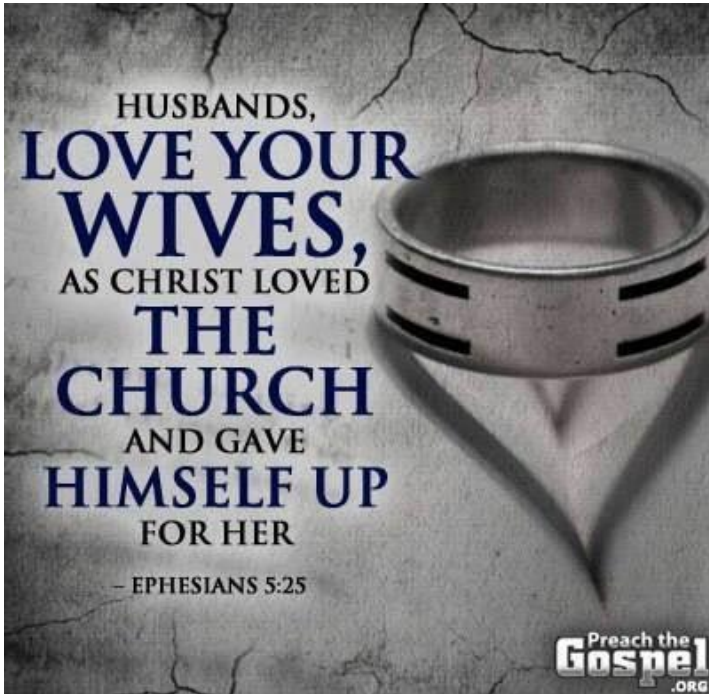


Grow ... Go ... Gather
August 22, 2021



**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
(LCMS)**

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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Order of Service (Matins, p. 219ff.)

(Please turn off your wifi)

Preservice Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 807, "When Morning Gilds the Skies"



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
3 No love-lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's ho - ly house of prayer
Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth a - round
Sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



This rings my cur - few call: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
Hath none that can com - pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
Ring joy - ous with the sound: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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The Opening Versicles

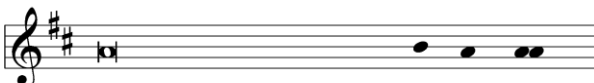
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



G and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

✠ The Psalmody ✠

Antiphon

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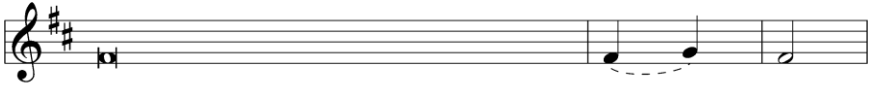
L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

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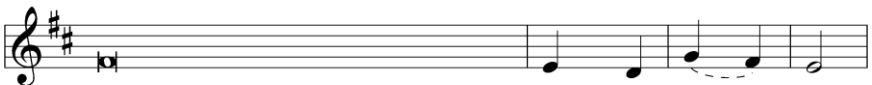


C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,

2 For the Lord is a great God

3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

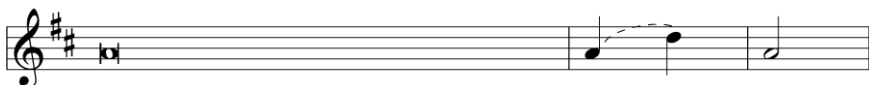


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

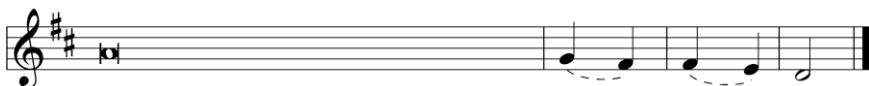
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.

3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
- 4 For He is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon

LSB 221



- L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



- C** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

The Psalm of the Day (Psalm 14)

- P** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.
- C** **The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.**
- P** They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.
- C** **Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?**

P There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.

