

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Reformation Service

November 1, 2020

“Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason, my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen.” Martin Luther

PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD’S HOUSE

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.

WELCOME

We Make our Stand on Christ Alone

Opening Hymn:

CCLI Song #7045331

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

CCLI License #20031593

Verse 1 **Christ the sure and steady anchor**

In the fury of the storm

When the winds of doubt blow through me

And my sails have all been torn.

In the suff’ring, in the sorrow

When my sinking hopes are few.

I will hold fast to the anchor

It shall never be removed.

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 2

♪ **Christ, the sure and steady anchor
While the tempest rages on;
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won.
Deeper still then goes the anchor,
Though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor;
It shall never be removed.**

C Verse 3

♪ **Christ, the sure and steady anchor
Through the floods of unbelief;
Hopeless, somehow, O my soul now
Lift my eyes to Calvary
This my ballast of assurance,
See His love for ever proved;
I will hold fast to the anchor;
It shall never be removed.**

C Verse 4

♪ **Christ, the sure and steady anchor
As we face the wave of death;
When these trials give way to glory
And we draw our final breath.
We will cross that great horizon,
Clouds behind and life secured;
And the calm will be the better
For the storms that we endure. *(more on next page)***

C Conclusion  **We will cross that great horizon,
Clouds behind and life secured;
And the calm will be the better
For the storms that we endure.**

**Christ the sure of our salvation,
Ever faithful, ever true!
We will hold fast to the anchor,
It shall never be removed.**

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 Dear friends, on our own, we are not worthy of God's love, forgiveness, or life in heaven with him. We are not worthy because we are sinners who fall far short of God's glory. Therefore I invite you to join in confessing your sins to our merciful Father in heaven.

C **Holy Father, we are guilty of sin and helpless to change who we are or what we have done. Therefore, we trust in Jesus. Graciously forgive us for his sake. Amen.**

M Dear sinner, God’s Word declares: *“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* While we are not worthy of God’s forgiveness, Jesus is. His innocent death earned forgiveness. His perfect life earned eternal life. God promises to give the blessings that Jesus earned to us through faith in him. We are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

M God alone is worthy; let us sing his praise.

Verse 1 

Messengers: Do you feel the world is broken?

C  **We do.**

Messengers: Do you feel the shadows deepen?

C  **We do.**

Messengers: But do you know that all the dark won’t stop the light from getting through?

C  **We do.**

Messengers: Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

C  **We do.**

Verse 2 

Messengers: Is all creation groaning?

C  **It is.**

Messengers: Is a new creation coming?

C  **It is.**

Messengers: Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?

C  **It is.**

Messengers: Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

C  **It is.** *(Hymn continues on the next page.)*

REFRAIN 

Messengers: Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing, and honor, and glory?
Is he worthy of this?

  **He is.**

Verse 3 

Messengers: Does the Father truly love us?

  **He does.**

Messengers: Does the Spirit move among us?

  **He does.**

Messengers: And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves?

  **He does.**

Messengers: Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

  **He does.**

REFRAIN 

Messengers: Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.
Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing, and honor, and glory?
Is he worthy of this?

  **He is, He is, He is, He is.**

Messengers: Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing, and honor, and glory?
Is he worthy of this?

  **He is.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; 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

Daniel 6:10-12

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

Psalm of the Day:

CCLI Song #7053138

Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)

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C Verse 1 **Oh come behold the works of God,**

the nations at His feet.

He breaks the bow and bends the spear,

And tells the wars to cease.

Oh mighty One of Israel, You are on our side

We walk by faith in God who burns the chariots with fire.

C REFRAIN 

**Lord of Hosts, You're with us
With us in the fire With us as a shelter
With us in the storm
You will lead us Through the fiercest battle
Oh, where else would we go
But with the Lord of Hosts**

C Verse 2 

**Oh come behold the works of God,
Oh, God of Jacob, fierce and great
You lift Your voice to speak
The earth, it bows
And all the mountains move into the sea
Oh Lord, You know the hearts of men
And still you let them live
Oh God, who makes the mountains melt
Come wrestle us and win
Oh God, who makes the mountains melt
Come wrestle us and win**

C REFRAIN 

**Lord of Hosts, You're with us
With us in the fire With us as a shelter
With us in the storm
You will lead us Through the fiercest battle
Oh, where else would we go
But with the Lord of Hosts**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Bridge  **Though the oceans roar You are the Lord of all
The one who calms the wind and waves
And makes my heart be still
Though the earth gives way
The mountains move into the sea
The nations rage I know my God is in control**

(repeat Bridge before final refrain.)

