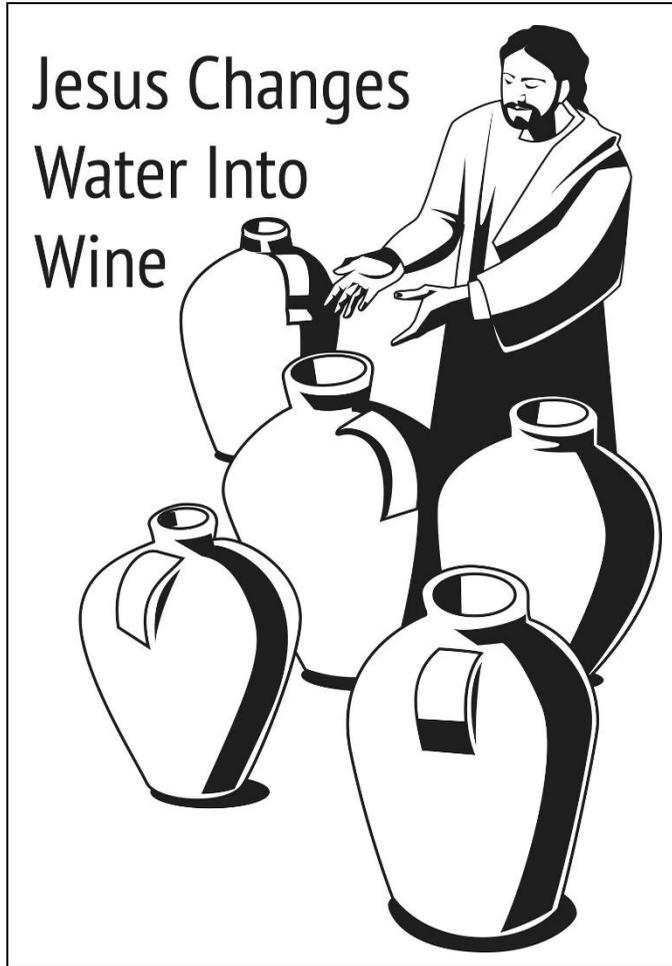


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WELCOME

Delight Uncovered—God delivers more than we ask, not less

Opening Hymn:

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Christian Worship, Hymn # 384

G Verse 1

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression, And rule in equity.**

G Verse 2

**He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong,
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Are precious in his sight.**

G Verse 3

**Kings shall bow down before him And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him; His praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend,
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.**

INVOCATION

M In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C **Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

M God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY--*Kyrie*

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

C Verse 2 

**O time of God appointed, O bright and holy morn!
He comes, the King anointed, The Christ, the virgin born,
Grim death to conquer for us, To open heav'n before us
And bring us life again.**

C Verse 4 

**O Father, here before you With god the Holy Ghost
And Jesus, we adore you, O Pride of angel host,
Before you mortals lowly cry, "Holy, holy, holy,
O bless-ed Trinity!"**

(CW #383)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Almighty Good, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BE SEATED

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 62:1-5

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. ²The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. ³You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. ⁵As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

M The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson

John 2:1-11

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

M The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day:

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Christian Worship, Hymn # 386

Verse 1  **Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the Magi from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem,
In your birth at Bethlehem.
Anthems be to you addressed,
God in man made manifest.**

Verse 2  **Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
And at Cana, Wedding Guest,
In your Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine,
Changing water into wine.
Anthems be to you addressed,
God in man made manifest.**

Verse 5  **Grant us grace to see you, Lord,
Mirrored in your holy Word.
May our lives and all we do
Imitate and honor you
That we all like you may be
At your great epiphany
And may praise you, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.**

Ephesians 3:14-21

“A Prayer for Privileged People”

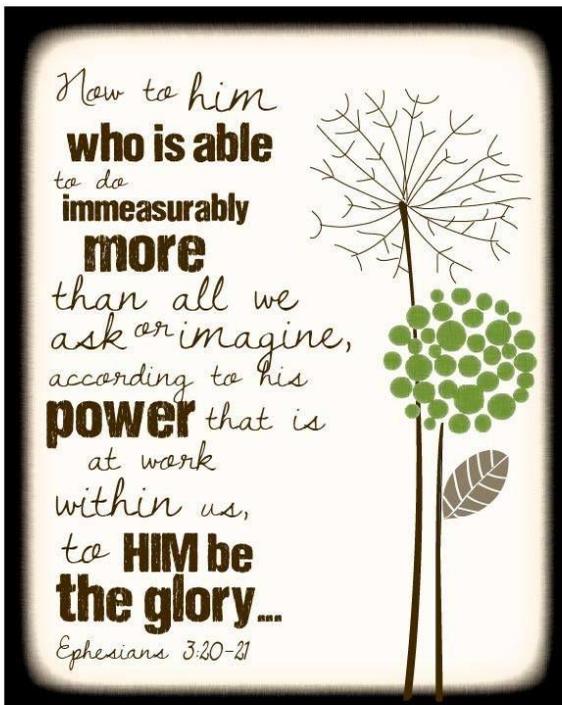
1. Pray for strength
2. Pray for understanding
3. Pray for fullness

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he

may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his

power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.



