

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 7 & 10, 2022

WELCOME

FOCUSED love finds a neighbor rather than avoiding one.

Opening Hymn:

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Christian Worship, Hymn # 592



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the Church's



realms of light, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
ver - y life, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try, teach - ing, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



o'er a world of gloom and night, Ho - ly Spir - it,
through us in a cease - less strife, Ho - ly Spir - it,
set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free, Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high, liv - ing,
ev - er form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ, you we
ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to soul in com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
praise with end - less wor - ship for your gra - cious gifts un - priced.
mun - ion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C **Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

M God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

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.**

GLORY BE TO GOD



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

(Our Hymn Response continues on the next page)



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

¹In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ²The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

³Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. ⁷With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

⁸Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. ⁹May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud ¹⁰and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

¹¹But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? ¹²Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— ¹³would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has turned against me!"

¹⁴At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵“Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.”

¹⁶But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” ¹⁸When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

¹⁹So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.

M The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

(Nicene Creed continues on the next page.)

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

Galatians 5:1,13-25

¹It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

¹³You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

¹⁶So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of

rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day:

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

Christian Worship, Hymn # 768



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide your chil - dren,
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
 4 Give me your cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
 5 With your own love may I be filled and by your



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son
 Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bors' good let
 act and thought - less word. Make me to see the
 strong op - press the weak; and should I be a
 Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, what -



help me view my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by you.
 me pur - sue; bind them to me and all to you.
 wrong I do will hurt my neigh - bor, Lord, and you.
 vic - tim, too, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring you.
 e'er I do, may be di - vine - ly touched by you.

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Luke 10:25-37

“Ask the Right Questions”

²⁵On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷He answered, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁸“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M** Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.
- C** **Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**
- M** Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.
- C** **Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**
- M** Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.
- C** **Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**
- M** Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.
- C** **Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**
- M** Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.
- C** **Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**
- M** Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, (*Special intercessions may be offered here.*) Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.
- C** **Grant them your love, take them into your tender care.**

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

(Silent prayer.)

M We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. *(Special intercessions may be offered here.)* Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

C **Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

M Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

C **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,
bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

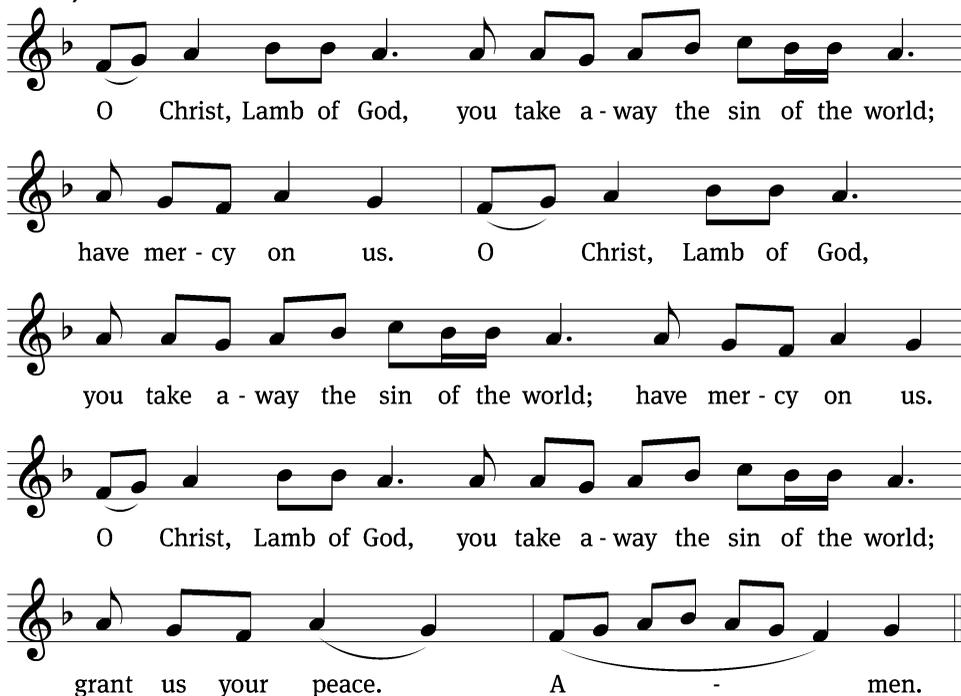
M Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

A PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord, I am a sinner. I do not deserve to commune with you, my holy God. But because of your Son and through faith in him, you graciously invite me to not only pray to you but also to come to your Table. Use this sacrament to reassure me of your forgiveness and strengthen me to live a new life of thanksgiving and joy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

(After all those communing have received Lord's Supper, we conclude our celebration)

M Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith unto life everlasting. Be assured, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of the Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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:

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

Christian Worship, Hymn # 726



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, bind - ing faith - ful
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, clothed in Christ's hu -
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, faint - ing not when



hearts in one; love in Christ is true and giv - ing,
mil - i - ty, gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
ills at - tend; love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



may his will in us be done.
reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden

Music Today—Charmaine Wagner

Mon. 7/11

No Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Thur. 7/14

Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Thursday, July 7 & Sunday, July 10

SERVING YOU THIS WEEK—Thursday, July 7—6:30 pm Ushers—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner; **Sunday, July 10—9:00 am Ushers—**Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners—**Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee—**Sandra Reinemann, Nicole Kiesow ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—**Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz.

SERVING YOU NEXT 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

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—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 July 17th.** 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.

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.

CAMPFIRES AROUND THE CROSS—Please join us for the next Campfire around the Cross on **July 13th 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—Mary Lou Krepline gave a gift to the Building fund in memory of Jerry Reis. Jeff & Jellane Schneider and Gene & Charmaine Wagner gave a gift to the Building fund in memory of Karen Grall.

CRADLE ROLL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!—We are looking for a few members willing to help distribute cradle roll materials to our 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 or school office or Karla Aden at kaden@stjohnstjames.com.

LWMS MISSIONS—Monetary Gift boxes are located at each entrance. A total of \$ 20.00 was collected last month. Your monetary gift will be sent to a mission that has not been specified as of yet. Thank you!

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!

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 chairmen 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.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS—The beautiful flowers you see today are from the Haelfrisch family in memory of their parents Clarence (July 15, 1980) & Anita (June 5, 2008) Haelfrisch. Thank you so much for brightening our altar today!

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 - \$ 27,395.00.

Dear Members of St. John - St. James,

Thank you for the tuition assistance that you gave me so I can further my education at MLHS. I am thankful to be able to attend a Lutheran high school and I greatly appreciate your support.

God's Blessings,

Jonathan Schrubbe

St. John – St. James Voter’s Call Meeting Highlights - June 30, 2022

There were 15 voting members and 21 total members present.

A unanimous ballot was cast for Pastor Adam S. Manian to be our second Pastor by a unanimous ballot.

Dear *Brothers and Sisters in Christ*,

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1: 3-5). Words cannot express how thankful we are for your kindness and support as we study to become called workers. Your generosity for the partner match scholarship is truly astonishing. God has truly blessed our congregation and is using our congregation to bless the four of us as we study at Martin Luther College. Thank you for your generosity and continued support. We are truly blessed to call you our brothers and sisters in Christ.

In Christ,

Maya and Josh Aden, Lynsey Marohn, and Michaela Bubolz

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE—JUNE 27 – JULY 3, 2022

Church Attendance:

Thursday—68, Sunday—9:00 am Service—93, Total: 161

Offerings:

General Fund: \$ 9,434.75 *, Synod \$ 313.00*, MLHS \$ 524.00*—Total \$ 10,271.75*

Special Offerings:

Building Fund: \$ 1,050.00*, (needed each week \$2,312)

Heating System—\$ 20,250.00

Ministry Reserve—\$ 122.75