

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

Today's Hymns: CW #916; CW #654; CW #654; CW #576

WELCOME

CHALLENGING TRUTHS: *The found are left; the lost are found.*

Opening Hymn:

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Christian Worship, Hymn # 916



1 To - day your mer - cy calls us to wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day your gate is o - pen, and all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us, his Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, what - ev - er we have been,
shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come and par - don for their sin.
his bless - ed an - gels gath - er a - round the heav'n - ly gates.
what should we do with - out you when heart and eye run o'er?



how - ev - er long from mer - cy our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, a pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us how of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, to drive us to de - spair,



your pre - cious blood can wash us and make us clean to - day.
a fu - ture grace be prom - ised, a glo - rious crown in heav'n.
al - though we oft have wan - dered, it is our Fa - ther's home.
we know one gate is o - pen, one ear will hear our prayer.

PLEASE STAND

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 God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C  **C: Lord, have mer - cy.**

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of five notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, and A4. The notes D4, E4, and F#4 are beamed together, and the notes G4 and A4 are also beamed together. A slur covers the entire five-note phrase.

M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C  **C: Christ, have mer - cy.**

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of five notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, and A4. The notes D4, E4, and F#4 are beamed together, and the notes G4 and A4 are also beamed together. A slur covers the entire five-note phrase.

M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord

C  **C: Lord, have mer - cy.**

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of five notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, and A4. The notes D4, E4, and F#4 are beamed together, and the notes G4 and A4 are also beamed together. A slur covers the entire five-note phrase.

M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C  **C: A - men.**

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of four notes: D4, E4, F#4, and G4. The notes D4, E4, and F#4 are beamed together, and the note G4 is separate. A slur covers the entire four-note phrase.

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

(Our Hymn continues on the next page.)

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; 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

¹The LORD said to me, “Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes.”

²So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. ³Then I told her, “You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will behave the same way toward you.”

⁴For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or household gods. ⁵Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

☩ 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

2 Corinthians 2:5-11

⁵If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely. ⁶The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. ⁷Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. ¹⁰Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, ¹¹in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

Hymn of the Day:

Jesus Sinners Does Receive

Christian Worship, Hymn #654, vv1-4



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, yet his words, rich
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray are not by the
4 I, a sin - ner, come to you with a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live
grace re - veal - ing, par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
Lord for - sak - en; wea - ry souls who lost their way
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for
here their ills have per - fect heal - ing who with hum - ble
are by Christ, the Shep - herd, tak - en in his arms that
grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
hearts be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

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Luke 15:1-10

“When Should I Cut My Losses?”

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

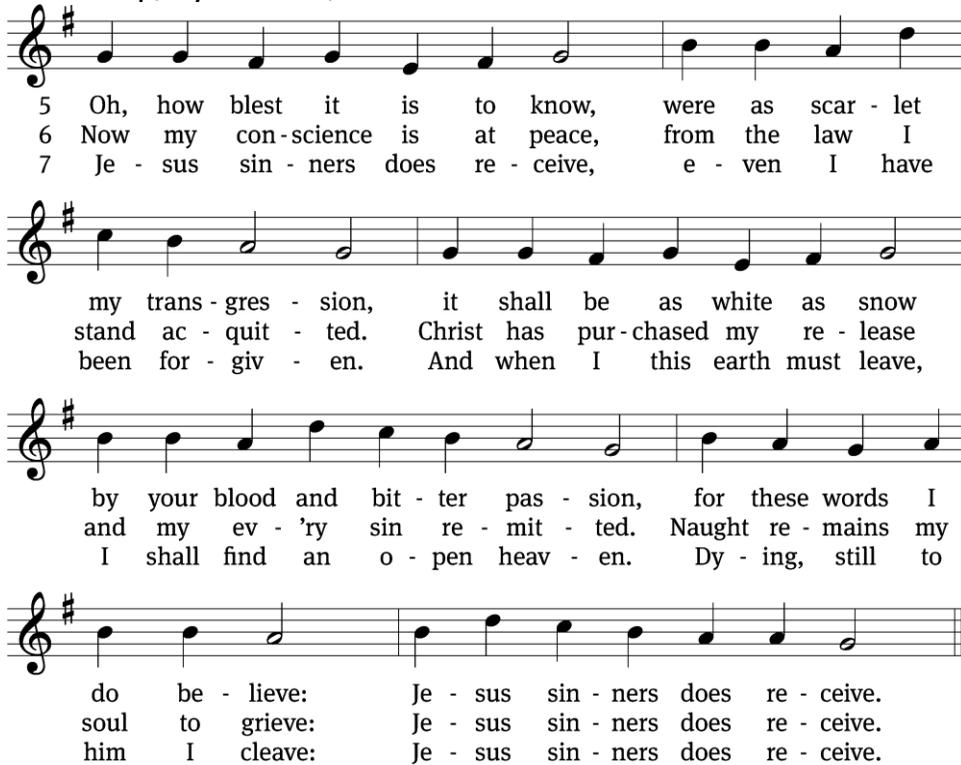


⁸“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Sermon Response:

