

Grow ... Go ... Gather
August 15, 2021



*giving thanks always concerning all
things in the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, to God, even the Father;
Ephesians 5:20*



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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Order of Service Divine Service 3 (p. 184ff.)

(Please turn off your wifi)

Preservice Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 815, "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine"



1 All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King di - vine,
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
3 Let this mind be in us which was in Thee,
4 Where-fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, Thou
5 Let ev - 'ry tongue con - fess with one ac - cord,



Didst yield the glo - ry that of right was Thine,
By Thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
Who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
Art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
In heav'n and earth, that Je - sus Christ is Lord,



That in our dark - ened hearts Thy grace might shine.
And by Thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
Hum - bling Thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow.
And God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.



Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 184

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

LSB 185

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 34:12-22

P What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?

C **Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.**

P Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

C **The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.**

P The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

C **When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

P The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

C **Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

P He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

C **Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

P The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Gloria Patri

LSB 186



Kyrie

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: *Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, . . .

“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you

will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel: *John 6:51–69*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to

eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

G I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

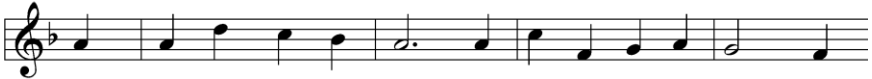
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the

resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

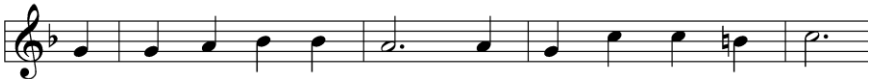
The Sermon Hymn: LSB 696, "O God, My Faithful God" (1, 3, 4, 6)



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,
6 And on that fi - nal day When all the dead are wak - ing,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.
Stretch out Your might - y hand, My death - ly slum - ber break - ing.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small
Then let me hear Your voice, Re - deem this earth - ly frame,



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.
And bid me to re - joice With those who love Your name.

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The Sermon: *Ephesians 5:3–20*

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness,

but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Offertory

LSB 192

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offering

The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

**☩ 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.**

A Hymn: "Light of the World" (We the Kingdom)

Verse 1

Light of the World Treasure of Heaven
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky
Joy of the Father reach through the darkness
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight

Verse 2

Light of the World from the beginning
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love
From great heights of glory You saw my story
God You entered in and became one of us

Chorus

Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done
Come and adore Him
Bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World

Verse 3

Light of the world crown in a manger
Born for the cross to suffer to save
High King of Heaven death is the poorer
We are the richer by the price that He paid

(Chorus)

Verse 4

Light of the World soon will be coming
With fire in His eyes He will ransom His own
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory
And there He shall reign forevermore forevermore

(Chorus)

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Announcements and Blessing for Online Worshippers

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



G We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



G It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

LSB 194

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . .
evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy 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 that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

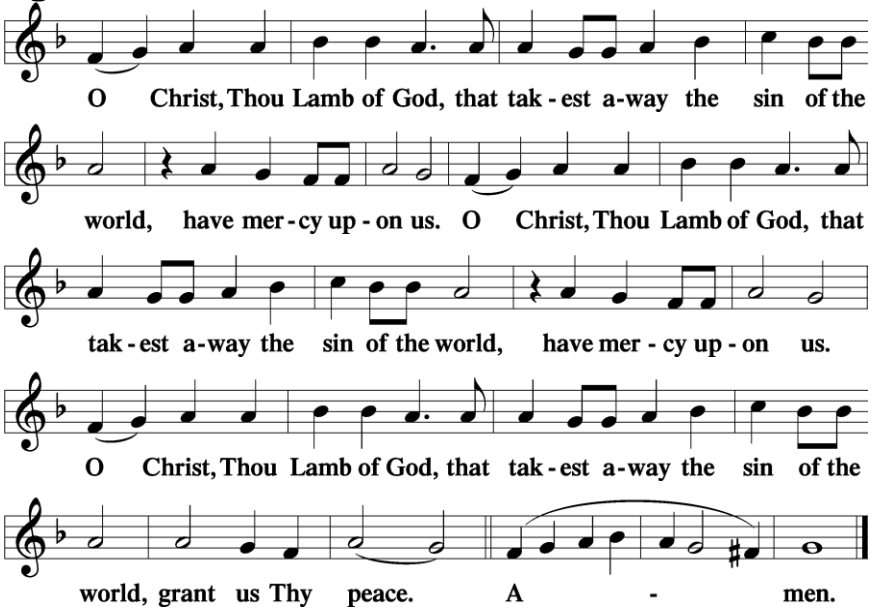
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

The Distribution

During the Distribution you are invited to sing:

LSB 610, "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

LSB 624, "The Infant Priest was Holy Born"

LSB 531, "Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus"

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

LSB 610



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;
 5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,
 From world-ly pas-sions set me free And make me pure with - in.
 Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.
 In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!
 Through dark-ness and per-plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.
 I may the e - ter - nal bright-ness see And share Your joy at last.

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The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

LSB 624



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -
2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con -
3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own
4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple
of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought
al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels
hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive
The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim
Our voices join the endless hymn,
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

LSB 531



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst
Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast
to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed
to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,
full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en
at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;
is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it
Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the
There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us
All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our

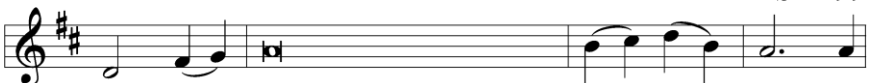


we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.
gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

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The Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

The Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

The Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Salutation and Benedicamus *LSB 201 and 202*

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Benediction *LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and † give you peace.

