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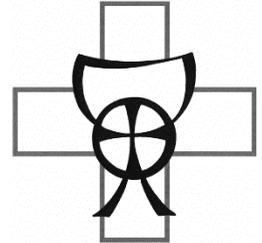
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AS WE GATHER

Heavenly Father, prepare my heart to worship you. Through your Word, make me sincerely repentant for the many sins which I have committed and reassure me of your loving kindness in my Savior, Christ Jesus. Through your Holy Spirit, keep my thoughts focused on the eternal truths which will be spoken and sung today. Guide and bless those leading in worship today. Make this service a celebration of your goodness and grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Opening Hymn:

Christians Worship, Hymn #221

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with a holy life and innocent death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

ABSOLUTION

M Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

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.**

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST—*Gloria in excelsis*

C Verse 1

♪ ***Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!***

C Verse 2

♪ ***Glory be to him who loved us,
Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to him who bought us,
Made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!***

("Glory Be to God the Father," CW # 239)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 23:3-29

²³ "Am I only a God nearby," declares the LORD, "and not a God far away? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD. ²⁵ "I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, 'I had a dream! I had a dream!' ²⁶ How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? ²⁷ They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD. ²⁹ "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts," declares the LORD." Alleluia.

(Isaiah 55:9)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:49-53

⁴⁹ "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

M The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

MESSAGE

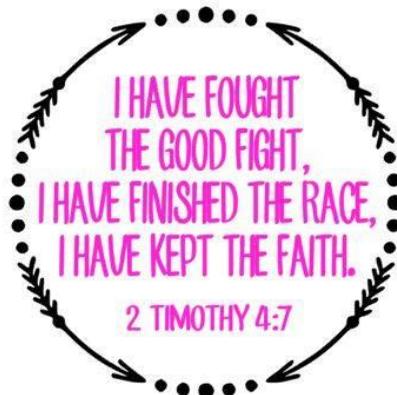
Pastor Darin D. Aden

Hebrews 12:1-13

“Run the Race Marked out for You”

1. It requires focus
2. It requires fortitude
3. It requires faith

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. ⁴In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, *“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”* ⁷Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? ⁸If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. ⁹Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! ¹⁰They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. ¹²Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ¹³“Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.



C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

OFFERING OF GIFTS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Gracious Lord, you have showered your love and blessings upon us. You have redeemed us through the life and death of your Son. You have called us out of the darkness of sin and unbelief by the work of your Holy Spirit. You have created faith in our hearts and grown us in our faith, so that we might be able to share your Word of salvation in our homes, community and world.

C **Accept our thanks for these blessings, and help us to use them faithfully.**

M Gracious Lord, in love you present opportunities in our lives to grow in faith and godly living. When we do not see or understand your good purposes, give us faith to trust you, wisdom to find benefit, and patience to endure. We seek your help so that in turn we might share your goodness and grace with others. Enable us to let our light shine so that many more people may be led to believe the good news of salvation.

C **Renew in each of us a commitment to love and serve you as long as we are in this world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through him. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY—*Sanctus*

C Verse 1

♫ ***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

("Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty," CW # 195)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin. We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and ever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD—*Agnus Dei*

C Verse 1

♫ ***Lamb of God, we fall before you,
Humbly trusting in your cross.
Our great joy is to adore you;
All things else are only dross.***

C Verse

♫ ***Jesus is the perfect Savior,
Only source of all that's good;
Ev'ry grace and ev'ry favor
Come to us through Jesus' blood.***

("Lamb of God, We Fall before You," CW # 354)

Distribution Hymn:

Christians Worship, Hymn #429

What God Ordains Is Always Good

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

M Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C **His mercy endures forever.**

M Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have renewed our spirits with this saving gift. We pray that through this means of grace you will strengthen our trust in you and increase our zeal to do your will. By your Spirit continue to help us live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us and all believers as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **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:

Christians Worship, Hymn #457

Fight the Good Fight

“And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus.”



“Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

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Worship Services

Sunday—8:00pm ■ Sunday—10:15 am

Office Hours: 7:30am—3:00pm, Monday-Friday

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September 8th

13th Week in Pentecost

SERVING YOU TODAY (Communion Sunday, September 8, 2019) - 8:00 am

Ushers—Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack, Josh Aden ■ **10:15 am**

Ushers—Terry Prochnow, Bob & Fred Busse, Erwin & Jon Waack, Randy & Dereck Waack, Karen Prochnow, Todd Hickmann, Mary Busse, Sandy Waack ■ **Church**

Cleaners—Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger & Judy Hoida ■ **Flower Committee**—