Jesus Sinners Does Receive

Christian Worship, Hymn #654, vv5-7



5 Oh, how blest it is to know, were as scar - let
6 Now my con - science is at peace, from the law I
7 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive, e - ven I have

my trans - gres - sion, it shall be as white as snow
stand ac - quit - ted. Christ has pur - chased my re - lease
been for - giv - en. And when I this earth must leave,

by your blood and bit - ter pas - sion, for these words I
and my ev - 'ry sin re - mit - ted. Naught re - mains my
I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing, still to

do be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
soul to grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Our prayer begins with special intercessions and concludes with the following prayer.)

M Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

M Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C **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.**

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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



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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."

GROUP BLESSING

(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 true faith unto life everlasting.

C Amen.

THANKSGIVING



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
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.

G Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Amazing Grace

Christian Worship, Hymn #576



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text (sts. 1–3): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 4): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, Richmond, 1790
Tune: Columbian Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829, ed. Benjamin Shaw; ed. Charles H. Spilman
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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Today	Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden Music Today—Kristen Hillmann
9/11	Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
9/13	B-Team Volleyball at SJSJ (5:00pm, 6:00pm & 7:00pm)
9/16	A-Team Volleyball at SJSJ (4:30pm, 5:30pm & 6:30pm)
9/17	SJSJ Outdoor Movie Night at 7:00 pm Soccer Tournament (K-4) at MLHS

Sunday, September 11

SERVING YOU THIS WEEK—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.

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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 August 31st we have \$36,385 in the Ministry Reserve Fund. We lost some because of the drop in the stock market.

DIVINE CALL—At a recent call meeting, our voters extended a call to Pastor Gregory Lyon to serve as our Youth & Outreach Pastor. Pastor Lyon is currently serving at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee, WI. Please keep Pastor Lyon and his family in your prayers as he deliberates where the Lord can best use his talents and abilities. Feel free to contact him with words of encouragement at gregory.lyon@wlc.edu.

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. Items on the agenda are 1) Everyone Outreach 2) Budget Short-Fall. 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 **today 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.

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.

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.

MISSION FESTIVAL—The Mission festival is taking place on October 16, 2022. More info to follow when available. The monthly collections will be designated toward East Asia Special Projects.

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.

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.

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.

LWMS MISSION BOXES—are located today at each entrance/exit for monetary gifts toward WELS home and world missions. A total of \$35 was given in the month of August. Thank you!

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!—September 17th at 7:00 pm Bring your own snacks/refreshments. Don't forget your lawn chair! Movie will be projected in the East Parking Lot.

LWMS FALL RALLY—The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society's Fall Rally will be held on Saturday, October 8th from 8:30-Noon, at First German Lutheran Church, Manitowoc. Pastor Daniel Lor, pastor of Trinity Hmong Lutheran Church, Manitowoc, will speak of the inspiring story of our Hmong brothers and sisters in Christ. Attendees will vote on where to direct the Fall Rally offerings to either the Hmong Outreach in Vietnam or Pastoral Studies Institute, both apply to this rally's presenter. Men, women, young women of upper grade, high school and college age are invited to attend.

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](tel:9207544432). Application deadline is on Wednesday, September 14th.

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).

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 K-3 Football Camp—K-3 Football Camp will be held at Manitowoc Lutheran High School on Oct. 1, 8, 15 from 10am-11am. Please go here to learn more & register: <https://www.mlhslancers.org/kids>.

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



Interactive Workshop

- Saturday Nov 12th and Sunday Nov 13th
 - 4 Hour sessions
 - Signup online or in the West Office
- (stjohnstjames.com and click on the Everyone Outreach link)

Childcare will be provided!

Please note online, or on signup sheet if you require childcare

St. John St. James is participating in an exciting new program called Everyone Outreach!

The program will help us build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is equipped and encouraged to reach the lost in our community and within our congregation. We encourage every member of our congregation to attend the workshop and participate.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE – AUG. 29-SEPT. 4, 2022

Church Attendance: Thursday—68 Sunday—112 Total: 180

Offerings: General Fund—\$ 10,365.00*, Synod—\$ 324.00*, MLHS—\$ 458.00*
- Total \$ 11,147.00*

Special Offerings: Building Fund: \$ 2,877.00*, (needed each week \$2,312)

Ministry Reserve—\$ 125.00*

Budget Short-Fall—\$ 3,100.00

*** Electronic Offerings Included**