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## 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.*

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WELCOME      CHALLENGING TRUTHS: *Increased faith increases duty; increased duty increases delight.*

## INVOCATION

- 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 make our beginning in the name of the LORD—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C** **The name of the LORD be praised! Amen.**

# Opening Hymn:

# Ten Thousand Reasons

Christian Worship, Hymn # 607

SJSJ students (congregation join in refrains)



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,



O my soul; I'll wor - ship your ho - ly name.



1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing; —  
2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your  
3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the



∫ it's time to sing your — song a - gain. What - ev - er may  
name — is — great, and your heart is kind. For all — your  
end — draws — near, and my time has come; ∫ still — my



pass, — and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,  
good-ness, I will keep — on — sing - ing—  
soul will sing your praise — un - end - ing—



*Refrain*

let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.  
ten thou-sand rea - sons for my heart to find.  
ten thou-sand years and then for - ev - er - more.

## 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.)*

**M** 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.**

**Gloria:**

God So Loved

Verse 1  **Messengers:**

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.

**C** Verse 2 


**Come all you sinners, come find His mercy  
Come to the table, He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness  
Find what you’re looking for.**


**C** CHORUS 1 


**For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him Will live forever.**


**C** Verse 3 


**Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms  
See His open arms.** *(Hymn continues on the next page.)*


**C** CHORUS 1  **For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him Will live forever.**


**C** CHORUS 2  **The pow'r of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**

Bridge 1  **Messengers:** Praise God, praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, praise Him  
For the wonders of His love.

**C** Bridge 2  **Praise God, praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, praise Him  
For the wonders of His love.**

**C** CHORUS 1  **For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him Will live forever.**

**C** CHORUS 2  **The pow'r of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**

Tag  **Messengers:** Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### *Old Testament Lesson*

1 Chronicles 29:1-2,10-18

<sup>1</sup>Then King David said to the whole assembly: “My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. <sup>2</sup>With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities.

<sup>10</sup>David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, “Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. <sup>11</sup>Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. <sup>12</sup>Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. <sup>13</sup>Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

*(Our Lesson continues on the next page.)*


<sup>14</sup>“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. <sup>15</sup>We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. <sup>16</sup>LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. <sup>17</sup>I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. <sup>18</sup>LORD, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.

## ***Confession of Faith:***



Praise Charts Song #25140

## **This I Believe (The Creed)**

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Verse 1 

**Messengers:** Our Father everlasting The all creating One God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit Conceiving Christ the Son Jesus our Savior

 Chorus 

**I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.**

*(Hymn continues on the next page.)*



**C** Verse 2

♪ **Our Judge and our Defender Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life Forever seated high**



**C** Chorus 1 ♪

**I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.**

**C** Chorus 2 ♪

**I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.**

*(Hymn continues on the next page.)*

 Chorus 1 

**I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.**

*Epistle Lesson*

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup>Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup>Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

<sup>5</sup>All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

<sup>11</sup>With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.

<sup>12</sup>We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Hymn of the Day:

CCLI Song #14514

## O Lord, You're Beautiful


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Verse 1  Messengers:

Oh Lord, You're beautiful Your face is all I seek  
And when Your eyes are on this child Your grace abounds to me.

 Verse 2 

**Oh Lord, You're beautiful  
Your face is all I seek  
And when Your eyes are on this child  
Your grace abounds to me.**

 CHORUS 

**I want to take Your Word  
And shine it all around  
First help me just to live it, Lord  
And when I'm doing well  
Help me to never seek a crown  
For my reward is giving  
Glory to You.**

 Verse 3 

**Oh Lord, please light the fire  
That once burned bright and clear  
Replace the lamp of my first love  
That burns with holy fear.**

 CHORUS 

**And when I'm doing well  
Help me to never seek a crown  
For my reward is giving  
Glory to You.**

*(Hymn continues on the next page.)*

**Oh Lord, You're beautiful  
Your face is all I seek  
And when Your eyes are on this child  
Your grace abounds to me.  
And when Your eyes are on this child  
Your grace abounds to me.**

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MESSAGE

Pastor Darin Aden

Luke 17:1-10

**“Increase Our Faith”**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. <sup>2</sup>It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. <sup>3</sup>So watch yourselves.

“If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. <sup>4</sup>Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

<sup>6</sup>He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? <sup>8</sup>Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’ ”

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**PLEASE STAND**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M** Almighty Lord Jesus, far too often we are limited in what we see. Satan can deceive us into thinking your commands are meant to limit our enjoyment of life or that we are missing out when we follow your will. *(Special intercessions may be offered here.)* Help us to see the blessings that come from following your Word and living according to your will.

**C** **Lord, forgive us for the times we do not serve you.**

**M** Gracious Lord Jesus, you warn us of the many dangers that threaten us from within ourselves and from the world we live in. Help us to take those threats seriously and enable us to continue to be the salt of earth. May we encourage one another and spur each other on.

