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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 20, 2023

Responsive Prayer

The Preservice Music, Call to Worship & Welcome

Hymn: 904 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

**L** Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,  
**C** have mercy and hear us.

**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.

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayer

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Hymn:** 549 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

### The Old Testament

*Psalm 67*

<sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,  
<sup>2</sup>that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.  
<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! <sup>6</sup>The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. <sup>7</sup>God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### The Epistle Reading

*Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32*

<sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew... <sup>13</sup>Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry

<sup>14</sup>in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them.  
<sup>15</sup>For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .<sup>28</sup>As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. <sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.  
<sup>30</sup>Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 15:21-28*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

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

<sup>21</sup>Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.  
<sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Hymn:** 779 "Come, My Soul, with Every Care"

### Sermon

**Offering** (Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!)

## Offering

**L** I cry to You, O Lord;

**C** in the morning my prayer comes before You.

**L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**L** My mouth is filled with Your praise,

**C** and with Your glory all the day.

**L** Every day I will bless You

**C** and praise Your name forever and ever.

**L** By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,

**C** O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

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

**C** and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

**L** He redeems your life from the pit

**C** and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**C** let my cry come to You.

## The General Prayer of the Church

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C** Amen.

Acknowledgments

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## This Week at St. James

Today (8/20) ..... **Worship - 9:30 AM**

Monday (8/21) ..... No Evening Service - :- PM

Wednesday (8/23) ..... ISJ First Day of School - 8:00 AM

Saturdays (8/26) ..... Pastors Day Off - 9:00 AM

Sunday (8/27) ..... Gizmo on FB - 8:00 AM  
**Worship - 9:30 AM**  
 Bible Study - 11:00 AM

## Looking Ahead

### Serving Today (8/20)

Officiant ..... Deacons

Lector ..... Carol Bifulco

Organist ..... Beth McKay

Deacon(s) ..... Craig Popma / Bryan Ensing

Ushers ..... Jim and Nancy Spears / Derren Kippen

Video/Sound/Recording ..... Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss

August Altar Guild ..... Suellen Pfannkuch / Amanda Donigan

### Serving Next Sunday (8/27)

Lector ..... Marjie Weiss

Organist ..... Beth McKay

Deacon(s) ..... Bryan Ensing

Ushers ..... Walt and Karen Kryzanowski

Video/Sound/Recording ..... Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss

August Altar Guild ..... Suellen Pfannkuch / Amanda Donigan

## Financial Discipleship: August 13 & 14, 2023

General Fund	\$6,196.00
<i>Needed each week for budget \$5,769.00 (+\$427.00)</i>	
ISJ Tuition Assistance	\$50.00
Back to school block party	\$65.00
<b>TOTAL Contributions</b>	<b>\$6,311.00</b>

### Announcements

**We Need Ushers:** We have a few people that are currently helping us with usher duties on Sundays and when we have midweek services, but we need a few more ushers. Please prayerfully consider serving in this way to help services to run as smooth as possible. Ashley will be placing a sign-up sheet for current and new ushers outside the church office.

**NECM Meijer Simply Give Campaign:** Plainfield Meijer is launching another "Simply Give" program from now until Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like more information the flyer will be hanging up across from the coat room.

**Pastor on Vacation:** Pastor will be on Vacation this week. If you need any assistance, please contact the Deacons.

**St. James Tuition Assistance Fund:** What is the St. James Tuition Assistance Fund? St. James Lutheran Church is excited to be able to offer tuition assistance to church member families enrolled in ISJ Academy. This assistance is funded by donations from St. James' members who wish to help with the cost of tuition for our members' children at ISJ Academy. The members support the strong Christian and academic education which ISJ Academy provides. If you would like more information, please find the forms on the table in the Narthex.

**Thank you Thank you Thank You!!!:** " GLORY TO GOD, and THANKS to all involved for your willing service of spreading God's love before, during and after the "Back to School" event last Tuesday! Our visitors were around 280!!(about 150 last year), and cheerful, 50 cheerful, supporting volunteers (including ISJ teachers, staff, Board, and PTL). I'm sure many of you were tired the next day, but we would say it was a "good" tired! God continues to give us *many* blessings at St. James." Thank you again Sandra, Nancy, and Cindy.