

*Family of God, welcome to worship this midsummer day!
Please share a greeting of peace with your neighbor.*

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Rev. Peter Heckert

Liturgist: Rev. David French

Elder: Michael O'Donnell

Organist: Joann Dietel

Greeters: Sat. 6:00-Ed & Rosie Swanson;
Sun. 8:00-Phyllis Kesler, Daphine Prather,
Barbara Francis; Sun. 10:30-Carol Salts

Ushers: Sat. 6:00-Dick & Cathy Collison;

Sun. 8:00-Mark Bunton, Wayne & Eileen Luke,
Gerry Beck; Sun. 10:30-Diana Koger, Keith Lah,
Jeff & Noli Freel

Acolytes: Sun. 8:00-Lilly Kult, Caleb Hamelman,
Aeryn Ford, Samantha Ford;
Sun. 10:30-Malia McClannen, Katherine Wilcox,
Maya Schoon, Isaiah Grady

*With the psalmist I pray: "Make me to know your ways, O LORD ...
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation" (Psalm 25:4-5, ESV).*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Kathy Bishop, Tom Burkhardt, Julie Byers, Janet Clark, Richard Evans, Lisa Ferguson, Bethany Funnell, Tammy Kult, Scott Meyer, Janna Minjarez, Scott Neff, Steve Neff, Kim Nelson, Bob Nixon, Kurt Ostrander, Dan Schroeder

DEATHS: Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Harry Bishop who was called to rest from his earthly labors on Monday, July 1. Please keep them in your prayers as they mourn their loss.

✿ ALTAR FLOWERS ✿

The altar flowers today are sponsored by Gabe & Lynn Beckham in honor of Lynn's grandparents' (Marvin & Arnita Schroeder) 74th wedding anniversary on July 8. If you would like to sponsor flowers to commemorate a special day in your life, please sign up today -- the flower chart is on the closet door in the church office (near Nola's desk), or just call or e-mail the office for the date(s) you want. *We are currently seeking additional sponsors for July 21 & 28.* The cost to sponsor one bouquet is \$30 and you can take the flowers home after services to enjoy!

♥ NURSERY ♥

Have a little one crying or needing a diaper changed? We want you to know that the nursery/cry room is always open for your use during worship services. There is a television in the room so that you won't miss out on anything happening in the sanctuary. The nursery/cry room is P204 (yellow classroom).

☺ FELLOWSHIP TIME ☺

Everyone is invited to enjoy the fellowship and some light refreshments in the cafeteria immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Sunday service.

✠ SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES (9:15-10:15 A.M.) ✠

WHO AM I? WHAT AM I DOING HERE? led by Pastor Heckert in the cafeteria (room P212). The universe, God's will, speaking the Christ story, true human fulfillment, God's Law, the point of it all-these are some of the ideas in Pastor Joel Biermann's explorative video Bible study. In six sessions, he takes us from the beginning to that place where, on the Last Day, we find our greatest realization as humans. What is it all about? Essentially, it's about us being God's creatures, redeemed by Christ and restored through faith, and our role to fulfill God's place for us within His creation.

A DEEPER LOOK led by Grace Gillespie in room P202 (green classroom). This group discusses the Bible lessons (pericopes) which are read in church each Sunday. You are invited every Sunday, but will not be lost if you miss a Sunday. This is a casual class with lots of interaction. We pray for each other and care for each other. Join us today and every Sunday.

✠ SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:15-10:15 A.M.) ✠

- 2 Yr. Olds - Preschool: Room P204 (Yellow Classroom)
- Kg - 2nd Grade: Room P205 (Orange Classroom)
- 3rd - 5th Grade: Room P206 (Red Classroom)
- 6th - 8th Grade: Room F104 (Church Office Conference Room)
- High School: Room S204 (7th Grade/Language Arts Classroom)

What are the 2 year olds - 5th graders learning about? Starting with Genesis, we will work through the Bible in three years through major Bible stories from the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Acts. Students will learn and grow in faith alongside their peers as they explore the Bible, draw connections to the Small Catechism, and learn the traditions of the Lutheran Church. If you have questions about the Sunday school program, contact Janna Minjarez at minjarezfamily@hotmail.com.

What are the 6th - 8th graders learning about? The Sunday school class for middle school students has shifted its focus to studying the Divine Service and the reasons behind why Lutherans worship the way they do. This is a great opportunity for our youth to prepare for confirmation, first communion, and being a faithful member of Christ's church.

📖 WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 📖

COFFEE CLUB led by Pastor French on **Thursdays 7:00-7:45 a.m.** in the church conference room.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST led by Pastor Jim Barton and Doug Schroeder on **Fridays 6-7 a.m.** at the Downtowner Restaurant in Market Square. You can come for coffee or breakfast at 6:00 a.m. or just for the Bible study beginning at about 6:30. We are looking at the Epistle and Gospel lessons for the coming Sunday, along with a related Old Testament Scripture to become familiar with more of the Old Testament, too. You are welcome any time. See Pastor Barton for details.