**C** **Lord, show us the value of serving you.**

**M** Loving Lord Jesus, while your life, ministry and teaching was so exciting, authoritative, even life changing, we far too often are restrained in the praise and service we offer. You have given us the power to move mountains, and you have promised that what we do for the least of yours we do for you. Yet, we fail to trust, to act, to love, to speak, to share.

**C** **Lord, help us to trust in you so that we might always serve you.**

**M** Merciful Lord Jesus, there are many in this world who are dealing with sickness, pain, anguish, or suffering. *(Special intercessions may be offered here.)* We know that you can use all things for our good. Help us to believe your words of truth when we are in such hardship and to support others when they must endure.

**C** **Lord, use us for your good purposes as we serve you. It is in your name we ask, Lord Jesus. 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.

### *Closing Hymn:*

CCLI Song #7147007

The Blessing

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Verse 1  Messengers:

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
And give you peace.

**C** Verse 2 

**The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
And give you peace**

CHORUS  Messengers:

Amen, Amen, Amen.  
Amen, Amen, Amen.

*(Hymn continues on the next page.)*

**C** Verse 2 

**The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
And give you peace**

**C** CHORUS 

**Amen, Amen, Amen.  
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**C** CHORUS 

**Amen, Amen, Amen.  
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Bridge 1 

Messengers:

May His favor be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family and your children  
And their children and their children

*(Bridge 1 repeated 3 times—congregation joins in repeats)*

**C** Bridge 2 

**May His presence go before you  
And behind you and beside you  
All around you and within you  
He is with you, He is with you.**

**C** Bridge 3 

**In the morning, in the evening  
In your coming and your going  
In your weeping and rejoicing  
He is for you, He is for you.**

*(Hymn continues on the next page.)*

**C** Bridge 4 

**He is for you, He is for you  
He is for you, He is for you  
He is for you, He is for you.**

**C** CHORUS 

**Amen, Amen, Amen.  
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**C** CHORUS 

**Amen, Amen, Amen.  
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**C** FINALE 

**Amen, Amen, Amen.**

## 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.**

## THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

We extend our appreciation to the Messengers for leading worship today:

Gene Rosera (electric guitar); Deb Bernhardt (vocals & technology);

Gary Bernhardt (percussion & vocals); Abby Stuebs (vocals & keyboard);

Phil Stuebs (vocals & acoustic guitar) and Pastor Aden (bass guitar).



## OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Today	Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden Music Today—MESSENGERS Annual/Call Meeting at 9:00 am
10/4	B-Team Volleyball at First German (5:00pm & 6:00pm)
10/6	Thursday Evening Worship at 6:30 pm
10/7	A-Team Volleyball at Bethany (5:30pm & 6:30pm)
10/8	B-Team Volleyball Tournament at Wayside

### Sunday, October 2, 2022

**SERVING YOU THIS WEEK—8:00 am Ushers**—Dan/Jacob Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel; **10:15 am Ushers**—Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners—9-19 to 10-2** Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor: **10/3-16** Sarah Zimmerman, Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Hoida & Charmaine Wagner.

**SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—Thursday, October 6, 6:30 pm Ushers**—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp ■ **Sunday, October 9—8:00 am Ushers**—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog **10:15 am Ushers**—Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners—10/3-16** Sarah Zimmerman, Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Hoida & Charmaine Wagner ■ **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. As of August 31st we have \$36,385 in the Ministry Reserve Fund. We lost some because of the drop in the stock market.

**ANNUAL/CALL MEETING**—Our Annual meeting will be held today, Sunday, October 2nd. at 9:00 in the Commons area. We will also be calling a Youth and Outreach Pastor at this meeting. Items on the agenda are: 1) Call a Youth and Outreach Pastor 2) Budget Shortfall 3) Messengers Platform 4) Everyone Outreach.

**ANNUAL REPORTS**—The Annual reports have been emailed to our members. If you don't have an email, the paper copies with your name on it is in the West Church office. Take the one with your name on it so we know that every member has received an Annual Report. Please pick them up today if possible. If you receive an email copy and would also like a paper copy, please ask Dan Duchow or Pastor Aden or call the office at 920/754-4568/754-4432. Bring your copy of the Annual report to the Annual meeting.

**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—\$ 27,855.00.

**WORSHIP ADDITION**—A additional Thursday evening service at 6:30 pm will be held on this coming Thursday, 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. Rev. Paul Janke, who recently retired as chairman for the Board for World Missions, will be our guest preacher and will give a presentation about WELS World Missions.

**MESSENGERS SERVICES RESUME**—Starting **today** on October 2nd and the first Sunday of each month after that, the Messengers will again be leading the musical portion of the service.

**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. Vendor applications are available in the west office and the school office.

**TABLES**—We have purchased new plastic tables for the commons area with a memorial that was given. We are now offering several of the old tables to our members. If you would like a table, please contact Dan Duchow at 754-4751 or 860-9379. If you would like a table, we are asking for a free will donation.

**OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION—NOW HIRING!** 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, Dan Duchow (920) 860-9379 or Amanda Schrubbe (920) 754-4432.