C REFRAIN  **Lord of Hosts, You're with us
With us in the fire With us as a shelter
With us in the storm
You will lead us Through the fiercest battle
Oh, where else would we go
But with the Lord of Hosts
 You're with us
 With us in the fire With us as a shelter
 With us in the storm
 You will lead us Through the fiercest battle
 Oh, where else would we go
 But with the Lord of Hosts**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 10:16-23

¹⁶“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. ¹⁸On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

²¹“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²²You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

Hymn of the Day:

CCLI Song #5203385

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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** Verse 1  A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That has us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 2

♪ **With might of ours can naught be done;
Soon were our loss effected.
But for us fights the valiant one
Whom God himself elected.
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is,
The almighty Lord. And there's no other God;
He holds the field forever.**

C Verse 3

♪ **Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!
One little word can fell him.**

C Verse 4 ♪

**The Word they still shall let remain,
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With his good gifts and Spirit.
And do what they will --Hate, steal, hurt, or kill --
Though all may be gone, Our victory is won;
The kingdom's ours forever!**

Galatians 5:1-6

“Freedom in Christ Jesus”

5 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. ²Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. ³Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

PLEASE STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Contemporary Creed



I have faith in God and believe that He has created me and all that I have. All things belong to Him.

I have faith in Jesus and believe that He died for my sins, conquered death and was raised to life on the third day. His death and resurrection declared that He is God and that my sins are forgiven.

(Confession of Faith continues on the next page)

I have faith in the Holy Spirit and believe He has worked this faith within me. I believe He is present here among us and lives within each child of God. Through Him and the Word I have the power to stand in strength against all adversity.

And I believe that my mission on earth is to serve my God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He has equipped me with His gifts and motivated me by His love to reach out to the lost and to my fellow believers with the Gospel. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

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:

CCLI Song #2672885

Above All

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G Verse 1 **♪** **Above all powers, Above all kings
Above all nature And all created things
Above all wisdom And all the ways of man
You were here Before the world began.**

G Verse 2 **♪** **Above all kingdoms, Above all thrones
Above all wonders The world has ever known
Above all wealth And treasures of the earth
There's now way to measure what You're worth.**

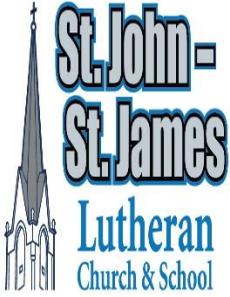
G CHORUS **♪** **Crucified laid behind the stone
You lived to die Rejected and alone
Like a rose tramped on the ground
You took the fall And thought of me
Above all.**

(The entire song is repeated, with an additional CHORUS at the end.)

BE SEATED

OUR THANKS

Thank you to Pastor Louis Sievert for preaching the Word of God and leading in worship today. Our thanks also for the proclamation of the Word in song to the Messengers: Abby & Phil Stuebs, Gene Rosera, Pastor Aden, Abby Marohn, and Ava Stuebs.



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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 29 & Sunday, November 1

SERVING YOU TODAY—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Scott Bubolz, Brian Bubolz, Dave Hoepfner, William Voeltz ■ **SUNDAY—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—**Pat/Arlie Olp & Mary Fenlon ■ **Flower Committee—October-**Judy Hoida & Charmaine Wagner and **November-**Joan Behnke/Barb Herzog .

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Ken Mack, James Kiesow, McCoy Mack ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers—**Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog, Lucas Behnke ■ **10:15 am Ushers—** Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners—**Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee—**Joan Behnke/Barb Herzog ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—**The Knier Family.

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).

FIRE PIT - The Church Council has approved a fire pit behind the back of the garage. If you would be willing to put a donation towards it gravel is needed as well as money to purchase the pavers and fire bricks. Please contact Phil Stuebs with questions and donations.

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Louis Sievert

Music Today—Messengers

Wednesday 11/4

Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

Thursday 11/5

Thursday Worship at 6:30 pm

FRIDAY 11/6

No School and School Office closed at 12:00 pm

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.

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.

VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE—Please let us know if you are part of the Armed forces and would like to be put on the Remembrance Day List in the bulletin on November 5 and November 8. This list is only for living Veterans/Service people. There is a list in the West Church Office with names that we previously have. If you know of anyone who is not on this list please write them on the list. You can also call Cindy—754-4568 to get a name put on the list. Thank you for your cooperation.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS—Sunday, November 1st Daylight Savings Time will end, please remember to put your clocks 1 hour back from the time displayed on your clock. All Worship times will remain the same.

OUR SYMPATHIES— Maria (nee. Denor) Dolan, West Palm Beach, FL was cradled in our Saviors arms on October 16th, 2020. Maria was a sister to Pat(Arlie) Olp. Our heartfelt sympathies to Pat, Arlie and family!

SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED—The School Office will be closing at noon on Friday, November 6th.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE — October 19 to October 25

■ Church Attendance: Thur. 6:30 pm—46, Sun. 8:00 am Service—58, 10:15 am Service—56, Total: 160 ■ Communion Attendance—35+40+25=110 ■ Regular Offerings—General Fund: \$ 6,143.00, Synod: \$ 201.00, MLHS: \$ 93.00, Total: \$ 6,437.00 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 805.00, (needed each week \$2.312)