

First Sunday of Lent



Jesus Is Tempted

**St. John-St. James
Ev. Lutheran Church & School**

March 1, 2020



ST. JOHN—ST. JAMES

Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

Opening Hymn:

Christian Worship, Hymn #104
8:00 am service only

I Will Wait for You

➡ 10:15AM SERVICE ◀

(use screen for lyrics)

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Lord of life, do not darken your light from us,

C **Lord of life, do not refuse us your mercy.**

M Lord of life, grant us your forgiveness,

C **For our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless actions,**

M For our empty speech and the words with which we hurt you and others.

C **For all of our sins of thought, word and deed, forgive us.**

M Lord of life, eternity cannot hold you, nor can our little words catch the magnificence of your kindness. Yet in the space of our small hearts, you shine the light of your love and show us your forgiveness. You have removed our sins from us and made us your own. You do not treat us as our sins deserve. We thank you for your faithfulness.

C **Lord of life, we praise you for your undeserved love and forgiveness.**
Amen.

GLORY TO GOD

Christian Worship, Hymn #369
8:00 am service only

C **Verse 1:**
Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

C **Verse 4:**
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be thine!

➡ 10:15AM SERVICE ◀

♪ Verse 1: (vocalist) (same as 2nd verse below)

♪ Verse 2: (all)

You gave me hope,
You made me whole at the cross
You took my place,
You showed me grace
At the cross, where you died for me.
And his glory appears
Like the light from the sun
Age to age He shines
Oh, look to the skies
Hear the angels cry
Singing, "Holy is the Lord"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson

Romans 5:12-19

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: '*Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*'"

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: '*Do not put the Lord your God to the test.*'"

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: '*Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.*'"

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Hymn of the Day:

Christian Worship, Hymn #200

8:00 am service only

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

➔ 10:15AM SERVICE ➔

(use screen for lyrics)

MESSAGE

Pastor Darin D. Aden

Genesis 2:7-9,15-17,3:1-7

Our God Loves Us

⁷ Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

⁸ Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹ The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;

¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

³ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴ “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

Christian Worship, Hymn #270

8:00 am service only

This I Believe

➡ 10:15AM SERVICE ⬅

(use screen for lyrics)

OFFERING OF GIFTS

10:15 am service only (use screen)

Praise God (Doxology)

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 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:

Christian Worship, Hymn #391, vv1-4

8:00 am service only

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

➡ 10:15AM SERVICE ⬅

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March 1st

1st Sunday in Lent

SERVING YOU TODAY—8:00 am Ushers—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog, Lucas Behnke, Lynn Behnke ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton/Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners**—Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy/Heidi Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe and Ray/Suzanne Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**—Joann Fischer & Sharie Mack.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—8:00 am Ushers—Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill & Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **Church Cleaners**—Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy/Heidi Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe and Ray/Suzanne Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**—Joann Fischer & Sharie Mack ■ **Communion Set-Up**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian & Joan Sheahan ■ **Organist**—Judy Mangin.

CONNECTION CARDS—Visitors and Guests, please fill out the Connection Cards located in the church pews and place them in the offering plate or hand them to our ushers on your way out of church. Please come and join us again!

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP—Join us for our new Contemporary Worship with contemporary liturgy and modernized music offered at the 10:15 am worship service today. Join in on this new and innovative type of worship!

US CENSUS—The US Census is looking to fill temporary positions. If you would like extra income and flexible hours with paid training and weekly pay, please apply online at 2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS. There is also a folder on the table in the West church office with more info.

SCRIP – Scrip will NOT be sold before the 6:30 pm Worship Services on the Wednesdays during Lent.

SPRING CONCERT – Luther Preparatory School Sacred Spring Concert will be on Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 pm in the Luther Prep gymnasium.

COMMUNION – In the month of April Communion will only be offered on Maundy Thursday (4/9), Good Friday (4/10) and Sunday, April 26th.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY—Wednesday, March 4th will be our 2nd Wednesday in Lent preaching for the service will be Pastor Henzi from Trinity Brillion. Pastor Henzi's sermon theme will be Promised Warrior and sermon text is Isaiah 42:13. Don't miss our Lenten Meal (4:30pm-6:00pm) served this week will be a Taco Bar sponsored by St. John—St. James very own Lutheran Young Adults. Grades K-2 will be singing at the 3:15 pm service. Thank you to all who are involved who make our Lenten Services so special!