C 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

C **Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**

M Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

C **Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.**

(Our prayer concludes on the next page.)

M The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

C **Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.**

M Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

C **Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

M Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. *(Special intercessions may be offered here.)* Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

C **Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.**

M Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

(Silent prayer.)

M Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

C **Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

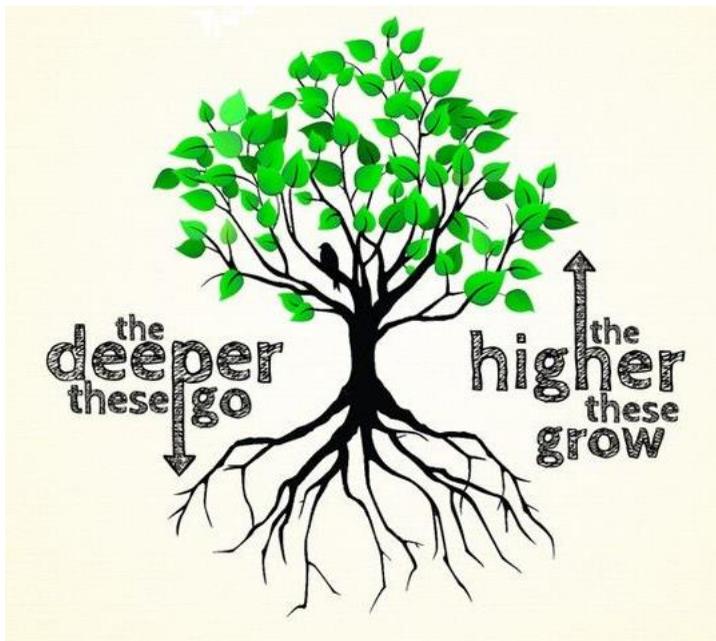
LORD'S PRAYER

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:

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

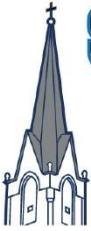
Christian Worship, Hymn # 719

Verse 1  **Lord, teach us how to pray
As once the Twelve you taught,
For we can never find the words
To praise you as we ought.**

Verse 2  **Lord, teach us how to pray,
When cares distract the mind.
Help us to wait in qui-et-ness,
A calmer spirit find.**

Verse 3  **Lord, teach us how to pray;
Rekindle faith's bright flame,
Until our faith leaps up again
To speak and praise your name.**

Verse 4  **Lord, teach us how to pray,
Remind us day by day
That you wait eagerly to hear
Before we think to pray.**



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Send Bulletin Information to cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com—Wednesday Deadline

Sunday, January 16, 2022

SERVING YOU TODAY—8:00 am Ushers—Dan/Jacob Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel ■ **10:15 am Ushers—**Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners—**Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee—**Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—8:00 am Ushers— Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog ■ **10:15 am Ushers—** Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners—**Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee—** Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin.

MINISTRY RESERVE FUND—We have started a fund for our Second Pastor to help defray costs involved in adding another Pastor. If you wish to give to the Ministry Reserve Fund please place your offering in an envelope and clearly mark it as **Ministry Reserve Fund or 2nd Pastor Fund** and place it in the offering plate. A letter and commitment form has been sent to all members, please put your commitment form in the offering plate or in the “Church” in the West Church office.

CREATION MUSEUM—Trinity Lutheran, Brillion is hosting an Ark Encounter & Creation Museum tour April 25-29, 2022. For more information or to sign up for the tour please contact Marcia Wendt—920-646-0063 or m.wendt@trinitybrillion.org. there is also some literature and registration sheets located on the table in the West Church office. Registration end date is March 1, 2022.

MEMORIALS GIVEN—Melvin & Diane Martins gave a gift to the Building Fund in memory of Mary Zeller. Thank you for your thoughtful gift!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS—Thank you for ordering the lovely flowers that decorate the church! Take along your poinsettia(s) after the worship service today, **please don't forget to leave behind the trays that the poinsettias are placed in.** There are plastic bags and cardboard trays left in the West Church office to transport your plants home safely.

NEW MEMBER—Please welcome our new church member Jordan Jensen! Welcome to your new Church Family!

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM PREVIEW—The SJSJ Early Childhood program will hold two previews for prospective students. Please invite anyone who might be interested. On **January 24th and 26th at 6 PM**, families with children who will turn 3, 4, or 5 by September 1, 2022 are invited to meet the teachers, tour the building, and learn more about our early education program. If you would like a brochure to hand to a neighbor or family member or friend--stop in the school office. Contact Karla Aden at kaden@stjohnstjames.com for more information.

FLOWER COMMITTEE—The Flower Committee is looking for 2 volunteers for July. If you are interested and would like some more information please give Karen Prochnow a call at 920-754-4688.

NAPKINS NEEDED—Our kitchen is need of napkins for the school lunch program. If interested in donating some napkins please drop them off in the kitchen. Thank you!

VOTERS' MEETING—The Ministry Planning voters' meeting will be held on January 23rd at 9:00 between services. Items on the agenda include: 1) Cemetery Association meeting 2) Election of church council members 3) Second Pastor, when do we start calling? 4) Call for Principal Administrative Time 5) Copy machines 6) 1961 addition heating system 7) Ministry Plans.