**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.

**FREE WILL OFFERING—**We will have a free will offering on Sunday, October 16th for our Mission Festival Sunday. It will be for our WELS Missions efforts. All offerings will be sent directly to WELS Missions to support our missions work. Thank you for your gracious gift to WELS Missions!

**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).

**BUDGET SHORTFALL—**In the budget Shortfall letter that was sent out a few weeks ago, we stated that we borrowed \$20,000 from Charities that needs to be paid back. Since that letter was sent to our members, we had to borrow another \$10,000 to meet our budget needs for a total of \$30,000 that needs to be paid back. As of last week, \$ 8600 has been given to pay the loan back. We thank you very much for your offerings. God willing, moving forward into the Fall months, we should be doing better with our budget. Budget Shortfall Needed—\$ 30,000.00. Given- \$ 12,725,00 Remaining needed- \$ 17,275.00.

**NOW HIRING**—Trinity Lutheran School is hiring an afternoon lead teacher/childcare position (Mon.-Fri. approx 28 hrs/wk) for the upcoming 2022-23 school year in our Early Childhood Education Program. Trinity is looking for applicants who is at least 18 years old and eager to work with children ranging in age from 3-12 years old. Experience is preferred but not required. Pay rate starts at \$16.50, dependent on experience. Applications and job description are available by emailing [tlc@trinitybrillion.org](mailto:tlc@trinitybrillion.org). For more information, please contact our Early Childhood Director Mrs. Kelli Baas—[k.baas@trinitybrillion.org](mailto:k.baas@trinitybrillion.org) or Principal Dave Knittel—[d.knittel@trinitybrillion.org](mailto:d.knittel@trinitybrillion.org).

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**—St Peter's Women's Bible study is Thursday, October 6, 2022. At that time we will begin with a very brief overview of the Psalter as well as a brief review of Psalms 84-89. there will be two sessions offered each week, one from 7:30-9 AM and one from 10-11:30 AM. Both sessions will be a combination of face to face and phone conference, with the 7:30-9 session held at Linda Loves Cheesecake in Two Rivers and the 10-11:30 session at St Peter's in the upstairs adult education room. If interested in joining us as we begin the fall session please contact me either via email at [ehwend@lakefield.net](mailto:ehwend@lakefield.net) or by phone or text at 920-682-5694.

**THANK YOU**—Thanks you to our students in grades 1-8 who sing today in church at the 10:15am service.

**SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED**—The School Office will be closed from 8:00am-12:30pm on Monday, October 3rd. Mrs. Schrubbe will still have access to emails & voicemails, so please leave a message!

**MEMORIALS**—Joe and Judy Hoyer and anonymous giver's gave a gift to the Building Fund in memory of JoAnn Krahn. Gene & Charmaine Wagner gave a gift to the Building fund in memory of Emily Reis.

**OCTOBER PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**—It's Pastor Appreciation Month! It is time to let Pastor Aden know how much his ministry means to us as a congregation and separately as a friend. Maybe you would like to give a scrip or gift card from our local businesses which could be purchased in our office through our Scrip program. A greeting card or a thoughtful note would also be a great way to express your appreciation. Please don't forget to lift up Pastor Aden in prayer on a regular basis. If you wish to give a card, gift etc. please place it in the "Church" in the West office. Thank you!

**MLC CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONS**—This Advent, discover how the Gospels of John the Elder and Luke the Historian record the details of the incarnation—God becoming man— in our booklet, *Word Made Flesh: The Historical Reality of Christmas*. You can access MLC devotions in multiple ways: Read or download them online at <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/>, request that we send them to your personal email on a daily basis here: <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/#email> from December 1-25 or you can place your name on the list in the West Church office for printed booklets. Deadline for the Christmas Devotions is Sunday, October 16th.

**HOMEBOUND LIST**—On the table in the West Church office you will find our list of Home-bound members. They would love to hear from you!

**SAVE THE DATE**—TRUNK or TREAT Saturday, October 22, 2022 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. St. John - St. James Please join us for our 11th annual Trunk or Treat. We are in need of decorated car trunks, donations and help with setting up and taking down. If interested in decorating a trunk, it can be as simple as fall decorations, a game, or a fun theme. This is a time for SJSJ to shine to our community. Please use good Christian taste when decorating. Please look for sign up sheets and donation opportunities in the school commons and church narthex. Please drop off all donations in the school kitchen, no later than Saturday, October 15. All trunks need to be set up and ready to go in the parking lot by 10:15 on October 22, 2022. Please contact Sarah Marohn with any questions.

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE—SEPTEMBER 12—18, 2022**

**Church Attendance:** Sunday 8:00am—103 10:15 am—120 Total: 223

**Offerings:** General Fund—\$ 27,126.75, Synod—\$ 89.00, MLHS—\$ 94.00—Total \$ 27,309.75

**Special Offerings:** Building Fund: \$ 815.00 (needed each week \$2,312)

Ministry Reserve—\$ 50.00

Budget Short-Fall—\$ 800.00