C Amen.

The Closing Hymn: "Free Amen" (We the Kingdom)

Intro

Amen amen amen

Amen amen amen

Verse 1

Hope falling down like rain

Love that I can't explain

Peace that stills my soul

Light in the darkest place

Life even in the pain

It feels like coming home

Chorus

Where the Spirit of the Lord is
There is freedom
I am free amen
Where the Spirit of the Lord is
There is freedom
I am free amen

Verse 2

Here I'm alive again
Gone is the weight of sin
Oh sweet liberty
Praise God
Who saved my life
I'm bought with the blood of Christ
I have been redeemed **(Chorus 2 Xs)**

Bridge

Free at last
Free at last
Thank God almighty
I am free at last
All my chains
Are in the past
Thank God Almighty
I am free at last **(repeat Bridge 3 Xs) (Chorus)**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: August 15 – August 22

- TODAY:** 11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- Monday:** 6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
- Tuesday:** 6:00 p.m. ISJ Board Meeting
- Wed:** **Noon:** Devotional Boost w/ Pastor on Facebook
10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Darrell at church
- Friday:** Pastor's Day off
- Saturday:** 9:00-2:00 **2nd Best Sale Drop-Off Day**
- Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Gizmo Devotions on FB
9:30 a.m. WORSHIP at St. James and on Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook

Those who serve Today:

Deacons: Craig Popma and Bryan Ensing

Ushers: Jim & Nancy Spears, Ben & Ashley Johnson

Lector: Carol Bifulco

Those who serve August 22:

Deacon: Craig Popma

Ushers: Walt & Karen Kryzanowski, Orlin Bowman

Lector: Craig Popma

August Altar Guild: Suellen Pfannkuch and Amanda Donigan

BEST PRACTICES HEARTLAND DEADLINE IS TODAY! [Register now!](#)

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER
items are due **this week.**



Are you interested in being a **PRAYER CHAIN VOLUNTEER?**

Here is how it works: As prayer concerns and needs are shared with Co-Chair Leaders, Rie and

Lois, they in turn contact others who are on the Prayer Chain Team. All team members will keep you & your loved ones in their daily prayers. Rie and Lois are updating our Prayer Chain Tree. Please contact them ASAP if you would like to be a part of the Team praying for those in need and praising God when prayers are answered.

Their contact information is: Lois DeLano, 361-0032 or Rie Wiles, 616-560-9191.

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: August 8, 2021

General Fund	\$4,304.00
CEF Loan Interest Rebate	342.31
Plate Collections	445.00
Memorial	40.00
	Total: \$5,131.31
<u>On-line giving</u>	<u>1,115.55</u>
	Total: \$6,246.86



ISJ Academy is looking for after school care workers. This position involves working with and supervising students. It is five days a week for 4-5 hours each day (2-6 pm). If you are interested, please contact Jen Welch at ecc@mychristianschool.com or call 363-0505.



Confirmation meeting for All Children who are in Grades 7 and 8. There will be a confirmation information meeting on **Tuesday, August 31st at 6:30 p.m.** at

the church. All children of confirmation age (grades 7-8) and their parents are encouraged to attend.

This includes the 7-8th graders at ISJ Academy who are also members of St. James.



Parents!!! We are interested in providing a children's education program this Fall. *We want a program that you will use and that will solicit your involvement.* We are setting an idea-finding meeting for **Sunday, August 29th** following the church service

to discuss what our children's ministry program will look like this Fall.

Prior to the pandemic we had KIDZ TIME (for children ages 3-10) which took place during the worship service as Pastor preached his sermon. We also offered a Jr. Youth Bible study following the worship service. In addition, a family CIA (Christians in Action) group was hosted by the Urbanski's and attended by several families. During the pandemic, Kim Urbanski and Carol Bifulco provided an on-line "Virtual KidzTime" Sunday School. (You will find it located under "Connect" on our website, www.stjamesgr.com.)

FRIENDS IN FAITH, 2nd Best Sale, Drop Off Day is on **Saturday from 9-2pm.** There is a **volunteer sign-up sheet** for helping with the Sale on the table outside the office door. If you have any questions, please see Walt or Dale.



It's time for the **Lutheran's for Life and Friends in Faith Diaper Drive!!!** We are collecting diapers **September 12th through October 10th.** There will be a collection table

in the main entryway of the church. All diapers and infant supplies will go to the Grand Rapids Pregnancy Resource Center. If you have any questions, please contact Eunice Florip.

(PRC is in need of diapers sized: newborn, 1, 3 & 6.)



There is going to be a **"Creston after the Dark Street Party"** on **Saturday, September 11th.** As part of that "party" there will be a Resource Fair. ISJ Academy and St. James are planning to have a table at the

"Resource Fair" so that we can make some connections with people in the community and promote our school and church and most importantly, witness of Christ. We need people to:

- Help set up and take down the table.
- Man the table for St. James from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. with the goal of interacting with people.

If interested, please speak with Pastor Schaeffer.

Coming Soon: Fellow Workers on God's Team

**AS PART OF GOD'S TEAM,
WE PARTICIPATE IN HIS
WORK.**

"For we are God's fellow workers"
(1 Corinthians 3:9).

