



May 5, 2024

St. James/St. Mark's United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist Cindy Sohn, Choir Director

Sandy Perronne, Reader

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

St. Mark's

St. James

*To God Be The Glory
God Has Spoken by the Prophets*

Call to Worship:

Holy One, as we gather this morning to worship you, may we speak truth,
So that our words may give grace to those who hear.

May we pray in faith,
So that our words may give grace to those who hear.

May we sing with joy,
So that our words may give grace to those who hear.

May we listen with open minds and receptive hearts,
So that Your words may give grace to us who hear.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son;
And to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be
world without end, amen, amen.

Prayer:

We cry out in praise and thanksgiving in response to God's eternal loving and kindness, holding us, guiding us, enfolding us with grace. As we gather here both people of God and seekers looking for answers, we pray that our worship will reflect that divine love. We offer our worship today with the remembrance of Easter still filling us with joy, and with the anticipation of Pentecost firing our devotion. Let our praise for all that God has done, is doing and will do, truly resound within our hearts and our homes, within these walls and beyond. In Jesus' name we pray. *Amen.*

St. Mark's Hymn (#319)
St. James Choral Anthem

*Shine, Jesus, Shine
In This Fellowship of Faith*

Young at Heart:



St. James: The Sacrament of Baptism
Baptism of Amber Nicole Peterson

Affirmation of Faith: (Based on Luke 21)

When nation rises against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,
the end is not violence:

for there is a God of resilient, redeeming love,
and the Brighter Purpose is at work in the shadows,
and the darkness cannot smother it.

Lord, we believe, strengthen our faith that we may walk in righteousness.

When there are earthquakes, famines and pestilences
and collisions among the stars,
the end is not chaos:

God the Creator of the heavens and the earth has not forsaken us,
and the harmony will again break out and gather
to hasten towards consummation.

Lord, we believe, strengthen our hearts and fill us with courage.

When believers are arrested and abused,
dragged before kings and governors,
the end is not injustice:
the Holy Spirit is always with you in all your trials and travail,
and words will be given to confound your adversaries
and shake the gates of hell.
Lord, we believe, strengthen our resolve to follow you always.

When parents, brothers, sisters, relatives or friends,
betray you even unto death,
the end it not alienation:
the crucified Christ will reconcile all things seen and unseen,
and the glorious finale is much nearer than when you first believed.
**Lord, we believe, strengthen our will against temptation and
our faith against all evil.**

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#302)

St. James (#466)

He Lives

He Leadeth Me

Scripture Reading:

Deuteronomy 18:15-22 ESV

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?’—when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

Message:

Is the Bible Prophetically Accurate?

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

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.

Offering:

Offering, tithes and gifts can be made before or after worship in the offering baskets/plates at the welcome area of the church. St. James is also set up to take on-line offerings through the website (stmstjucc.org).

Offertory Music:

St. Mark's

St. James

~ *The offering is brought to the altar* ~

More Love To Thee

Jesus Loves Me

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving: (John 17)

Almighty and loving God may our actions, love, and giving reflect Christ's presence within us. Help us live in a way that shows Christ within us, exemplifying love, respect, and hospitality. As we share and give, may our offerings, gifts and tithes glorify Jesus. In gratitude, abundance, and equity, we present these offerings, believing that sharing Christ is the most loving act. In the name of Christ, our rock and redeemer, we pray. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#355)

St. James (#318)

This is a Day of New Beginnings

Nearer My God to Thee

Benediction:

Lord, make us one with you—one in heart, mind, spirit, and love. Make us instruments of your glory and vessels of your praise. Cause our complete being to rejoice and find rest in your perfect will. We are ever inscribed upon your heart and before you. Therefore, watch over us, and make us pure in every way. Purify our families, our relationships, our decisions, our minds, our thoughts, our deeds until we reflect your glory. Let your righteous hand be seen in us and in the world. We go forth now to love and serve the Lord in all that we do, all that we are and all that we will be. *Amen.*

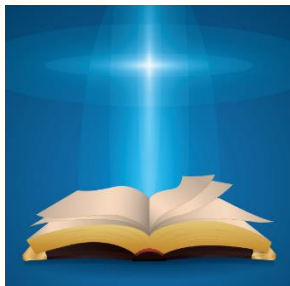
Postlude:

St. Mark's

St. James

Postlude In E Flat

Trumpet Tune in F





5 Week Sermon Series: April 21, 28, May 5th, 12th, 19th

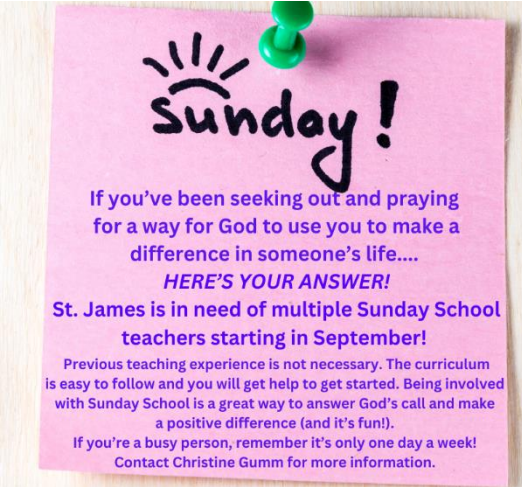
- Week 1: Is the Bible is Historically Accurate? -part 1
- Week 2: Is the Bible is Historically Accurate? -part 2
- Week 3: Is the Bible is Prophetically Accurate?
- **Week 4: Is the Bible is Scientifically Accurate?**
- **Week 5: You Can Build Your Life On It**

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matt 7:24



**All women are invited
to wear a hat to St. James church
on Mothers Day, May 12th**

*Everyone is invited to a social time and refreshments following the church service.



Sunday!

If you've been seeking out and praying for a way for God to use you to make a difference in someone's life....

HERE'S YOUR ANSWER!

St. James is in need of multiple Sunday School teachers starting in September!

Previous teaching experience is not necessary. The curriculum is easy to follow and you will get help to get started. Being involved with Sunday School is a great way to answer God's call and make a positive difference (and it's fun!).

If you're a busy person, remember it's only one day a week!
Contact Christine Gumm for more information.

Staying Close, Staying Connected

Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

May 5th – John VanDerMale

7th – David Lutze

8th – JoAnn Grant, Henley Hermann

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

May 9th – Jamey & Amanda Binversie

HS YOUTH GROUP meets at St. Mark's TODAY Sunday, May 5th, at 5:30pm

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY – Tuesday, May 7th, 6:30pm

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BEFORE SUMMER BREAK AT BOTH CHURCHES.

Collection boxes, along with “Wish Lists” for Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota are located at each church. Donations will be accepted through the end of June. You may also give a cash donation.

If you have any questions, contact St. Mark's members, Pat & Noreen Flook.



St. James U.C.C.

Brat Fry

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

4 - 7 PM

**13312 Pioneer Rd., Newton
Spring Valley**



***brats
*hamburgers
*chicken
*dessert**

**Carry Outs
Only!**

COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!

St. James UCC

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.

~Sunday School meets 9-10am at both churches~

St. Mark's UCC

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.

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

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Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com