VOLUNTEER USHERS NEEDED—There will be a sign-up sheet for people to volunteer to usher in the 3:15 pm Lenten Services. If you are able to help us out, please place your name on the sign-up list on the Usher's podium. Thank you for volunteering to usher for our Lenten 3:15 pm services!

LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULTS EVENT—LYA is planning a Carnival on Sunday, May 31st at St. John—St. James Lutheran Church/School from 10:30 am-1:00 pm. The Carnival is open to the public with plenty of food, fun, games, and a silent auction. If anyone has any items that they would like to donate to the silent auction or would be willing to bring a dessert, please call or text Angela Kiley at 920-860-0025. Auction items can also be dropped off in the church office.

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden

Organist, Judy Mangin

9:05 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class and No CREW

Monday 3/2

5:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday 3/3

7:00 pm Elders Meeting

Wednesday 3/4

3:15 pm Lenten Worship Service

3:30 pm Confirmation Class

4:30 pm-6:00 pm Lenten Meal

6:30 pm Lenten Worship Service

7:30 Praise Choir

Thursday 3/5

7:00 pm CEC Meeting

BIBLE STUDY AND BASKETBALL FAITH-FUN-FELLOWSHIP—At St. John – St. James Commons and Gym on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 6:00pm. The bible study and basketball fellowship will be for Confirmed members of St. John – St. James and St. Peters. There will be a short bible study followed by dividing into basketball teams for fun. If interested contact Andy Bubolz at 608-434-4019.

DQ NIGHT—Mark your calendar! SJSJ Night at DQ has been scheduled for Thursday, March 19 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Brillion DQ Grill & Chill, 521 N Glenview Ave, Brillion. 20% of all sales from 4:00pm-7:00pm are donated to our school! (You can even use the drive-thru!) Pay with DQ Scrip & you can earn an additional 20% back through our scrip program! (DQ Scrip is available to purchase in the office from 7:30am-3:00pm on school days & on Sunday mornings before services.) St. John -St. James Faculty & Staff Members will be there to greet you & serve your food! St. John -St. James students' artwork will be on display at DQ that evening. Come enjoy the FOOD & FUN!

MAKING TAX WISE DECISIONS BIBLE STUDY—On Sunday, March 15 at 9:10 am in the Commons, Pastor Michael Dietz, WELS Christian giving counselor, will present some Biblical principles on making wise financial decisions that can benefit God's kingdom both locally and throughout the country and world. He will share financial planning tips with us during the Bible Class. Pastor Dietz will provide information on using Qualified Charitable Distributions for gifting from Required Minimum Distributions. In view of the changes to the recent standard tax deductions, this will be of special interest to seniors who have an IRA and are 70½ years of age or older. He will also provide information about creating a Charitable Gift Annuity and/or Donor Advised Fund. If time permits, he will also give some basic information regarding estate planning and the need for creating a Durable Power of Attorney.

PASTOR HAS A PROJECT FOR YOU—If you would be willing help Pastor Aden with a simple project, please contact him at (920) 277-0101 or daden@stjohnstjames.com.

FLOWER COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED—The Ladies Aid is looking for two volunteers to serve on the April Flower Committee. If you can help, please contact Karen Prochnow at 754-4688 or the church/school office.

LADIES AID MEMBERS—There is a sign up sheet in the back of church for the March 11th Wednesday Lenten Meal that the Ladies Aid will be serving.

THANK YOU—Thank you to everyone who donated food and/or volunteered their time during the LLL B-Team Basketball Tournament held here at SJSJ! Your help was greatly appreciated!!

MEMORIAL MONEY—Memorial money was received from the funeral of Doris Behnke. \$1,000 was designated to the Building Fund & \$500 to Debt Retirement. Thank you!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—Church Attendance: (2/23) 126 + 93 = 219, (2/26) 87 + 80 = 167 ■ Communion Attendance: (2/23) 155, (2/26) 123 ■ (2/18-26) Regular Offerings—General: \$10,625.50, Synod: \$703.00, MLHS: \$633.00, Total: \$11,961.50 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$1,900.00 (needed each week \$2,312.00) ■ Debt Retirement—\$ 350.00.