✿ TV & RADIO MINISTRIES ✿

ISSUES, ETC.: Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LUTHERAN RADIO STATION - KFUE: Listen to KFUE.org, the broadcast arm of the LCMS, as we share Christ for you anytime, anywhere via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: [@KFUEradio](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). This week on KFUE.org, study the Saga of Salvation in Exodus 3-6 on Sharper Iron with host Rev. Timothy Appel and guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear incredible insight into Psalm 38 and Numbers 27-30 on Thy Strong Word with host Rev. AJ Espinosa and guest pastors (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find these programs on demand at kfue.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Turning Point” by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on July 14. Topic: Belonging to God - Baptism (Romans 6:1-11). *The Lutheran Hour* is heard every week in our listening area at 7:00 a.m. on station 720 AM, at 7:30 a.m. on 97.3 FM, at 9:04 a.m. on 107.7 FM, or at 10:00 a.m. on 97.3 FM. You can also catch TLH on SiriusXM satellite radio on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on its Family Talk channel 131. Have questions? Contact our LHM ambassador - Jerry Ripke at (765) 490-5254 or jerryripke@gmail.com.

WORSHIP ANEW: This 30 minute Lutheran television worship service includes the readings for the day, prayers, and a Lutheran pastor delivering a message that is one-on-one to the viewer. *Worship Anew* is aired each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on WHMB-TV40. Visit www.WorshipAnew.org for more information about this exciting program!

◆ GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ◆

WE ARE LOOKING FOR AFTERNOON PRESCHOOL AIDES! Our program is growing and we are looking for people who love to play and be creative. Come be a part of the vibrant school ministry here at St. James! Starting wage of \$10/hr. Contact Julie Grott at 742-6464 or julieg@stjameslaf.org.

WHAT ARE THE YOUTH UP TO? Eight of our high school youth and three chaperones are attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota (July 11-15). Please keep the GREAT EIGHT: Logan DePew, Abby McCain, Jilli Parker, Libby Plassard, Logan Szuflika, Baleigh Tarter, Kaleigh Tarter, and Zoe Wetzel; and their chaperones: Dann Keiser, Daniel Keiser, and Lynn Keiser in your prayers for safe travels and wonderful experiences. If you would like to know what is happening at the LCMS national youth gathering you can go to www.lcmsgathering.com to follow the live casts of the mass events each evening and get updates about the conference. For those of you on facebook, go to the St. James youth site because we will be posting on there daily! Thank you for your support!

HE LISTENS: Please consider being a part of our St. James prayer chain. If you are interested in being a prayer partner or if you have a prayer concern, please e-mail prayersofstjames@gmail.com.

ADOPT-A-CHAIR: We have found our fellowship hall seating is becoming tattered and torn. As you know, we often use the seats for special occasions, and many visitors use the seating at those events. After a little research, it was found that we can purchase new chairs for about \$25 each. In order to come up with the funding, we thought you may want to “Adopt-a-Chair.” If you are interested in adopting, please see Nola or Mindy in the church office to complete the process. **Thank you to our current adopt-a-chair “parents”:** Charles & Charlotte Adkins, John Brooks, Barbara Francis, Ruth O’Connor, & Judie Watts.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET: The spring quarter edition of *Portals of Prayer* is available on the bookshelf in the narthex (the back hallway leading into the sanctuary) for you and those you might know. Take a few home and give them to relatives, friends, coworkers, and teammates. These devotions are short and very easy reading. It is a great way to start or end each day.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Luke 10:25 – “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” There is nothing right about this question. What shall I do to inherit? What can you do to inherit the throne of England? You can’t do anything to gain it. An inheritance comes by family ties, not deeds. Our deeds follow and result from our family ties. The Father calls us His own children. So, we inherit eternal life by grace, and we seek to live out our new calling as the Father’s children with our good works.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 6-7: 289

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 21, 2019

Genesis 18:1–10a (10b–14)

Colossians 1:21–29

Luke 10:38–42

The Word of Christ Is the One Thing Needed

“The Lord appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre” (Gen. 18:1) and received his hospitality. But Abraham received the gracious promise of a son. Though Abraham and Sarah were very old, nothing is “too hard for the Lord” (Gen. 18:14). His Word appointed the time and fulfilled the promise. In the same way, the Lord Jesus “entered a village” and received Martha’s hospitality (Luke 10:38). “Martha was distracted with much serving” because she was “anxious and troubled about many things” (Luke 10:40–41), but her sister, Mary, “sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching” (Luke 10:39). The service of love is no sin, but “one thing is necessary” for both faith and love — the Word of Christ (Luke 10:42). Thus, the ministers of Christ are sent “to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints” (Col. 1:25–26).



