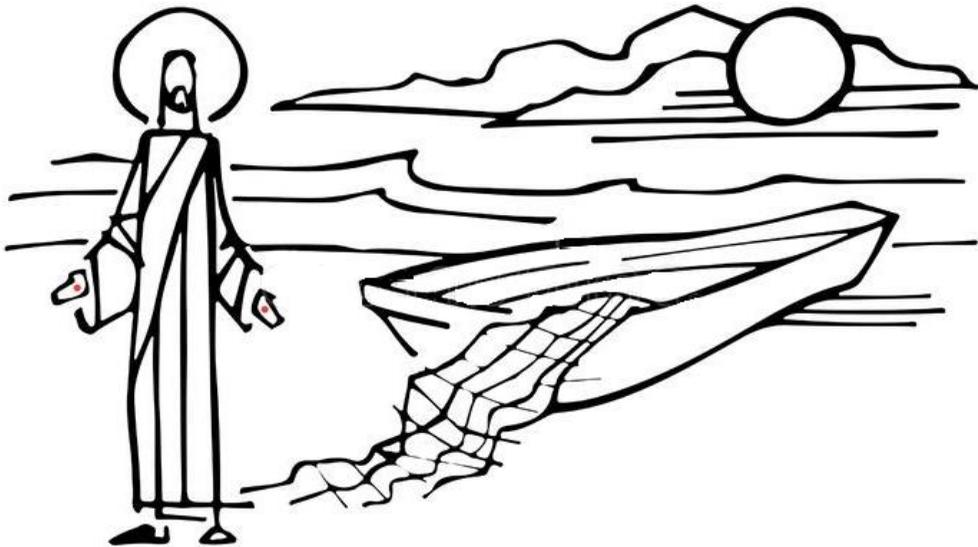


# St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 21 & 24, 2021**

WELCOME

*God's People are Called by the Lord to Serve the Lord*

GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

**M** In the name of the Father and of the Son [**+**] and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**C** Verse 1  **Baptized into your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among your saints, your chosen host,  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.  
Your Spirit now shall live within.**

**M** “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

**C** **“Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.”** (Jn 3:5,6)

**M** “Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.” (Ps 51:5)

**C** **“But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”** (1 Co 6:11)

**C** Verse 2  **My loving Father, there you took me  
To be henceforth your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, there you let me  
The fruit of all your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat'ning clouds around I see.**

**M** As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

**C** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by  
nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my  
thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil  
and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your  
punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly  
sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus  
Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**C** Verse 3  **My faithful God, you fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
Oh, cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.**

**M** *“Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.”* (Ephes. 5:25-27) Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son **[†]** and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

10:15 AM service

**Levi James Harp**  
**Gabriel Maverick Harp**

**C** Verse 4  **All that I am and love most dearly—  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely,  
And help me your own child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but yours alone.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

BE SEATED

*Old Testament Lesson*

Jonah 3:1-5,10

**3** Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

<sup>3</sup>Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” <sup>5</sup>The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Christ Be My Leader

SJSJ Kindergarten

Verse 1 Christ be my leader by night as by day  
Safe through the darkness, for he is the way  
Gladly I follow, my future his care;  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Verse 2 Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.  
Grant me to trust him, though shifting as sand.  
Doubt cannot daunt me—in Jesus I stand!

 Verse 3



**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for his the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation—with Jesus I reign!**

**☐ I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Gospel Lesson*

Mark 1:14-20

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” <sup>18</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup> When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup> Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

***Hymn of the Day:***

O God from God, O Light from Light

Christian Worship, Hymn # 85

**C** Verse 1

♪ **O God from God, O Light from Light,  
O Prince of Peace and King of kings,  
To you in heaven's glory bright  
The song of praise forever rings.  
To him who sits upon the throne,  
The Lamb once slain but raised again,  
Be all the glory he has won,  
All thanks and praise! Amen, Amen.**

**C** Verse 4

♪ **Sing to the Lord a mighty song;  
Sing to his name, his glories tell!  
Sing, heav'nly hosts, your praise prolong,  
And all on earth, your anthem swell!  
Worthy the Lamb for sinners slain!  
Forever let the song ascend!  
Worthy the Lamb enthroned to reign;  
Glory and pow'r! Amen, Amen.**

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

**“Called to be a Servant of the Lord”**

<sup>29</sup> What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; <sup>30</sup> those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; <sup>31</sup> those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

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***Sermon Response:***

I Hear the Savior Calling!