COLLEGE STUDENT CARE—We have several members of SJSJ who are attending colleges in and out of state. College can be a difficult time spiritually, and we would like to remind these brothers and sisters in Christ that they are in our prayers. The Spiritual Growth Committee will be assembling care packages the week of March 16-20. If you would like to contribute to these packages, please look for donation boxes in the Commons and the north entry area of church from March 4-14. Suggested donations: snacks, energy bars, gift cards for gas/groceries, toiletry items, cards or notes of encouragement --We will be including a devotional book. We currently have a list of five students--if you know of a college student who would benefit from a care package, and you are not sure if they are on our list, please leave their name and address with Mrs. Schrubbe in the office.

GOOD SAMARITAN PROJECT—On Sunday, March 8 the Sunday School is going to be studying and acting upon the Good Samaritan story. We are going to be working on being Good Samaritans by assembling laundry baskets full of small household and non-perishable food items. The baskets have been purchased but if you are able and would like to donate we are accepting paper products, garbage bags, small storage containers, organizers, non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items, towels and rags or anything for someone to transition from a homeless shelter out on their own. Donations are going to Hope House in Manitowoc. Bring your donations to the commons on Sunday, March 8. Thanks for your help!

MLC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dear Fellow Christians,

We've all heard about the shortage of called workers in our synod. There is a shortage of Pastors, Teachers and Principals. Presently we have approximately 138 Pastor vacancies, 115 Teacher vacancies and 40 Principal vacancies in our synod. I'm sure many of you are asking, "Why is there a shortage of Called workers and so many vacancies?" The answer is this. The baby boomer generation is now retiring. Back in the 1970's and 1980's the graduating classes from Martin Luther College and the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary were much larger than the graduating classes from those two schools today. As a result, many more Called Workers are retiring than what are graduating and being assigned to replace them. Also, many churches now have Early Childhood programs which require extra Called Workers. Our Early Childhood program is a perfect example.

But there is good news. The number of students at our worker training schools are starting to rise. And there's also some more good news. Maya Aden, Josh Aden and Lynsey Marohn from our congregation are students at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. They want to become WELS teachers. In September Michaela Bubolz will be attending Martin Luther College and becoming a Called Worker in our synod. This fall our congregation will have four students attending Martin Luther College. This is very wonderful news.

As we all know, the cost of education keeps going up every year. For the 2020-2021 school year the cost of tuition at Martin Luther College will be \$16,480. Room and board is \$6,480. Personal expenses such as books, travel etc. is estimated to be about \$5,000. The total cost to attend MLC for one year is \$27,900. The cost for 4 years of college at MLC is over \$110,000. 75% of MLC students graduate with debt. This is a very big concern to our Synod. MLC now has a new scholarship fund. If the student's home congregation gives the student between \$100 to \$1000, MLC's scholarship fund will match it. The funds for this scholarship fund are donated by private people across our synod. Last year our congregation held an MLC Scholarship Offering for our three students attending MLC. Our Gracious God blessed our efforts. We raised \$5,100. Each student received \$1,700 from St. John-St. James. MLC matched it with another \$1,000. With the MLC match, each student received \$2,700. With four students attending MLC this coming school year we don't have enough funds from our earnings in the Endowment Education Fund to give this amount in scholarships to these four students.

The Church Council has decided to once again have a special Scholarship Fund offering to help each of these four students so they can get the matching funds of \$1,000 from MLC. Last year we raised \$5,100 so each of our three students received \$1,700. This year we have set a goal of \$6,800 so we can give each of our four MLC students \$1,700. We are asking our members to consider making a contribution to this fund to help these students. This year we will have the special offering from Sunday, April 5th until Sunday, May 31, 2020.

These students will be the future Called Workers in our synod. Without Called Workers in the future, our churches and schools will not be able to operate. We as a congregation want to stand behind these students and show them that we care about them. If you wish to make a contribution to the scholarship fund, mark your envelope "MLC Scholarship Fund" Please make out checks to St. John-St. James. We cannot cash checks made out to MLC Scholarship Fund, If you have any questions, please contact me at 920-754-4751 or dduchow@stjohnstjames.com.

~Thank you, Daniel Duchow