

July 12, 2020

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



**St James Lutheran  
Ministries**



**KINGDOM  
PARABLES**

Matthew 13

**THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER**  
*"The seed falling on good soil refers to someone  
 who hears the word and understands it."*

MATTHEW 13:23

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Traditional Style**

Sunday 8:00 AM

**Contemporary Celebration (Gym)**

Sunday 9:30 AM

**Online Service &  
Radio Broadcast**

9:00 AM  
WTCH960 AM / WTCH96.1 FM

**Senior Service**

1st & 3rd Wednesday 11:00 AM

**DIVINE SERVICE #4, LSB 203  
NO HOLY COMMUNION**

**Liturgist:** .....Rev. Mark Drenkler  
**Preacher:**... Rev. Steve Schauder

**TRADITIONAL SERVICE**

**SERVICE HYMNS**

**Opening**.....#919(st.1-4)

**Sermon**.....#904

**Hymn of Praise** .....#584

**Closing**..... #577

**Music By:** ..... Sue Moede

**CELEBRATION SERVICE**

**Music By:** .....Praise Team



# WELCOME TO ST. JAMES LUTHERAN

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**WE WELCOME** all our visitors to St. James and pray your worship with us is uplifting and enriching. If there is anything we can do for you, please ask one of the ushers or the volunteer in the Connection Center and they will be happy to assist you.

**FELLOWSHIP:** Refreshments will not be available until further notice.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated during all Worship Services on the first and third weekends of the month, and at all Senior Services.

**GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS** are available at all services during communion weekends for those in need of them. Please see a Lay Minister before the service to let them know of your request.

**PARENTS WITH CHILDREN:** Children are always welcome to worship with us. Children's bulletins are available. There is a Mother's Room with a changing table located by the restrooms in the narthex.

**SENIOR SERVICE:** Designed for our senior members and at-risk individuals, but anyone may attend. Every first and third Wednesday during July at 11:00 AM with Holy Communion.

## UPDATED WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

- Traditional: Sundays at 8:00 AM (Sanctuary)
- Celebration: Sundays at 9:30 AM (Gym)
- Outdoor: Mondays at 6:30 PM at Franklin Park
- Online: 9:00 AM on WTCH960 AM / WTCH96.1 FM radio, or online via St. James Facebook page or our YouTube channel.

## SCRIPTURE READING

### SUNDAY READINGS

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:10-13  
Epistle Reading: Romans 8:12-17  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### THIS WEEK'S SERMON THEME:

*Kingdom Parables: "Parable of the Sower"*  
by Rev. Mark Drengler

### SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 13:1-9; 18-23

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow.

<sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

<sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear."

...<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not

understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Old Testament: Isaiah 44:6-8  
Epistle Reading: Romans 8:18-27  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:4-30, 36-43

### SENIOR SERVICE

Please join us for our next Senior Service on Wednesday, July 15th at 11 AM. We would like to encourage all at-risk individuals to attend this midweek service.

# CELEBRATION SERVICE

## WE PRAISE GOD

*"Belong to You"* as sung by Iron Bell Music  
*"Great Things"* as sung by Phil Wickham

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## OPENING SONG

*"Rock Won't Move"* as sung by Vertical Church Band

## SCRIPTURE ON SIN, CONFESSION, AND REPENTANCE

## SILENT CONFRONTATION OF SIN

## SCRIPTURE ON FORGIVENESS

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

## WE PRAISE GOD

*"Let Your Kingdom Come"* as sung by Sovereign Grace

## TIME FOR PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

## WE PRAISE GOD

*"Ancient Words"* as sung by Michael W. Smith

## SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## MESSAGE

*"Kingdom Parables: Parable of the Sower"* by Rev. Steve Schauder

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\dagger$  give you peace.  
**G** Amen.

## CLOSING SONG

*"Thrive"* as sung by Casting Crowns

# WORSHIP SERVICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## JULY SERMON SERIES

“Kingdom Parables”: July 12th—26th

A good story captures our attention and draws us in. That’s probably why Jesus told so many stories or parables. He was a master story teller, using common subjects and everyday experiences to share deep truths about: God, His Kingdom, and ourselves, *in memorable and understandable stories*. In this series, “Kingdom Parables”, we’ll take a closer look at three of these stories from Matthew 13 and how they impact us today—in the story we’re living.

### Week 1: “Parable of the Sower”

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

### Week 2: “Parable of the Weeds”

Matthew 13:4-30; 36-43

### Week 3: “Parable of Hidden Treasure/Pearl of Great Price”

Matthew 13:44-52

## LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“What does it say to our neighbor when in our own families we care for our elderly, become foster parents, adopt children, care for the handicapped, or carry through with an unplanned pregnancy? What does it say to our community when in our churches we care and pray for each other, offer families respite care, visit nursing homes, or provide for the needs of pregnant women? It says that we are truly For Life because we are living it.” Diane E. Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

### “Perfection Welcomes Failure”

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God’s perfect standards are exceeded only by His perfect patience and forgiveness. (Matthew 6:19-34)

Tune into Sunday morning’s message at 7:30AM on WTCH/960 AM and also at 10:00AM on WRVM/102.7 FM on your radio.

## WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Worship in the Park with St. James will be held on Mondays at 6:30 PM. Bring your chairs and/or blankets to join together for worship in the heart of Shawano! We will relocate to St. James Church if it is raining. Cash offerings will be donated to Safe Haven Domestic Abuse Shelter for the month of July.

## WRLHS FAIR FUNDRAISER

It is sign-up time again for selling tickets, parking cars, or being a flagman at the Shawano County Fair. Volunteers receive free entry and free parking for their shift(s). New volunteers are also needed to sign up for one or more shifts on any of the days listed during the fair schedule. A special thank you to all the people who have already signed up to work. However, there are still over 200 positions of 4 to 5 hours each that need to be filled. To sign up for your preferred choice of days and times, please email Karen Baker at [karbaker16@tds.net](mailto:karbaker16@tds.net) or call her at 715-853-9137 or 715-758-8874. A post card confirmation will be mailed to all volunteers in early August reminding them of their scheduled shifts and locations. Thanks in advance for your support of WRLHS.

The shift times are as follows:

Thursday through Sunday:

9:00am-1:30pm, 1:30-6:00pm and 6:00-10:00pm

Monday: 9:00am-1:00pm & 1:00-5:00pm

## VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2020

A twist on VBS for the whole family. Instead of a daily VBS this summer we have a family VBC that starts with a kickoff event at church and will continue throughout the summer in your own home. We’ll conclude with a Campfire Celebration at the St. James Retreat Center.

### “CAMPING WITH JESUS”

#### Our five week journey

- July 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 – 7:30 PM: VBC Kickoff in the grass area outside the St. James Gym. There will be games, snacks, a story, and you’ll receive materials.
- Wednesdays (July 29—Aug 12): Stories online
- August 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:00 PM: Campfire Celebration at St. James Retreat (N6982 Retreat Rd, Shawano)

#### Five Weeks of Learning from Jesus for Your Family

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – By the Shore: Peter Follows Jesus

July 29<sup>th</sup> – Along the Trail: Jesus Show His Love

August 5<sup>th</sup> – Under the Stars: Peter Fails Jesus

August 12<sup>th</sup> – Before the Dawn: Jesus Forgives Peter

August 19<sup>th</sup> – Around the Campfire: Peter Discovers

God’s Forever Forgiveness

Register online at [www.stjames-shawano.com](http://www.stjames-shawano.com) or call the church office at 715-524-4815.

\*\*Registration closes **July 13th!**\*\*

# CHURCH & COMMUNITY GROUPS

## OPENINGS FOR 4K CLASS

St. James 4K program has openings for the 2020-2021 school year in the afternoon class. The program is open to any child who will be age 4 as of September 1st, 2020. More info can be found at [www.stjames-shawano.org](http://www.stjames-shawano.org). Click on the Early Childcare dropdown and click on our Preschool link.

## LAST RENTAL FOR SALE!

227 E. Center Street is our last rental property for sale. If you are interested in viewing the house, please contact Coldwell Banker at 715-853-6677, or call the church office at 715-524-4815.

## AMAZON SMILE

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## CHRISTIAN COUNSELING SERVICES

If you, a friend, or a loved one – adult or child - is struggling with mental health or behavioral concerns, please know that the professional counselors at Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin are committed to helping alleviate the fear and uncertainty. As a faith-based Christian agency, we realize our services may be needed now more than ever. Through counseling, there is an opportunity to model Christian faith and share the promises of the Gospel while utilizing clinical expertise and skill. All offices shall remain open during the pandemic and onward, offering one-on-one counseling. Tele-health counseling is also available as an option. Please contact our office at 414-536-8333 or 800-291-4513.

## ADRC (AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER)

- Every Monday morning there is a call-in support group for caregivers of those with dementia. This is a free support group that begins at 10:00 am. To register, please call 1-800-272-3900.
- Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>—Fee class regarding healthy living for your brain and body. This class will be virtual beginning at 1PM. Register online.

## THRIFT STORE REOPENING

The LCEF Thrift store on Richmond St is now opened with new safety and sanitation policies for both donations and shopping. Please consider supporting this store and the mission they support. Volunteers are also needed for a variety of tasks and services.

