



Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 20, 2021

Father's Day

*"When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "**Silence! Be still!**" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, "**Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?**"*

*The disciples were absolutely terrified. "**Who is this man?**" they asked each other. "**Even the wind and waves obey him!**" (Mark 4:39-41)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When the waves began to beat on Jesus' and the disciples' boat, they became afraid. Can you blame them? We'd probably do the same thing as them, call out in a terrified voice for God to rescue us from our distress.

But faith isn't about a happy-go-lucky lifestyle, a magical genie God that zaps all our troubles away. Faith is a calm assurance that the Lord of the Universe will triumph in the end.



- **Join us this Sunday, Worship Service . . . 9:30 A.M.** Pastor Doug Gast

Scripture Readings

Job 38:1-11
II Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

- **Happening Around St. James**

Children Sunday School is recessed til August
Adult Forum is still happening at 10:30 Join us.
Grief Share is on Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M.

Reminder.....coffee is available in the Narthex. We hope you stop and enjoy a cup with your St. James family.

- **Happy Father's Day to all the dads of St James.** As a special gift, our Sunday School young people will be helping lead our worship service. There will be a special gift that the family of St James will be sharing with our dads. Here is a prayer from Max Lucado that I thought is appropriate.

As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. –Joshua 24:15

Lord, You are all-knowing and all-powerful. Heaven is your throne, and the earth is Your footstool. I wonder sometimes if I'm teaching my family about You like I should. Guide me to be a godly man so I can be the kind of father and husband You want me to be. Break down any barriers that keep me from being that man. Show my children and my family that Your ways are best. Create in them the desire to follow You so they will love You with all their hearts, all their minds, and all their souls. I am so grateful I can come to You on behalf of my family. Thank You for carefully watching over them and leading them to

You. In Your holy name, amen.

- **St James Website is Up and Running.** Let me encourage everyone to visit our new and updated website. We think it is attractive and informative and we hope it will be used fully. We are keeping it current and fresh and there will be links added for the bulletin, newsletter and this weekend update. Please check it out.
- **Adult Sunday Study continues after church.** Join us as we "Join Jesus on His Mission." We will be reading and discussing Greg Finke's engaging book by the same name. I think you will find this to be a fascinating and great way to grow in your witness and discipleship.
- **Mission Opportunity.** Our brothers and sisters in Ethiopia are in the middle of construction of a 3.6 million dollar building that will be on the seminary campus in Addis Ababa. Pastor Doug just got word that Dr Bruk, the Mekane Yesus Seminary President, is in need of a good laptop that can process large graphic files in this construction project. I know Dr Bruk personally and he is a man of faith and integrity and vision. The computer needed is in the \$1,500 price range. Our MBO committee is going to match any gifts up to \$600, dollar for dollar. If you would like to make a special mission gift, it be blessed and a blessing as well.
- **Vacation Bible School is Coming at the End of July. . . . The title is Rocky Railway . . .**
Jesus Power Pulls us through. Details coming soon. Sign up in the narthex.
- **Sunday School Volunteers are Needed this fall.** It looks like we will have a preschool through 2nd grade class, a 3rd through 6th grade class and a confirmation class. We are now looking for someone(s) to teach the 3rd through 6th grade class and someone to help me lead the confirmation group. If interested contact me for more information. What an opportunity to help make a difference in the spiritual formation of our young disciples.
- **Blood Drive Scheduled** July 18th 9:30 AM -2:00 PM Registration Available now on line or on the sign up sheet in the narthex. Help share the gift of life.
- **Bible Studies**
 - **Women's Bible Study** Mondays at 11 A.M.
 - **Men's Bible Study Gathers . . .**at 9 A.M. on Tuesdays.
 - **Additional Bible Study Opportunity . . .**included with this weekly update is a bible study for you to use in the comfort of your home.
- **Continue to Hold our Call Committee in Prayer** as we await someone who can be a pastoral candidate. May the Holy Spirit move strong in our midst & in the heart of the person who will take the reins of pastoral leadership of St James. In the near future we will be sharing in a Bible Study on the Biblical understanding on the blessing and use of times of waiting.
- **Greetings from the HMD Council** for the month of June 2021.
 - Pray that the planning for the upcoming North American Luther Church Convocation to be held in Corpus Christi, Texas the first week of August goes well and especially for the Southwest Mission District of Texas as they recruit volunteers and plan for providing the local hospitality part of the event.
 - Pray for blessings for the Heartland Mission District (HMD) congregation of St. Mark's Lutheran Church - Uniondale, Indiana and Pastor Jerrod Ball.

- Pray for the HMD Missions team as they discern where in the district a new NALC mission outpost should be established.
- Continue to pray for guidance, support and strength from the Holy Spirit for HMD seminarian Ben Black.

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Yours in Christ, **Pastor Doug**