

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School

TAKE UP
your 
CROSS
 AND
FOLLOW ME
 Luke 14:27 

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1 & 4, 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

CHALLENGING TRUTHS: *Put down what you love; pick up what you loathe.*

INVOCATION



From the moment we wake to our last thought before sleep



The name of the LORD be praised!



From the kindling of faith to our final breath



The name of the LORD be praised!



From life's deepest sorrow to its ultimate joy



The name of the LORD be praised!



From worship's first welcome to our last "Amen"



The name of the LORD be praised!



We make our beginning in the name of the LORD—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit



The name of the LORD be praised! Amen.

Opening Hymn:

Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening

Christian Worship, Hymn # 631



1 Speak, O Sav - ior, I am lis - t'ning, as a ser - vant
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you and to lis - ten
3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing where I quench my
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
to your voice; let me ev - er love and fear you,
thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;
me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



to your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, that each day, my whole life
let your Word still be my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,
on your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will be my
that I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing your



through, I may serve and fol - low you. Let your Word e'er
Lord, flee in ter - ror at your Word; but to all who
light thro' death's cold and drear - y night; yes, they are my
praise, from my heart glad an - thems raise, till my high - est



be my plea - sure and my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.
feel sin's bur - den you give peace and words of par - don.
sword pre - vail - ing and my cup of joy un - fail - ing.
praise is giv - en in the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text: Anna Sophia von Hessen-Darmstadt, 1638–1683; (sts. 1, 4): tr. Christian Worship, 1993; (sts. 2–3): tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.
Tune: Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667
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CONFESSION OF SINS

M LORD, when we come to the world, we find people and ideas that are mostly about serving oneself, where love has grown cold and even the most popular notions ring hollow. We don't find help with the things we cannot control; we don't find comfort for the uneasiness we feel. It is especially troubling that we don't find a solution for our failings and faults. In the world, we only find excuses, rationalizations, and misplaced blame. We cannot find your comfort and peace in the world....

M LORD, when we come to ourselves and we look with honesty, we find that we have fallen short of your expectations for us. We are not the people that we should be. We have sinned—against you and against others—in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions. We cannot find your comfort and peace within ourselves....

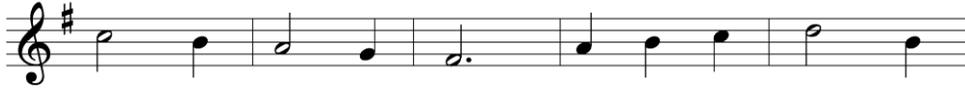
M LORD, it is only when we come to the cross that we find your comfort and peace. For it is there that we find true honesty—not the avoidance of our sin but the answer to our sin. Only there, at the cross, do we find the true cost of all sin and the true payment for it. Only there do we find your forgiveness and grace. And so, LORD, in the quiet of this moment, we now come to you at the cross with the specific sins that are on our hearts in silent prayer....

(We offer our private prayers of repentance to the LORD in silent prayer.)

(We will join together in song on the next page to finish our prayer.)

C

1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed with heal - ing
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; let noth - ing



gifts for souls dis - tressed, to find in you my
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855–1928, alt.
 Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896
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God’s Word brings comfort to us with the cross. On the cross, Jesus died and paid the full price for our sins. On the cross Jesus assured us that the war to win our forgiveness was finished. Leaving the cross and living again, Jesus assured us that we will live with him in heaven because of his victory on the cross. These gifts—forgiveness, life, and salvation—they are God’s free gifts to us through faith in our Savior. These gifts cannot be found anywhere else, and they come to us in no other way than by God’s grace. May the peace of God’s forgiveness comfort you today and always through faith in him alone.

