

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 17 & 20, 2020



WELCOME



Be Ready to Receive



Opening Hymn:

Let All Together Praise our God

Christian Worship, Hymn # 41

 Verse 2  **Let all together praise our God
Before his highest throne;
Today he opens heav'n again
And gives us his own Son,
And gives us his own Son.**

 Verse 5  **He serves that I a lord may be—
A great exchange indeed!
Could Jesus' love do more for me
To help me in my need?
To help me in my need?**

 Verse 6  **For us he opens wide the door
Of paradise today.
The angel guards the gate no more;
To God our thanks we pray,
To God our thanks we pray.**

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.

(Hymn response printed on next page.)

C Verse 1 **♪** **To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done!**

C Verse 3
♪ **Great things he has taught us, great things he has done!
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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⁸“Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. ⁹I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

“The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:

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. 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

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

²⁸ This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Hymn of the Day:

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

Christian Worship, Hymn # 23

☐ Verse 1 ♪ **Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!**

☐ Verse 2 ♪ **Oh, come, O Root of Jesse, free
Your people from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save,
And bring them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!**

☐ Verse 3 ♪ **Oh, come, O Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!**

☐ Verse 4 ♪ **Oh, come, O Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!**

Romans 1:1-7

“God’s Peace on Earth”

1. Just as God’s promise said
2. Just as God’s power declared
3. Just as God’s people receive

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— **2** the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures **3** regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, **4** and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. **5** Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name’s sake. **6** And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and 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 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: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice
Christian Worship, Hymn # 377

C Verse 1

♪ **Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done,
How his right arm the vict'ry won.
How dearly it has cost him!**

C Verse 4 ♪ **My God beheld my wretched state
Before the world's foundation,
And, mindful of his mercies great,
He planned my soul's salvation.
A Father's heart he turned to me,
Sought my redemption fervently;
He gave his dearest treasure.**

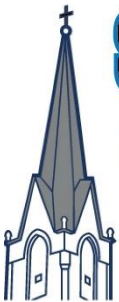
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C Verse 5

♪ **He spoke to his beloved Son:
“ ‘Tis time to have compassion.
Then go, bright Jewel of my crown,
And bring mankind salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with you forever.”**

C Verse 6 ♪ **The Son obeyed his Father’s will,
Was born of virgin mother,
And, God’s good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
No garb of pomp or pow’r he wore;
A servant’s form like mine he bore
To lead the devil captive.**

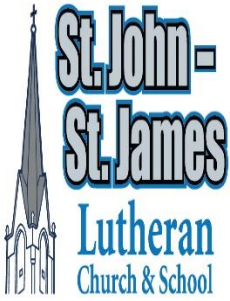
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**St. John -
St. James
Lutheran
Church & School**

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, December 17 and Sunday, December 20

SERVING YOU TODAY—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Scott Bubolz, Brian Bubolz, Dave Hoepfner, Bill Voeltz ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers—**Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **10:15 am Ushers—** Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **Church Cleaners—** Shawn/Melissa Behnke & Sheri Lau ■ **Flower Committee—** Joan Sheahan & Val Jean Link.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—THURSDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE—Volunteer Ushers ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers—** Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, 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—** Shawn/Melissa Behnke & Sheri Lau ■ **Flower Committee—** Joan Sheahan & Val Jean Link ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—** Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian & Joan Sheahan.

WORKING FOR THE LORD IN OUR COMMUNITY—The Youth at SJSJ (grades 7-12) would like to help anyone in the community with various tasks around the yard such as raking leaves, shoveling snow, or any unfinished projects you might have in your yard. If you wish to use this service please fill out a form in the west office in church or on our website. Please return the form to the church office. Thank you!

USHER TEAM LEADERS—There is a signup sheet on the Usher's podium to fill our needs for selected Holiday services. We could really use your help at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services Thank you.

BEST CHOICE LABELS—EconoFoods' private label brand is now BEST CHOICE. Please save the BEST CHOICE UPC labels from the products you purchase, turn them in at church or school and SJSJ will receive \$30 for every 1000 barcodes redeemed.

LADIES AID—There will be no Ladies Aid meeting in December.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—There will be no 9:15 am Sunday School on December 20th or 27th.

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden
Organist Today—Charmaine Wagner
CREW & Adult Bible Study at 9:15am, **NO Sunday School**

Wednesday 12/23

No Public-School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

Thursday 12/24

Christmas Eve Services: 8:00 am, 10:15 am, 3:15 pm,
5:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Friday 12/25

Christmas Day Service at 9:00 am

SJSJ CHRISTMAS CARDS—We have available on the table in back of the Church our annual St. John—St. James Christmas Card sale. There are a couple of boxes left from 2019 that will be priced at \$4.00 and the new cards will be priced at \$4.25/box. Merry Christmas!

JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON—Thursday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service 8:00am*~10:15am~3:15pm~5:30pm~7:00pm. Please register here: www.stjohnstjames.com for Christmas Eve Services. **Friday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service at 9:00 am and Thur., Dec 31 New Year's Eve Service with Communion (no sign-up needed).** *8:00am Service now available!—It has been decided to add an additional worship service at 8:00am on the 24th. If you have already signed up for a different service and would prefer to attend the 8:00am service, you are welcome to change your sign up at the above link or contact the church/school office via phone @ 754-4432 (school) or 754-4568 (church).

HOME BOUND LIST—If you would like to send cards or letters to our home bound members there is a list provided for you in the West Church Office. Our home-bound members would love to hear from you!

REPEAT PERFORMANCE STORE—Repeat Performance Store is now open for business. We respectfully request all shoppers wear masks as all the volunteers will be wearing them! The store will be open Monday thru Saturday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Donations will only be accepted from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Monday - Saturday.

SYMPATHIES—Our most sincere condolences to family and many friends of Betty Shamburek who went to be with Jesus on Wednesday, December 9. Visitation is December 18 from 9:00 am until 10:45 am and the funeral service is(was) at St. John St. James at 11:00 am. We pray for peace in your hearts!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE — December 7-13

Church Attendance: Thur. 6:30 pm—39 8:00 am Service—62 , 10:15 am Service—108,
Total: 209 ■ Regular Offerings—General Fund: \$ 10,241.00, Synod: \$ 616.00, MLHS:
\$ 723.00, Total: \$ 11,580.00 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 2,145.00,
(needed each week \$2.312)