Christian Worship, Hymn # 560



Verse 1

♪ **I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me.  
My eyes once closed in blindness Are opened now to see  
That I myself was helpless To live eternally,  
But, dying, Christ did save me, And now he calls for me!**



Verse 5

♪ **I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency!  
Each moment souls are dying; Soon comes eternity.  
And so, my precious Savior, This is my humble plea:  
Prepare me for my mission For you are calling me!**

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### BLESSING

**M** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### *Closing Hymn:*

Oh, Christ, Who Called the Twelve

**C** Verse 1

♫ **O Christ, who called the Twelve  
To rise and follow you,  
Forsaking old, familiar ways  
For ventures bold and new:  
Grant us to hear your call To risk security  
And bound in heart and will to you,  
Find perfect liberty.**

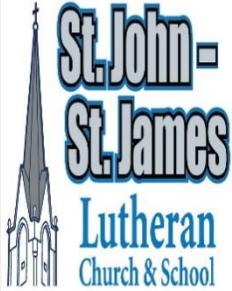
*(Our Closing Hymn concludes on the next page.)*

**C** Verse 2

♪ **O Christ, who taught the Twelve  
The truth for ages sealed,  
Whose words and works awakened faith,  
The ways of God revealed:  
Instruct us now, we pray,  
By your empow'ring Word.  
True teacher, be for all who seek  
Their light, their life, their Lord.**

**C** Verse 3

♪ **O Christ, who sent the Twelve  
On roads they'd never trod  
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim  
The nearer reign of God:  
Send us on ways where faith  
Transcends timidity,  
Where love informs and hope sustains  
Both life and ministry.**



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Send Bulletin Information to [cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com)—Wednesday Deadline

## Thursday, January 21 and Sunday, January 24

**SERVING YOU TODAY—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers**— Jeff / Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers**— Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **Church Cleaners**— Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe, Ray/Suzanne Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**— Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin.

**SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers**— Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers**—Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Bob/Mary Busse, Fred Busse, Erwin Waack, Jon Waack, Randy/Sandy Waack, Dereck Waack and Todd Hickmann ■ **Church Cleaners**—Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon ■ **Flower Committee**— Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe & Michaela Bubolz.

**WORKING FOR THE LORD IN OUR COMMUNITY**—The Youth at SJSJ (grades 7-12) would like to help anyone in the community with various tasks around the yard such as raking leaves, shoveling snow, or any unfinished projects you might have in your yard. If you wish to use this service please fill out a form in the west office in church or on our website. Please return the form to the church office. Thank you!

**BEST CHOICE LABELS**—EconoFoods' private label brand is now BEST CHOICE. Please save the BEST CHOICE UPC labels from the products you purchase, turn them in at church or school and SJSJ will receive \$30 for every 1000 barcodes redeemed.

**MESSENGERS DVD'S**—MESSENGERS Worship of 2020 CDs are now available in 2 editions: "*Favorites of 2020*" and the "*MESSENGERS Concert from August*". You're welcome to them both! If you'd like to support future MESSENGERS ministry, free will donations are welcome when you pick up your CDs that are available at the school office pick-up window, or the back of church.

## Our Father's Business

**Today**

Preacher, Pastor Sievert

Organist —Judy Mangin

Sunday School, CREW & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 am

**Wednesday 1/27**

Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

**Thursday 1/28**

Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 pm

**HELP NEEDED**—We are looking for volunteers to help out in the AV booth during our worship services. It is not difficult, and we will train you on what needs to be done. The more people we have trained the easier it will be to cover services especially when people are on vacation or unable to attend certain services. If you are willing to help out please contact Phil Stuebs ([pstuebs@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:pstuebs@stjohnstjames.com)) or Gary Bernhardt ([bebehardt@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:bebehardt@stjohnstjames.com)).

**CONCESSION STAND HELP NEEDED**—Our St. John - St. James Bluejays have some home basketball games coming up and help is needed in the Concession Stand (1 hour time slots) on the following evenings: Monday, January 25th, Tuesday, January 26th, Friday, January 29th, Monday, February 1st & Tuesday, February 2nd. If you are willing to help, please contact our Concession Stand Coordinator, Karie Robley, at (920) 772-4959 or [robley@tds.net](mailto:robley@tds.net) for more information.