CONGRATULATIONS TO LIBBY PLASSARD! On Sunday, June 23 (at the 10:30 a.m. service), Libby was presented an award from Lutherans for Life for an essay contest they sponsored which she entered. Here is Libby's winning submission:

“My generation will be the one to end abortion.” This is a quote that has surfaced recently, especially after the March for Life. It is supposed to serve as encouragement for young people fighting to end abortion, but when I truthfully look at this statement I see how far we are from achieving that goal. As we look backward in time, we can see where the generations before us have failed. We have not protected the rights of the unborn. We have not defended those who cannot defend themselves. We have not used science, logic and most importantly God's Word to prove our points. But as we look forward, it is hard to see where we will be in the coming years and often times it is disheartening. Will my generation *really* be the one to end abortion? I hope and pray that we do, but in order for that to happen we must change our ways and learn from our mistakes.

Although I have grown up in a faithfully Lutheran household, gone through confirmation courses, attended church regularly, and graduated from a Lutheran grade school, I no longer consider myself sheltered when it comes to disagreements between the church and our secular world. Before I started my first year at public high school I did not fully understand the disparity of different beliefs. Now, I have watched as many of my closest friends support the murdering of innocent unborn babies. I have seen teachers forget science and logic when arguing why abortion is “ok”. I have even had teachers not allow me to write or speak about abortion because it is “too controversial”. So how is my generation supposed to beat abortion when we are constantly being told by our authorities, the media, and all the so called “influential” people in our lives that abortion does not need to be beaten?

One of the reasons for the extreme abortion position we see today is that as a church we have often steered clear of political and controversial conversations. In order to make a legal difference we must become involved in our government. This means voting, protesting, and in some cases, even running for office.

Many people don't know simple biblical truths about abortion. It is so important that we read scripture because then we know what God expects. Psalm 139:13 says, “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb”. God values and knows each and every one of us, born and unborn. We need to be in God's Word so that we can know exactly what God says. The more we study and learn, the more certain we are in our convictions.

In terms of informing young people, we must let them know that they have options. We must ensure that pregnant women are fully aware of adoption services and the other choices they have besides abortion. One way that we can inform young people is through classes in schools. In my community, a Christian pregnancy resource center has started teaching in local high school health classes. They inform students about abstinence, adoption, and different options a female has if she becomes pregnant. Classes like these give students the knowledge they need to make good informed decisions, and currently many students across the country are not receiving this information. We need to show my generation that abortion is not the only option they have. Right now, many women feel like abortion is their only choice and that is not the case.

The most important thing we can do to end abortion is pray and trust in God. Our omniscient and omnipotent God will deliver us. “Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:68).” God calls us to take a stand, to defend his Word, and to defend our neighbors. “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? (Romans 10:13-14).” Many people do not know the truth about abortion. It is our job to preach the Gospel to all the ends of the earth and to tell our neighbors why abortion is wrong. With God's Word as our source of strength and our foundation, my generation will be the generation to end abortion.



14 ~ Janis Clark, Janet Myer, Allison Spencer
 15 ~ Bobbe Meyer, Emma Murphy, Bryan Tetzloff, Bryn Wigent
 16 ~ Brenda Arden, Mike Tarter
 17 ~ Judy Dieterle, David Gross
 18 ~ William Kern, Aubrey Spencer
 19 ~ Donna Hudlow
 20 ~ Chuck Music

14 ~ N/A
 15 ~ Keith & Hannah Cox (2 years)
 16 ~ N/A
 17 ~ Russ & Connie Shoemaker (48 years)
 Jeff & Teresa Woolard (37 years)
 18 ~ N/A
 19 ~ N/A
 20 ~ James & Debra Bechner Jr. (51 years)



Hal Bodkin III, Aeryn Ford, Lucy Grady,
 Kate Kult, Lilly Kult, Lyla Schoon

Please take a moment to sign the Record of Fellowship pad today.

The birthday, anniversary, and baptismal birthday lists are generated from those records.

Bless you as you celebrate!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 7/14	08:00 AM - 09:00 AM 09:15 AM - 10:15 AM 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM 11:45 AM - 01:00 PM	Worship Adult Education/Sunday School Worship (C) Board of Parish Education
Mon. 7/15	08:30 AM - Noon 04:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Sewing Circle Foundation Board Meeting
Tue. 7/16	05:30 PM - 07:30 PM 06:15 PM - 07:00 PM 07:30 PM - 09:00 PM	Board of Christian Education Board of Evangelism Parish Planning Council
Wed. 7/17		<i>No Scheduled Events</i>
Thu. 7/18	07:00 AM - 07:45 AM	Coffee Club
Fri. 7/19	06:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Men's Bible Breakfast
Sat. 7/20	06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Worship (C)