C

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M O merciful Lord, you did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

- ☐ 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

Philemon 1,7-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker—

⁷Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

⁸Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— ¹⁰that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

¹²I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. ¹³I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. ¹⁵Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— ¹⁶no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Hymn of the Day:

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Christian Worship, Hymn # 694



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and
2 Let the world de - spise and leave me; they have left my
3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure! Come, dis - as - ter,
4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith and



fol - low you; des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, you on
Sav - ior, too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; you are
scorn, and pain! In your ser - vice pain is plea - sure, with your
winged by prayer; all but heav'n is tran - si - to - ry, God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,
not, like them, un - true. And, since you have smiled up - on me,
fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you Ab - ba, Fa - ther;
hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this earth - ly sto - ry,



all I've ev - er hoped or known; yet how rich is
God of wis - dom, love, and might, foes may hate and
you my all in all shall be. Storms may howl, and
swift shall pass the pil - grim days, hope soon change to



my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own!
friends may shun me; show your face, and all is bright.
clouds may gath - er, all must work for good to me.
heav'n - ly glo - ry, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1793–1847, abr., alt.
Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887
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Luke 14:25-35

“Can You Afford the Cost?”

²⁵Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

³¹“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

³⁴“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? ³⁵It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”



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

- 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:

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Christian Worship, Hymn # 705



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your Word, and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep,
- 4 Make me to walk in your com - mands—'tis a de - light - ful road—



- Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt. Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870 Text and tune: Public domain

CLOSE OF SERVICE

- M** From the moment we wake to our last thought before sleep

C **The name of the LORD be praised!**

- M** From the kindling of faith to our final breath

C **The name of the LORD be praised!**

- M** From life's deepest sorrow to its ultimate joy

C **The name of the LORD be praised!**

- M** From worship's first welcome to our last "Amen"

C **The name of the LORD be praised!**

- M** We close our service in the name of the LORD—Father, Son, & Holy Spirit

C **The name of the LORD be praised! Amen.**

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Today	Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden Music Today—Char Wagner
9/6	Elders Meeting at 7:00 pm
9/8	CEC Meeting at 7:00 pm
9/9	A-Team Volleyball at Morrison at 5:30 pm
9/10	Grade 5-8 Soccer Tournament at MLHS
Sunday 9/11	8 am and 10:15 am Worship Service

Thursday, September 1 & Sunday, September 4

SERVING YOU THIS WEEK—Thursday, September 1, 6:30 pm Ushers—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp **Sunday, September 4, 9:00 am Ushers—**Terry/Karen Prochnow, Randy/Sandy Waack, Todd Hickmann ■ **Church Cleaners—**8/22-9/4 Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer; **9/5-18** Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida ■ **Flower Committee—**Judy Hoyer & Audrey Duchow.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—Sunday, September 11—8:00 am Ushers—Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau ■ **10:15 am Ushers—**Roger/Judy Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline ■ **Church Cleaners—9/5-18** Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida ■ **Flower Committee—**Judy Hoyer & Audrey Duchow ■ **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. As of July 31st there is a total of \$ 37,299.00 in the Ministry Reserve fund.

2ND PASTOR—Pastor Gregory C. Lyon was called at the 8/18 call meeting for a Youth and Outreach Pastor. Pastor Lyon serves as a Pastor at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. If you wish to contact Pastor Lyon please email him at gregory.lyon@wlc.edu.

WORSHIP ADDITION—A additional Thursday evening service will be held on Oct.6,2022 due to Packer game in London. Both 8:00am and 10:15am services will be held on October 9, 2022.

ANNUAL REPORTS—Our fiscal budget year has ended on June 30, 2022. Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, October 2nd at 9:00 am. An email has been sent to all committee chairmen to turn in your annual reports as soon as possible. This will give our secretary time to format the report and get it back to the congregation in a timely manner. **We are missing some reports if you have not turned in your report please do so as soon as possible.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Sunday School here at SJSJ will begin next Sunday, September 11th at 9:05 am. 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 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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY, CREW AND SUNDAY SCHOOL—Please join us next Sunday for Sunday School, CREW and Adult Bible Study which will begin on Sunday, September 11th at 9:05 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER—We are looking for Sunday School teachers, if interested in helping out please contact Melissa at (920) 286-2029.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE—Our Thursday Evening Service at 6:30 pm and 9:00 am on Sundays will end this weekend. Starting next Sunday, September 11 we will resume our services at 8:00am and 10:15am.