**IN APPRECIATION**—Our congregation has received \$167,290.17 from the LaVerne Treichel estate. It was undesignated. LaVerne's family has decided to disburse these funds in the following manner, 50% to be paid on the mortgage in the Building Fund. 25% to go to Fund C, the Education Fund in the Endowment Fund. 25% will go into a Special Projects Fund. From this fund we will put in new glass doors in the church that are similar to the doors in our new addition. These doors are on the Wish List. The remaining amount will remain in this fund for any future projects.

**VOTER'S MEETING**—The ministry planning Voters meeting will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am in the Commons. If you wish to submit a report for the meeting please get your report to Cindy by Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Items on the agenda are; <sup>1</sup> Cemetery Association meeting, <sup>2</sup> Elections and Ministry Planning, <sup>3</sup> LaVerne Treichel estate, and <sup>4</sup> New Hymnals and Bibles.

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE —January 11—January 17

Church Attendance: —Thur. 6:30 pm—38 , ■ Sunday— 8:00 am Service—82 , 10:15 am Service—110, Total: 230 ■ Regular Offerings—General Fund: \$ 7,226.75\*, Synod: \$376.50\* , MLHS: \$ 385.50\* Total: \$ 7,988.75\* ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 1,733.00\*, (needed each week \$2,312) \* Electronic Offerings in the Totals

## **Bulletin Insert – Thursday, January 21 & Sunday, January 24, 2021**

**OFFERING STATEMENTS**—Offering Statements have been sent out please make sure to look for yours coming in the mail soon! Thank you!

**SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE NEW YEAR**—Services will continue to be held Thursday night at 6:30<sup>pm</sup>, Sunday mornings at 8:00<sup>am</sup> and 10:15<sup>am</sup> until the Lenten season begins. The last Thursday night service will be February 11<sup>th</sup>. The following week Lenten service schedule begins on Ash Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup> with Wednesday services at 3:15<sup>pm</sup> and 6:30<sup>pm</sup>, Sunday services at 8:00<sup>am</sup> and 10:15<sup>am</sup>. We will continue that schedule through Lent and then re-evaluate our service schedule needs after Easter.

**BAPTISM**—We celebrate the baptism of Levi James Briggs-Harp and Gabriel Maverick Harp on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at our 10:15 am service. Parents of Levi and Gabriel are Garret and Emily Harp. Jessica Gitter and Colin Austin will be Sponsors for Levi and Bryanna Jensen and Kevin Zickert are Sponsors for Gabriel. Welcome to our church family Levi and Gabriel!

**USED GREETING CARD COVERS**—Please remember that the Ladies Aid collects your used greeting cards. They are used for Nursing homes and other facilities. Please put them in the bag in back of church.

**HOME BOUND LIST**—There is a new updated Home Bound list located in the West Church Office if you wish to send our Home Bound members a card, letter or note of any kind. Thank you!

**OUR SYMPATHIES**—Barbara J. Benter went home to be with Jesus and her passed loved ones on Saturday, January 16, 2021. Barbara's immediate family survivors are sister-in-law Delaine (Chuck) Reis. Our most sincere condolences to all other family members and close friends. Funeral services were held at 12:30 PM on Thursday, January 21, 2021 We pray for peace in your hearts!

**MLHS DOOR OFFERING**—Amount given for the MLHS door offering was \$625.00. Thank you for your gifts!

**THANK YOU**—Thank you to Mark Behnke, Lyle Lannbrecht, and Nick Bubolz for donating their time to install the new washer & dryer for the church & school! We greatly appreciate your generosity!

## St. John – St. James Church Council Meeting Highlights—January 11, 2021

### Membership Action:

**Transfers out:** Mary Ellen Hintz—communicant: Transfer out of membership to Living Water, Wind Lake, WI.

**Releases:** Ryan Janke—communicant: Release from membership to join church not of our fellowship.

**Transfer to Church Triumphant:** Germaine Luedtke—communicant: (Death—December 24; Christian Burial—December 30, 2020)

Jeff Doemel reported on income for the month of December was \$104,630 and expenses for December were \$ 67,998.00.

- \* Total debt balance at the end of December is \$8,425.00.
- \* The Charities balance at the end of December was \$14,099.45.
- \* Total monies in the Building Project Fund are \$21,469.19.