—**Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy/Rebekah Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe, Ray/Suzanne Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee—**Sandra Reinemann, Nicole Kiesow

**SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—Thursday, July 28 6:30 pm Ushers—**Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner **Sunday, July 31 9:00 am Ushers—**Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **7/25-8/7 Church Cleaners—**Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy/Rebekah Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe, Ray/Suzanne Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee—**Sandra Reinemann, Nicole Kiesow **(July)** Kay Pantzlaff **(August)** ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—**Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz.

**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.

**PASTOR'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY—**Next 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. If you haven't signed up for the meal you can still do so. We would like an accurate count for 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. We are in need of potato salad and cold salads. 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 West Church office on Thursday evening and in the Commons area on Sunday. 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 .

**CAMPFIRES AROUND THE CROSS**—Please join us for the next Campfire around the Cross on **July 27th 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**—Dan & Audrey Duchow gave a gift to the Heating System fund in memory of Karen Gall. Terry & Karen Prochnow, Joe & Judy Hoyer and Beverly Kalies(non-member) gave a gift to the Building fund in memory of Karen Grall. Mary Lou Krepline gave a gift to the Building fund in memory of Dot Weiland. Thank you!

**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.

**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.

**MLHS**—Junior Lancer Band will be hosting its “Beginner Band Night” on Tuesday, August 9th and Tuesday, August 16th at 6:00 P.M. in the MLHS Band Room. Choose from either date. This night is for those students in grades 5-8 who would like to begin a musical instrument. If you have questions or are still wanting to register, please visit Jr. Lancer Band page at [www.mlhslancers.org/jrlancers](http://www.mlhslancers.org/jrlancers). Please click on the link to register or go to the bottom of the page to view informational resources about the Jr. Lancer Band program. You may also contact Miss Charis Scharf at [cscharf@mlhslancers.org](mailto:cscharf@mlhslancers.org) or 920-904-5131.

## **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thank You**

***Karla and I look back on our trip to San Antonio for my 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in public ministry with deep gratitude. For time away, for your love and for your gifts and best wishes—a heartfelt thank you! I look forward to the special gift of celebrating God’s grace with my church family and other friends on July 31<sup>st</sup>.***

***Blessings, Pastor Aden***

## 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.

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. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Duchow at 920-754-4751 or 920-860-9379. .... Presently given—\$ 27,635.00.

*Dear Members of St. John St. James,  
Thank you for the generous gift of money to help me continue my Christian education at Manitowoc Lutheran High School. I greatly appreciate you thinking of me. I had a wonderful school year last year, and I look forward to continuing my education in God's Word thanks to your help.  
Thanks again,  
Maya Keil*

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—JULY 11-17, 2022

**Church Attendance:** Thursday—57, Sunday—105, Total: 162

**Offerings:** General Fund—\$ 7,732.75\*, Synod—\$ 609.50\*, MLHS—\$ 205.50\*—Total  
\$ 8,547.75\*

**Special Offerings:** Building Fund: \$ 2,400.00\*, (needed each week \$2,312)

Heating System—\$ 120.00

Ministry Reserve—\$ 25.00

\* Electronic Offerings Included