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**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 2023**

Divine Service, Setting Four (p.203)

The Preservice Music, Call to Worship & Welcome

Hymn: 819 "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

Invocation

Exhortation

LSB 203

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

Absolution

Hymn: 692 "Praise to You and Adoration"

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let
him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an
ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸Fear
not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are
my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

Romans 8:26-27

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray
for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep
for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Day: 772 “In Holy Conversation”

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!)

Prayer of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements & Blessing for Online Worshippers

Service of the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 209

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Distribution

Post-Communion Collect

Benedicamus

LSB 212

Benediction

Hymn to Depart: 918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

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This Week at St. James

Today (7/23) Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM
Worship – 9:30 AM
Bible Study – 11:00 AM

Monday (7/24) Evening Service – 6:30 PM

Friday (7/28) Pastors Day Off – 9:00 AM

Sunday (7/30) **Worship – 9:30 AM**
Bible Study – 11:00 AM

Looking Ahead

Serving Today (7/23)

Officiant Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer
Lector..... Cindy McAuliffe
Organist.....Nancy Spears
Deacon(s) Dave Hood
Ushers..... Craig Popma / Caleb Butler / Orlin Bowman
Video/Sound/Recording..... Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
July Altar Guild.....Phyllis Schultz

Serving Next Sunday (7/30)

Lector..... Irene Talen
Organist..... Beth McKay
Deacon(s)Bryan Ensing / Craig Popma
Ushers..... Jim and Nancy Spears / Jim McKay
Video/Sound/Recording..... Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
July Altar Guild.....Phyllis Schultz

Financial Discipleship: July 16 & 17, 2023

General Fund	\$2,430.00
<i>Needed each week for budget \$5,769.00 (-\$3,339.00)</i>	
<u>Tessaro Ministry</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
TOTAL Contributions	\$2,455.00

Announcements

Newsletter If you would like information in the August newsletter please get it to Ashley in “word” form no later than Wednesday July 26th. Please send your information to the office email office@stjamesgr.com

New Directory: Please look in your mailbox for the Directory.

Starting the Year ... On The Right Note!

I hope you have **marked your calendar for August 15th from 6-8 pm** to attend **St. James' Back to School Block Party!** Don't forget to **sign up** so we know you are coming!

Thank you for your enthusiasm for the event. Many have asked for what we need to make the event a success. We are looking for donations of school supplies. **Here are some suggestions:** crayons, markers, scissors, rulers, erasers, pencils, pens, highlighters, water color paints, dry erase markers, white glue, glue sticks, tape, sticky notes, paper, notebooks, journals, pencil cases, 1 inch binders or other items you find that kids would think are cool!!! We also encourage the purchase of **children's socks and backpacks.**



Thank you to the bakers who have signed up for baking cookies for the cookie walk! There is still room for some more bakers. Last year we gave away 65 dozen cookies! If you are planning on baking, sign up indicating how many dozen you will bring. Place 6 cookies on a paper plate and wrap securely.

Finally, if you would like to **make a donation** to help cover the cost of the

ice cream truck treats and the inflatable obstacle course that would be a welcomed way to support our event!

"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth." Psalm 96:1

ISJ Discounts for Members Just as a reminder if you are member in good standing with St. James you can receive a 15% off discount for students attending the ECC program or a 30% off discount for students in kindergarten to 8th grade. Your family is eligible if you have children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Schaeffer.