Judy Hoyer, Audrey Duchow ■ **Communion Set-Up**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK (Sunday, September 15, 2019) - 8:00 am Ushers—

Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Gary Bernhardt, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau ■ **10:15 am**

Ushers—Roger Hoida, Dave Hoida, Bill Ebert III, Deven Krepline, Howard Haese ■

Church Cleaners—Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger & Judy Hoida ■ **Flower**

Committee—Judy Hoyer, Audrey Duchow ■ **Organist**—Charmaine Wagner

CHURCH NEWSLETTER—Would you like to see the July/August newsletter in color or maybe you misplaced it and need another copy? You can now find the current newsletter on our website stjohnstjames.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Sunday School at St. John - St. James Ev. Lutheran Church is held most Sundays from September through May (approx. 9:05-10:10am). All of God's children ages 3 through 6th grade are always welcome! Please pick up a registration form from the West Office in the back of church or register online at our website (www.stjohnstjames.com). Click on "Our Church" in the top menu bar. The registration link will be on the right-hand side under "Important Links".

CONCERT DVD—DVD's are available of the Worship Team concert held on August 7th at St. John—St. James, we can make a copy for you or you can also borrow one. Please contact Gary/Deb Bernhardt at 920-732-4483.

WORSHIP—Worship Services will now be 8:00am & 10:15am until May of 2020.

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Aden
Organist, Kristen Hillmann
9:05 am Sunday School
9:05 am Youth Bible
9:05 am Class Adult Bible Class
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
5:30 pm Music Committee Meeting
4:30 pm A-Team Volleyball at Kiel
Gr. 5-8 Soccer Tournament at MLHS

(9/9) Monday

(9/13) Friday

(9/14) Saturday

ANNUAL MEETING— The voter's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 15th at 9:15 am in the Commons area. Items on the agenda are, Report on the Synod Convention and Vision 2020. Dan Duchow will give a report on the Synod Convention, and all members are invited to attend the meeting and hear the work our synod is doing. Reports will be available today on tables in back of church. Please bring your report back to the meeting on Sept. 15.

CHURCH COUNCIL—Council members please pick up your reports for the Council Meeting on Sept. 9 in the West office.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE-AGE STUDENTS—The Spiritual Growth Committee of SJSJ would like to connect with your child. We will be getting together to assemble care packages of fun and necessary items plus a devotion. If you would like your child to receive a package, please submit their contact information to the church office before September 15th.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED—Our first family fun night is a glow walk scheduled for September 25th. If you can donate bars/cookies or come and help serve snacks on that night, please contact Mrs. Karla Aden at kaden@stjohnstjames.com.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Pastor Aden will be starting Adult Bible Studies on Sunday, September 8 at 9:05am in the Commons on most Sundays.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

Church Attendance: (8/29—9/1) 74 + 138 = 212

NEWSLETTER—Would you like to receive the church newsletter in your email inbox? If so, please email us at cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com or aschrubbe@stjohnstjames.com.

SWEET CORN—The MLHS “Sweet Corn Fest” is coming here in the parking lot of St. John-St. James on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019 as a free will donation. To date, the MLHS Academic Voucher Committee has awarded 1529 vouchers to students in grades 5-8 that participate in the MLHS Academic Fair. Each voucher is worth \$100 of tuition to Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

IN MEMORY—A donation was given in the memory of Neale Wenzel towards a new digital sign from Roger & Carol Bubolz. Thank you!

BIBLE STUDY—Youth Bible Study for those in grades 7 to 12th will be starting on Sunday, Sept 8th at 9:00am. Please contact Mr. Stuebs with any questions or concerns at 920-860-9241.

NEWSLETTER—Would you like to receive the church newsletter in your email inbox? If so, please email us at cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com or aschrubbe@stjohnstjames.com.

SJSJ LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULTS—Attention all SJSJ youth in grades 7-12. If you are interested in joining the SJSJ Lutheran Young Adults, please contact Angela Kiley at 920-860-0025.

QUILTERS—Quilters will be meeting in the Commons area in the corridor by the storage room on Thursday, September 19 at 9:00am and every Thursday after from 9:00am—11:00 am. Come enjoy us!

OFFICE HOURS—Church/School office hours will now be 7:30 am—3:00 pm.

LWMS—The second Sunday of each month is designated as LWMS Sunday. Free-will boxes are located at each exit of church. The August offerings totaled \$35 toward Tools for Outreach. Thank you!

LADIES AID—Ladies aid meeting will meet on Monday, September 16 at 7:00 pm.

COMMUNION CARDS—The Elders Committee would like to remind you to please fill out a communion card provided for you on the podiums in back of church and by the East entrance of Church/School.