C **You would shame the plans of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge.**

P Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A Hymn: LSB 806, "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

Chorus

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son **(2 Xs)**

Verse

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us **(2 Xs)**

Ending

Give thanks, Give thanks

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The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 29:13–19*

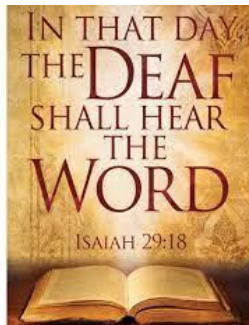
And the Lord said:

“Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.” Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?” You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, “He did not make me”; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”? Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



A Hymn: "O the Blood" (Selah)

Verse 1

O the blood crimson love
Price of life's demand
Shameful sin placed on Him
The Hope of ev'ry man

Chorus

O the blood of Jesus washes me
O the blood of Jesus shed for me
What a sacrifice that saved my life
Yes the blood it is my victory

Verse 2

Savior Son Holy One
Slain so I can live
O see the Lamb the great I Am
Who takes away my sin **(Chorus)**

Bridge

O the blood of the Lamb
O the blood of the Lamb
O the blood of the Lamb
The precious blood of the Lamb
What a sacrifice that saved my life
Yes the blood it is my victory

Verse 3

O what love no greater love
Grace how can it be
That in my sin yes even then
He shed His blood for me **(Chorus)**

Ending

What a sacrifice that saved my life
Yes the blood it is my victory

The Gospel Reading: *Mark 7:1–13*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God)— then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

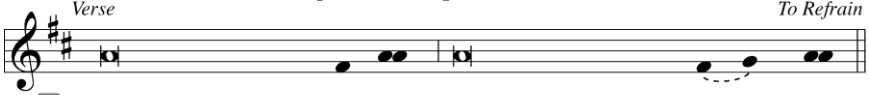
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Common Responory

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To Refrain



Verse

- 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



Refrain

- Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 860, "Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing" sts. 2, 4-5



- 2 Lord, if You are not the build - er, Then the
4 Make their love a liv - ing pic - ture Show - ing
△ 5 Fa - ther, You cre - at - ed Ad - am, Craft - ed



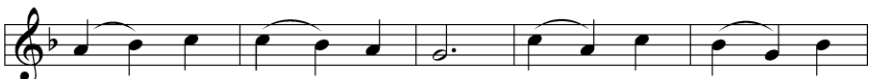
house is built in vain, For a home with -
how You loved Your bride: When You gave Your -
Eve, and made them one; Je - sus, from their



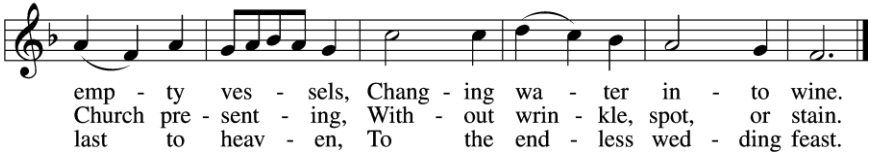
out Your pres - ence Shall with - out true love re - main.
self to cleanse her, When for her You bled and died.
sin You saved us, As God's true in - car - nate Son;



Yet when You with - in a mar - riage Come and
Je - sus, You have made her ho - ly, Pure and
Ho - ly Spir - it, You for - give us; From our



dwel with grace di - vine, There You fill the
fair her ra - diant train; To Your - self, Your
sins we are re - leased. Bring us, Lord, at



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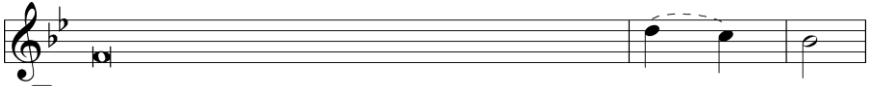
The Sermon: *Ephesians 5:21–33*

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

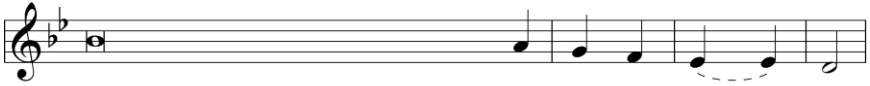


The Te Deum

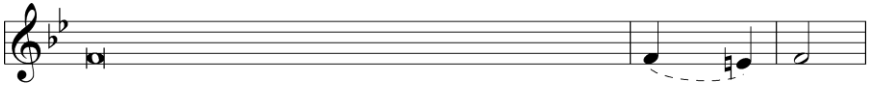
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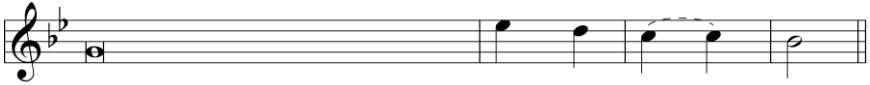
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise— You.