## JULY 12TH—JULY 19TH

SUN	MON	TUES	WED
<b>12</b> 8:00 Worship 9:00 Radio/Online Service 9:30 Celebration (Gym)	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM Outdoor Service @ Franklin Park	<b>14</b> 9:00 Quilters 9:00 Staff	<b>15</b> 11:00 Senior Service (HC)
THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline for July 26th	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8:00 Worship (HC) 9:00 Radio/Online Service 9:30 Celebration (Gym) (HC)

# SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROTOCOLS

**THE FOLLOWING ARE PRACTICES THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE SAFEST ENVIRONMENT FOR PEOPLE TO GATHER FOR WORSHIP. PLEASE READ THEM CAREFULLY:**

- Minimize entrance and exit points for attendees. Access for services in the sanctuary will be limited to the Andrews Street entrance and the East Side Parking Lot entrance. Access for the Celebration service will be limited to the East Side Gym/School entrance. Weather permitting entrance/exit doors will be propped open.
- Post signs at all entrances reminding worshipers to practice social distancing, utilize hand sanitizers, and follow any other guidelines that will be established.
- Bulletins will NOT be handed out, but made available for individuals to pick up. Please take them with you when you leave.
- Offering plates will NOT be passed, but plates will be at the exits of the sanctuary/gym.
- No coffee, beverages or refreshments will be served.
- In the Sanctuary, people will be seated in every other pew. Appropriate signage will be in place to guide the seating. Families may sit together, but also allow 6 feet on either side of the family unit. Individuals must practice the *6-foot rule*. If attending with a friend sitting together is allowed, however 6 feet must be allowed on either side.
- For the Celebration service in the Gym, the same protocols will be observed. In addition, the bleachers will remain closed. The chairs and tables will be arranged to provide for social distancing.
- The use of masks is up to the discretion of the individual worshiper. Masks will NOT be provided. If an individual chooses to wear a mask, they must bring their own.
- Children will be invited forward for the Children's Message, however they will be asked to sit in designated places to provide for social distancing. Siblings may sit together.
- When celebrating the Lord's Supper, the Pastors and Lay Ministers will sanitize their hands immediately before serving. The Pastors will place the bread into the open hand of the individual being careful not to allow for hand to hand contact. The Common Cup will NOT be used during this time. The Lay Ministers will offer the individual cup. Trays will be set up to provide space between the cups so individuals will touch only the cup they are taking. Directions for coming forward and returning to seats will be given each time the Lord's Supper is celebrated.
- Individuals will be encouraged to leave the worship space and/or building following worship and avoid congregating in the narthex or halls.  
All worship spaces will be sanitized following worship. This includes all handrails, door handles, and any items touched in the normal course of entering and exiting the worship space.

In the joyful service of Jesus,  
Pastor Mark & Pastor Steve

# SPONSORSHIPS & CONTRIBUTIONS

## SPONSORSHIPS

The **Radio Broadcast** has been sponsored by Curt Kupper, in loving memory of beloved wife and best friend, Jean Kupper, who passed away 2 years ago on July 10th.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. To set up your electronic donation on our website, go to [www.stjames-shawano.org](http://www.stjames-shawano.org), and click on the GIVINGS link on the far right side.

## TEXT TO GIVE

Do you need an easy, convenient way to contribute to St. James? Give+ Text is a powerful way to give in a matter of seconds. Send a text to **715-502-2037**. It's simple and secure. All donations will go into the Church General Fund unless you specify an option below. After you enter your dollar amount, enter a space then type one of the following options:

- TUITION (School Tuition Fund)
- SOUND (Sound System Fund)
- MISSIONS (Missions)
- SAMARITAN (The Good Samaritan Fund)

Please call the office with any questions or concerns.

## SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Every week beautiful flowers grace the altar in our Sanctuary. Sponsoring altar flowers is a simple way to glorify God and beautify the altar. Dedications can be made in honor or in memory of someone, in celebration of a birthday, anniversary or other milestone, or in thanksgiving for friends or family. Your dedication will be printed in the worship bulletin for that Sunday. After the 8:00 AM Sunday service, you may take your arrangement home with you. Please call the church office at 715-524-4815 for open dates.

## SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, August 2nd at 11 AM there will be a Voter's Meeting in church. Agenda details coming soon.

## ATTENDANCE & ESTIMATED VIEWS

06/29—07/06

Monday Park Service 6/29	6:30 PM	86
Senior Service	11:00 AM	45
Sunday Online	Facebook	341
	YouTube	51
Sunday Traditional	8:00 AM	100
Sunday Celebration	9:30 AM	44
Monday Park Service 7/6	6:30 PM	71

## CONTRIBUTIONS

07/05/20

MTD

Home Envelopes	18,595	18,595
Cash/Plate	131	131
Thrivent Choice	0	0
School Tuition	0	0
Alumni	300	300
ECC	5,982	5,982
Preschool	0	0
<b>JULY COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>25,008</b>	<b>25,008</b>
Missions	807	807
Adopt-a-Student	0	0
Sound System	0	0
Good Samaritan Fund	0	0
SAM 25 (June Plate @ Park)	59	251

## FOR THESE WE PRAY

### ILLNESS

Arline Raasch  
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Austin Main  
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Donna Katzenmeyer  
Charles O'Brien

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