

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15 & 18, 2020

PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD’S HOUSE

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you that we are able once again to come into your house for worship. As we come into your presence, open our ears to hear your Word, open our hearts to your message of love, and open our lips to praise your holy name. Bless our worship, for Jesus sake. Amen.

WELCOME

God Patiently Looks for Fruit

Opening Hymn:

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Christian Worship, Hymn # 255



Verse 2



Gracious God, I come before thee;

Come thou also unto me.

Where we find thee and adore thee,

There a heav’n on earth must be.

To my heart, oh, enter thou;

Let it be thy temple now!



Verse 3



Here thy praise is gladly chanted;

Here thy seed is duly sown.

Let my soul, where it is planted,

Bring forth precious sheaves alone,

So that all I hear may be

Fruitful unto life in me.

(Our hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 5

♪ **Speak, O God, and I will hear thee;
Let thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near thee
While thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.**

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

M The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C Verse 1 **♪** **O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!**
For sinners you became a child.
You came from heaven to fulfill
Your Father's just and holy will.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

C Verse 2

♪ **O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!**
With God we now are reconciled.
You have for all the ransom paid,
Your Father's righteous anger stayed.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; 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

5 I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ² He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

³ “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?

⁵ Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briars and thorns will grow there. I will command the cloud, not to rain on it.”

⁷ The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in.

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

☞ 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.

(Our Confession continues on the next page.)

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

Matthew 21:33-43

³³ “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸ “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

⁴¹ “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: *“‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?*”

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

Hymn of the Day:

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Christian Worship, Hymn # 203

C Verse 1

♪ **Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would seek to overthrow your Son
And to destroy what he has done.**

C Verse 2

♪ **Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your Christendom that we
May sing your praise eternally.**

C Verse 3

♪ **O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us I our final strife,
And lead us out of death to life.**



Philippians 3:21-21

“Finish What You Started”

1. Help us mature and bear fruit
2. Help us be alert to threats
3. Help us cross the “finish line”

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In our prayers this week we include:

- *James Kiesow & Shawna Levash (Christian Marriage on October 9)*
- *JoAnne Fischer (minor surgery on October 15)*
- *The Dianne Reinemann family (Christian Burial on October 17)*

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 Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. 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 # 323

Almighty Father, Bless the Word

C Verse 1

♪ **Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit.**

C Verse 2

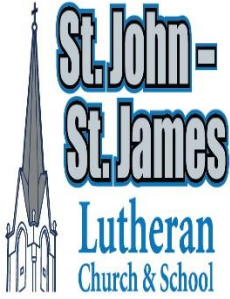
♪ **We praise you for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.**

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Our Mission Statement:

St. John-St. James exists to proclaim and preserve the Word of God in all its truth and purity in our church and in our community.



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Times of Worship: Thursday—6:30 pm & Sunday—8:00 am & 10:15 am
Send Bulletin Information to cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com—**Wednesday Deadline**

Thursday, October 15 & Sunday, October 18

SERVING YOU TODAY—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers— Ken Mack, James Kiesow, McCoy Mack ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers—** Mel, Tim and Jamie Mangin and 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—** Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe, Ray/Suzanne Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee—** Judy Hoida & Charmaine Wagner.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers— Scott Bubolz, Brian Bubolz, Dave Hoepfner, Bill Voeltz ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers—** Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau ■ **10:15 am Ushers—** Roger/Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline, ■ **Church Cleaners—** Pat/Arlie Olp & Mary Fenlon ■ **Flower Committee—** Judy Hoida & Charmaine Wagner ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—** Suzanne Bubolz & Amanda Schrubbe.

OCTOBER PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH—It is Pastor Appreciation Month! It is time to let Pastor Aden know how much his ministry means to us as a congregation and separately as a friend. Maybe you would like to give a scrip or gift card from our local businesses. A greeting card or a thoughtful note would also be a great way to express your appreciation. Please don't forget to lift Pastor Aden up in prayer on a regular basis. If you wish to give a card, gift or etc. please place it in the "Church" in the West office. Thank you!

PRAISE CHOIR—Praise choir practice will begin mid-November! I am planning to have practices on Wednesday from 6:00-6:30. Anyone 9th grade and older is welcome to join! We'd love to have you help us praise the Lord this Christmas season! If you are interested in joining, have questions or are a returning member, please text/email Kristen Hillmann: khillmann@stjohnstjames.com (920)-277-1783.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE—Unfortunately due to COVID-19, Repeat Performance will now be closed until further notice. We will let you know when it re-opens. Thank you!

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden

Organist—Kristen Hillmann

Wednesday 10/21

Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

Thursday 10/22

Thursday Worship at 6:30 pm

CARE FOR COLLEGE KIDS—We are still planning on mailing a care package to our college students this fall. If you donated last spring, we have saved your items, and we will include them with this mailing. If you would still like to donate, please drop items at the school office--our goal is to have these in the mail by October 26. If you are not sure if your college student is on our list, please email their contact information to Karla Aden at kaden@stjohnstjames.com. If you would like to send them a card or word of Christian encouragement--we will also include those in the mailing. Contact Karla if you have any questions.

COMMUNION REGISTRATION/CUPS—If you wish to commune please register with our ushers in the back of church. As we move forward in keeping our Congregation as safe as possible we will only be offering the single serve fellowship cups for Communion Sundays at this time.

NEW SCRIP FORMS—New changes to our scrip cards and forms. Salon 360 is removed and is no longer available, I-tunes is removed but is available by special order, and Meijer \$25 cards are added to our inventory. The new forms are available on the table in the West Church Office.

WEDDING—Congratulations on the Wedding of James & Shawna Kiesow! James is the son of David Kiesow and Sandra(Paul) Reinemann, and Brother to Nikki and Kurt(Morgan) Kiesow, Grandson of JoAnn Fischer and nephew to Susan(Dale) Fisher. Blessings to the newly married couple!

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED—Manitowoc Co. Human Services Dpt. is looking for applicants who can provide foster care to children ages 0-18. For more information call 920-683-4230. Manitowoc Co. Human Services Dpt. is also looking for Crisis Respite Providers, for further information on this job and qualifications needed to perform the job please call Karen Zahn at 920-683-4095.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE — October 5 to October 11

■ Church Attendance: Thur. 6:30 pm—53, Sun. 8:00 am Service—52 & 10:15 am Service—71, Total: 176 ■ Regular Offerings—General Fund: \$ 11,332.25, Synod: \$ 596.00, MLHS: \$ 688.00, Total: \$ 12,616.25 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 2,090.00, (needed each week \$2,312)