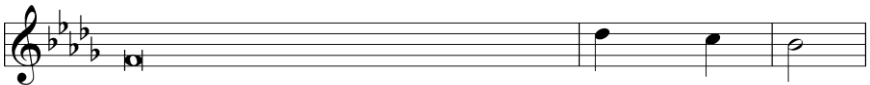
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise— You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O— Christ;



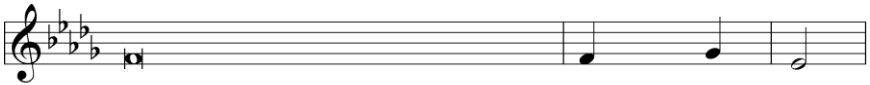
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise— You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



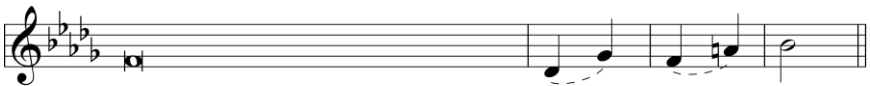
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



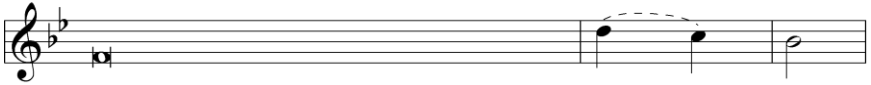
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



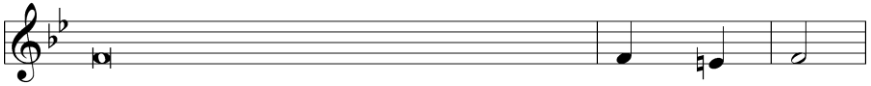
- 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be— our— judge.



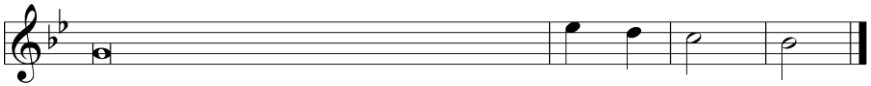
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out _____ sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
 8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on _____ us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
 8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is _____ in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be _____ con - found - ed.

The Offering

During the Offering we will sing, LSB 532, "The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns" *sts. 1, 3, 6*



1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is
 3 The Joy of all who dwell a - bove, The
 6 The cross He bore is life and health, Though



crowned with glo - ry now; A roy - al di - a -
 Joy of all be - low; To whom He man - i -
 shame and death to Him: His peo - ple's hope, His



dem a - dorns The might - y Vic - tor's brow.
 feasts His love And grants His name to know.
 peo - ple's wealth, Their ev - er - last - ing theme.

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The Prayers

Kyrie

LSB 227



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

The 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 General Prayer of the Church

The Benedicamus

LSB 228

P Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

LSB 228

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and
the love of God and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.



C A - - men.

The Closing Hymn: LSB 862, "Oh, Blest the House"



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus
 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in
 3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their
 4 Oh, blest that house; it pros - pers well. In peace and
 5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol - ly
 hope and love a - bound; They trust their God and serve Him
 chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care or
 joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives is
 prom - ise make and say: Though all the world for - sake His



His— How sad and poor and dark it is!
 still And do in all His ho - ly will!
 cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
 shown How rich - ly God can bless His own.
 Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

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“As for me and my
 house, we will serve
 the LORD”

Joshua 24:15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: August 22 – August 29

- 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
- Wed:** **ISJ Academy begins**
Noon: Devotional Boost w/ Pastor on
Facebook
10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Darrell at
church
- Friday:** Pastor's Day off
- 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

2nd Best Sale

August 26th-28th

Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm

Saturday, 9:00am-Noon

Those who serve Today:

Deacon: Craig Popma

Ushers: Walt & Karen Kryzanowski, Orlin Bowman

Lector: Craig Popma

Those who serve August 29:

Deacons: Bryan Ensing and John Weiss

Ushers: Nate, Kim, Hayden and Heath Urbanski

Lector: Cindy McAuliffe

August Altar Guild: Suellen Pfannkuch and
Amanda Donigan



Parents!!! The meeting to discuss the Fall children's education program is **NEXT SUNDAY, August 29th, following the church service.** We need your input to provide a program you will use and that will solicit your involvement. **We want to hear your ideas and suggestions.**



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 15, 2021

General Fund	\$2,550.00
Plate Collections	1,707.00
Memorials	55.00
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	Total: \$4,312.00
On-line giving	334.00
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	Total: \$4,646.00

ADDRESS CHANGE: Betty Oldenburg has moved. Her new address is: 3600 E. Fulton St. Apt. A 126 Grand Rapids, MI 49546 616-464-5766



PLEASE NOTE THE
NEW ADDRESS &
PHONE NUMBER

Help Provide Financial Assistance to the Haiti Relief Effort!