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—\$ 27,655.00.

THRIVENT T-SHIRTS—On the table in the West Church office you will find some free t-shirts of various sizes, please help yourself.

MISSION FESTIVAL—The Mission festival is taking place on October 16, 2022. More info to follow when available.

MESSENGERS SERVICES RESUME—Starting the first Sunday in October and the first Sunday of each month, the Messengers will again be leading the musical portion of the service.

ELDERS MEETING—There will be an Elders' Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00 pm.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP—SJSJ will begin serving coffee, cappuccino, and hot chocolate on Sundays starting at 7:30am (before early service) until after late service. This is an opportunity for fellowship and camaraderie for our members. Coffee, etc. will be served in both the commons and narthex area.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—The Evangelism Committee is looking for volunteers to help make and serve coffee, cappuccino, and hot chocolate on Sundays starting at 7:30am throughout the year. If interested in doing so there is a sign up sheet in the West Church office. When the Evangelism committee gets enough individuals to participate a schedule will be put together and disbursed out to our volunteers.

OFFICE HOURS—The School Office will be open from 7:30 am—3:00 pm on days that school is in session. Scrip will be available for purchase during these hours.

HELP WANTED—Cindy has decided to further a different career path and will be leaving our staff. We are looking for someone to fill her position as Office Assistant. If you are interested in the Office Assistant position please pick up a job description and application in the School or West Church office. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Aden ([\(920\) 277-0101](tel:9202770101)), Dan Duchow ([\(920\) 860-9379](tel:9208609379)) or Amanda Schrubbe (920) 754-4432. Application deadline is on Wednesday, September 14th.

100 YEAR CELEBRATION—On September 25, 2022 St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newtonburg will be celebrating and hosting their 100 year anniversary. The Worship Service will be held at 9:00 am, with a lunch to follow at 11:15. Food will be catered in, so please give us your RSVP information by September 15th. The link to sign up is <https://forms.gle/871R2615Uyh7uiY4A>, email us at school@sjln.org or call Sherry Jost at 920- 973-6525.

HEAD CHEERLEADING COACH—St. John - St. James is in need of a head cheerleading coach for the 2022-2023 basketball season. Practices are usually held one day a week after school. Cheerleaders will cheer for all home A-boys basketball games. Girls in grades 3-8 are eligible to be a part of the cheerleading squad. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Phil Stuebs(pstuebs@stjohnstjames.com). If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Stuebs or our former head cheerleading coach, Mrs. Sarah Marohn (smarohn@stjohnstjames.com).

OFFICE CLOSED—The Church/School Office will be closing at noon on Friday, September 2nd & closed all day on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day

CRAFT FAIR—On November 5, 2022, St John St. James Church will be hosting a handmade items only craft fair in the School Commons Area. We are looking for craftspeople from local WELS churches to show their skills and talents that God has granted them. Please contact Dan Duchow at 754-4751 or Bethany Christensen at 847-902-2527 or email at uncommongiggles@gmail.com for more information.

STEWARDSHIP LETTER—A Stewardship letter was sent out to you on Wednesday, August 31st in way of US postage and email. Please contact the office at 920-754-4568 or 920-754-4432 if you did not receive your letter. Thank you!

MLHS SWEET CORN FEST

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the MLHS Sweet Corn Fest here at SJSJ! We were blessed to receive \$689 which will go to support the MLHS Voucher Program.

Would you like to give the council members your feedback on the Outdoor Worship? A list of our Council Members, phone numbers and emails are listed below:

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—AUGUST 22-28, 2022

Church Attendance: Thursday—80 Sunday—119 Total: 199

Offerings:

General Fund—\$ 5,966.75, Synod—\$ 163.00, MLHS—\$ 194.00 : Total \$ 6,323.75

Special Offerings:

Building Fund: \$ 1,180.00, (needed each week \$2,312)

Ministry Reserve—\$ 50.00