Nominees for church council are President, Daniel Duchow*; Treasurer, Jeff Doemel*; Secretary, Randy Waack*; Buildings and Grounds, James Kiesow*; Elders, Brian Bubolz*; Spiritual Growth, Jeff Schneider*; Administrative Secretary, Gary Bernhardt; Worship, Randy Denor; Evangelism, Corey Marohn; Stewardship, Rodney Bubolz; Charities Treasurer, Arlie Olp and Chuck Kiehn; CEC Chairman, Brad Busse and Shawn Behnke. * Denotes council member is running for another one-year term.

Voters' Meeting reports can be found in the back of church, please pick one up on your way out of Worship today.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—Available starting Sunday, January 23. We will be emailing your contribution Statements this year. If you want a printed copy please contact the church office at 920-754-4568. If you do not have an email your paper copies will be in back of the church for you to pick up.

LENTEN MEALS—We are bringing back Lenten meals this year. There is a signup sheet in the west office for groups to volunteer to prepare and serve during the Lenten season.

MLHS OPEN HOUSE! —**Tuesday, February 15th from 4-7PM** you are invited to come check out Manitowoc Lutheran High School as they have their 2nd annual open house. See what MLHS has to offer for the mind, body and soul. Take a guided tour. Tell your friends and neighbors young and old to come too! Thanks for spreading the word!

Grow in Grace

Grow in Grace, the Seminary's continuing education division, began offering retreats in 2012. Retreats are held for those marking 3 years since Seminary graduation, for those celebrating 10 years in the ministry, for those celebrating 25 years in the ministry, and for those who are marking 35 years in the ministry. The retreat is meant to be a time of ministry refreshment, not only celebrating the milestone, but also giving encouragement through worship and Bible study, and providing opportunity to reconnect with peers.

Pastor Aden is celebrating 25 years in the ministry this year. He and his Seminary class has the opportunity to attend the retreat this year. Pastor and Karla would like to attend this retreat. Pastor Aden will get a chance to see a lot of his classmates that he hasn't seen in a long time.

The Celebration of Ministry retreat will be held from April 25 through April 27 in San Antonio, Texas. The cost of this retreat for Pastor and Karla will be around \$1700.00 depending on the cost of airfare.

The council has decided that this would be a very nice 25th Anniversary gift for Pastor Aden from the congregation. We are asking our members if they would like to contribute toward this gift for Pastor and Karla. This would be a very good way of saying thank you to Pastor and Karla for everything that they do for our congregation and our Lord.

If you would like to contribute, please mark your envelope "Pastor Retreat" and put it in the offering plate.

MLHS Newsletters and More – Would you like to subscribe to our various newsletters? Go to www.mlhslancers.org/subscription. After subscribing you will receive the newsletter(s) you signed up for. **Be sure to check your junk mail** as the first one may go there instead. The alumni newsletter is one of the options listed. You will not want to miss reading what a recent alumni shared in the December Alumni newsletter. ENJOY!

Thank You!

Thank you St. John – St. James for the beautiful Poinsettia! Thank you also for all the lovely cards and letters!

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Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden

Organ Today—Kristen Hillmann

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

Wed. 1/19

Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

Fri. 1/21-Sun. 1-23

A-Team Basketball Tournaments at MLHS

St. John – St. James Church Council Meeting Highlights - December 10, 2022

Membership Action:

Transfers in:

Halle Ann Wilfert—baptized soul (infant daughter of Michelle & Nick Wilfert): Join membership via Holy Baptism (December 18, 2021)

Jordan Jensen—communicant: Transfer into membership from Trinity, Neenah, WI

Removals:

Eric Schmidt—communicant: Remove from membership (Recommendation from Elders)

Julie Schmidt—communicant: Remove from membership (Recommendation from Elders)

John Siebert—communicant: Remove from membership (Recommendation from Elders)

Amanda Siebert-baptized soul: Remove from membership (Recommendation from Elders)

Scott Tuschel-communicant: Remove from membership (Recommendation from Elders)

Transfers out:

Karin Hokkanen—communicant: Transfer out of membership to Trinity, Brillion, WI

Releases:

Zachary Behnke—communicant: Release from membership at his request (out of area)

William Bubolz—communicant: Release from membership at his request

*Jeff Doemel reported on income for the month of December was \$69,694 and expenses for

*December were \$78,645. Total debt balance at the end of December is \$5,410.

*The Charities balance at the end of December was \$33,336.80. Total monies in the Building Project Fund are \$27,715.86.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—January 3-9, 2022

Church Attendance—8:00 am—80, 10:15 am—72, Total Attendance—152 ■ Total Offerings:

General Fund—\$ 8,084.00*, Synod—\$ 248.00*, MLHS—\$ 423.00*, Total—\$ 8,755.00* ■

Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$ 2,125.00* (needed each week \$2,312), * Electronic offerings included ■ Ministry Reserve Fund—\$ 1,030.00 ■ Pastor Retreat Fund—\$ 100.00