An earthquake caused major destruction in Haiti and many people (1400 and counting) have died. Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers and if you are inclined to make a donation to assist with this disaster relief then you may want to consider making a donation through the LCMS Disaster Relief by visiting: [LCMS Disasters \(https://www.lcms.org/givenow/disaster\)](https://www.lcms.org/givenow/disaster). The LCMS Disaster Response works closely with Haitian Lutheran Churches to address basic human needs and to provide Christian hope to those devastated by the earthquake. In the coming weeks, as relief efforts continue, there may be additional ways in which we can provide assistance. Lutheran World Relief is also providing emergency assistance to Haiti and you can make a donation by visiting: [LWR \(https://lwr.org\)](https://lwr.org).

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.



There is going to be a **"Creston after the Dark Street Party"** on **Saturday, September 11th**. ISJ Academy and St.

James are planning to have a table at the *"Resource Fair"* so that we can connect 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.

Dear Family-in-Christ,

We appreciate your prayers and outreach as we grieve the sudden passing of John's sister. Patricia S. Ellis loved Our Lord Jesus and served Him faithfully. Over the years, Pat anonymously gifted funds for on-line streaming and to various ministries we have been involved with here at St. James. What we will dearly miss the most is her gifts of consistent encouraging communications, and prayers supporting us in our Christian walk.

At Pat's funeral, Marjie was given the opportunity to pray Ephesians 3:16-21. We pray this scripture for you dear brothers and sisters-in-Christ as well. Your continued prayer support is greatly appreciated.



Sincerely, John & Marjie Weiss

Coming Soon: Fellow Workers on God's Team

**WE ARE GOD'S WORKMANSHIP,
CREATED IN JESUS CHRIST TO
BE GOD'S FELLOW WORKERS.**

*"Therefore, my beloved brothers,
be steadfast, immovable, always
abounding in the work of the
Lord, knowing that in the Lord
your labor is not in vain"
(1 Corinthians 15:58).*



Life Quote for Sunday, August 22: "Our youth are a gift of God—our future voice and our For Life voice, now! Take a moment and read Titus 2 and ponder Paul's teaching in light of Proverbs 1:5: 'Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance.' Then invite, encourage, and mentor youth in your circle today." *Rev. Jeff Duncan, Mission and Ministry Director of Lutherans For Life*



Set-up for the 2nd Best Sale is

TODAY

VOLUNTEERS are needed after Church to begin sorting the boxes of items.

Volunteers are also needed Monday and Tuesday for continued sorting and pricing.

Volunteers are needed for Thursday through Saturday to assist customers during the Sale.

And yes, **Volunteers** will be needed for the clean-up immediately following the Sale on Saturday.

It's a great time to get to know each other and help support our Youth and Church functions. Work for an hour or enjoy the day with everyone.

If you have any questions, please see Walt.

CHOIRS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER!



If you ever thought about singing or ringing, your opportunity is coming soon! Beth would love to have you join her choirs. Practices will be Thursday evenings beginning

September 23rd, 6:00pm for Bells and 7:15pm for Choir. If you any questions, contact Beth at 363-0759.

CHURCH PICNIC

There is a **sign-up sheet** for the church picnic outside the office door. This is not a potluck. The food will be provided for by Friends in Faith. They simply would like the pleasure of your company and the insight to know how much food to prepare. Questions? Contact Walt or any member of Friends in Faith.



Beloved Hymns of the Christian Faith!

Pastor Schaeffer's midweek devotions have featured hymns that we love to sing. He has discussed hymns such as: "How Great Thou Art;" "Abide with Me;" "Great is Thy Faithfulness;" "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence;" "Praise to the Lord;" and "Beautiful Savior." These devotions are posted

every Wednesday on St. James' Facebook page and they are also available on St. James website under "Video" and then click, "[Devotions](#)".

Please keep the political instability in

Afghanistan in your prayers. Pray for the safety of the people who remain in Afghanistan and pray for the Afghan people who have fled their homeland and are now displaced people in need of a country to receive them. If we learn of ways to provide support to the Afghanistan people, we will let you know.



ISJ Academy

ISJ Academy Begins Its First Day of School on Wednesday, August 25th!

Please pray for the teachers and staff that the Spirit of the Lord will work through them to feed and fortify the faith of the students. Pray for the children and their families that they will grow in their appreciation for God as their Creator and Savior. Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors about our school and encourage them to consider enrolling their children at ISJ Academy. It's a school where God's Truth influences every class every day; where God's love is manifested in daily interactions; and where every person is valued as a one created and redeemed by Christ. More information is available about ISJ Academy by calling 616.363.0505 and visiting: <https://www.mychristianschool.com/>.