

Praise the Lord

**Sunday, September 7, 2025
St. Mark's United Church of Christ
Joint Family Picnic Day!**

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Kathy Jurk, Organist Sandy Perronne, Reader

Our Mission is to help others deepen their relationship with God, become faithful followers of Christ, and to share the message of Christ's love with others.

Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship

Introduction and Welcome:

Opening Prayer:

Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them" (Matthew 18:20) Our Savior, Lord Jesus, as you promise to be with us make us aware of your presence today. Let us feel you in our hearts, see you in our vision, hear you in our words. Help us, this morning, to worship you; to listen to your Word, and to pray in faith that we might grow in our love for you and for one another.

♪ As We Gather (#646) – 3 times

Young at Heart:



♪ Awesome God (#658) – 3 times

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried:

He descended into hell: The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead:

I believe in the Holy Spirit: The One Holy Universal Christian Church: the communion of saints: The forgiveness of sins: The resurrection of the body: And the life everlasting. Amen.

♪ Be Thou My Vision (#502)

Scripture Readings:

Psalms 150:6

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord."

Colossians 3:17

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Psalms 34:1

"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Message:

The Family That Worships Together...

Lord's Prayer:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory Music

~ *The offering is brought to the altar* ~

Doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

O God, who has set us in a world of soaring beauty,
and profound mystery. . .

who has enclosed our years within the eternal context of fragrant summer mornings,
and cooling fall nights. . .

who has granted us, over the years, the lilt of lively companionship,
the provocation of ideas and personalities, the sheer, clear point of joy
in creating a thing of loveliness, or of excellence,
the steady, solid support of friendships tried, and tested. . .
we thank you.

**Above all else Lord, we thank you for the opportunity we have to share our gifts
that your kingdom on earth may grow and prosper, that the sick and alone may
be cared for, and the children learn to love you more deeply. *Amen.***

♪ Jesus Loves Me This I Know (#437)

Benediction:

Go now, trust in Christ and do not be silent about God's faithful love or God's grace
in your life; but shelter in the warmth of God's wings and keep your hearts honest.

May God rejoice over you and call you his own;

May Jesus love you and draw you close;

And may the Spirit bless you to serve the Lord.

Go now, in peace, to love and serve the Lord in all that you do, all that you are, and
all you will be. *Amen.*

Postlude

Services are recorded and available on our church YouTube channel:
St. Mark's & St. James UCC

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Confirmation Class Starting Soon...

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

All are back in school by now, settling into new (and old) routines of early mornings, full day classes, evenings of homework and other school-related activities. Sunday school has begun, and Confirmation is beginning! Our first confirmation meeting, for parents and confirmands, will be on Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30pm at St. Mark's. A schedule and class materials will be made available at the meeting.

If you haven't already done so, please complete the confirmation registration form found at:
<https://stmarksstjamesucc.org/>

The resources we will be using this year are: *My Confirmation* (UCC Guide through confirmation) and *A Visual Theology Guide to the Bible* (to help our confirmands get familiar with the Bible.) I will provide a pre-made 3-ring binder as well as a "notebook".

A Bible + pen/pencil are required for *each class*. Hence, I will be presenting each confirmand a new Bible to use for confirmation and to keep throughout their years. They will need to provide their own pens and pencils 😊

SAVE THE DATE: The confirmands will be attending a Confirmation Kick Off Event at Lakeland University on Wednesday evening, September 24th. I will share information about this at our initial meeting.

If you have any questions before the meeting, please email Pastor at: schultzpw@gmail.com or Karen (office manager) at: stnstjoffice@gmail.com. Call Pastor at: 608-352-9544 (cell) or the church at: 920-693-8361.

I am looking forward to a great confirmation class this year! Peace and blessings!

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Staying Close, Staying Connected

Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

September 8th – Tammie Green
9th – Colton Marcoe, Richard Sixel, Jr.,
Parker Sprenger
10th – Cole Binversie, Tammy Serketich
11th – Barbara Pragalz, Mike Spindler
12th – Dianne Kaczmariski, Dawson Luckow,
Douglas Luebke, Mason Scharl,
Randy Sohn

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

September 8th – Dale & Christine Krause
10th – Scott & Tammy Dexter



St. James Adult Choir

*will begin rehearsals for
2025-2026*

*on Wednesday, September 10th
at 6:30p.m.*

*New members are always welcome!
Questions?? Contact Cindy Sohn
(920 – 565 – 4121)*

BUILDING FUND SUNDAY – is next week Sunday,
September 14th.

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING – Thursday,
Sept. 11th, 6:00pm

ST. JAMES SUNDAY SCHOOL begins next week
Sunday, Sept. 14th!

There will also be Bible presentations, Teacher
Installation/Blessing and Blanket Plus Sunday.

The Worship Service at **St. James** will be followed
by a **Social Time With Refreshments** following
the service on Sunday

ST. JAMES STEWARDSHIP MEETING –
Wednesday, September 17th, 6:00pm.

St. James Sunday School is in need of teachers for the upcoming year.



St. Mark's:

If you are interested in information regarding Sunday School at St. Mark's this year, contact Pastor Patrick at schultzpw@gmail.com or 608-352-9544. You may also call the church office, 920-693-8361 or email Karen at: stmstjoffice@gmail.com



Please consider giving of your talents to spend a short period of time with 3 to 4 delightful second and third graders. Perhaps you could offer one hour per month? Perhaps you could offer 1 or 2 hours a month? Perhaps you could offer 4 hours per month? Classes are at 9:00 each Sunday and completed by 10:00. The lessons are easy. Crafts are included and time also includes a snack break. Sounds like a gift from God doesn't it?

We will begin on Sept. 14th and end on Mother's Day, May 10, 2026 with time off for holidays.

Moms, Dads, Grannies, Grandpas, friends, relatives,....Christians come in all forms. Please consider sharing your faith and connecting with our angels.

Please contact Jamie Henschel or Deb La Duke (gdladuke@tds.net) with questions.
Blessings,
St. James Christian Board of Education

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**COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
ON SUNDAYS!**

St. James UCC

1st & 3rd Sunday at 10:30am

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays at 9:00am

St. Mark's UCC

1st & 3rd Sundays at 9:00am

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays at 10:30am



**St. James and St. Mark's Ladies:
Join us for BUNCO NIGHT, Thur.,
Sept. 11th, 6:00 pm at St. James.**

A \$5 participation fee is optional

**Please join us and RSVP to
Jackie Mueller or Tammy Serketich or
email tserketich@yahoo.com**