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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

God Reveals Why We Should Listen to Jesus


Opening Hymn:

Speak, O Lord

Christian Worship Supplement, Hymn # 735

**🎵 Verse 1 🎵 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 3  **Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built
And you fill the earth with your glory.**

PLEASE STAND

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.**

C Verse 1 **♩** **Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.**

C Verse 3 **♩** **See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.**

C Verse 3 **♩** **Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.** *(CW #556)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

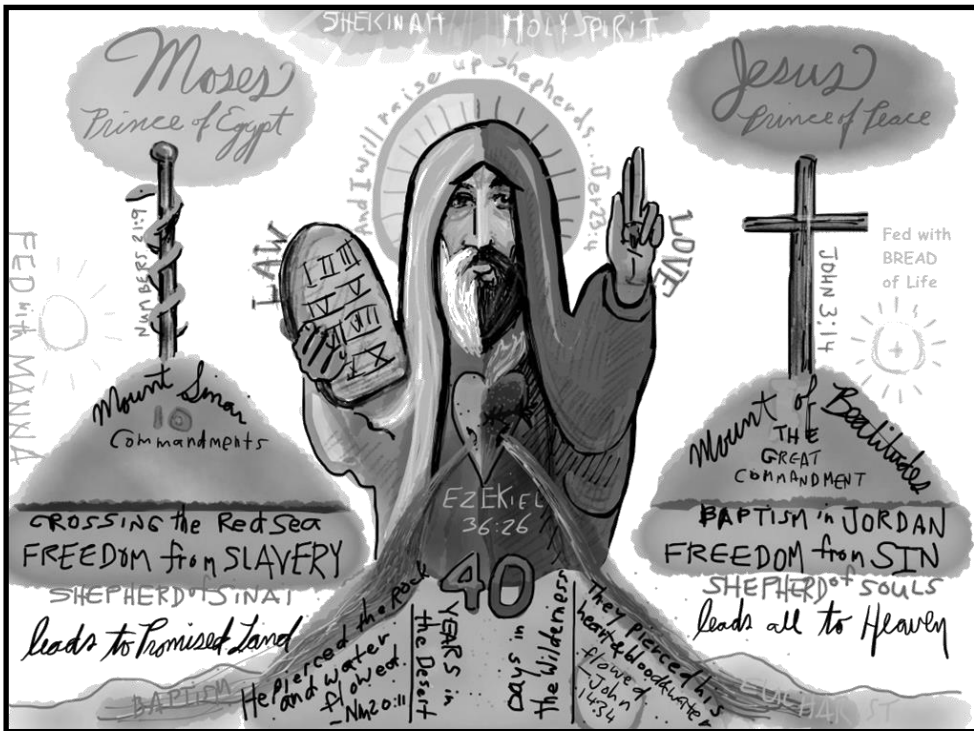
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Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. ¹⁶ For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

¹⁷ The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. ²⁰ But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death."



☐ 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.

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “We all possess knowledge.” But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. ² Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. ³ But whoever loves God is known by God.

⁴ So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.” ⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), ⁶ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.


⁷ But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. ⁸ But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.


⁹ Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol’s temple, won’t that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. ¹² When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.


Hymn of the Day:

Seek Where You May to Find a Way

Christian Worship, Hymn # 395

C Verse 1  **Seek where you may To find a way
That leads to your salvation.
My heart is stilled; On Christ I build—
He is the one foundation.
His Word is sure; His works endure.
He will o'erthrow My ev'ry foe;
Through him I more than conquer.**

C Verse 2  **Seek whom you may To be your stay;
None can redeem his brother.
All helpers failed; This man prevailed,
The God-man, and none other.
The Servant Lord Our life restored.
We're justified, For he has died,
The guiltless for the guilty.**

C Verse 4  **My heart's delight, My crown most bright,
Jesus, you are forever.
Not wealth or pride Or aught beside
Our bond of love shall sever.
You are my Lord; Your precious Word
Shall be my guide Whate'er betide.
Oh, teach me, Lord, to trust you.**

Mark 1:21-28 **“Take Note of What Jesus Shows Us”**

1. See His authority to teach
2. See His power over all
3. See His Gospel spread

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

²⁵ “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

Sermon Response:

Speak, O Lord



Verse 2

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

THE SACRAMENT

PLEASE STAND

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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we exalt your holy name.

C **The name of the Lord be praised! Amen.**

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.

(Prayer continues on the next page.)

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.

A PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord, I am a sinner. I do not deserve to commune with you, my holy God. But because of your Son and through faith in him, you graciously invite me to not only pray to you but also to come to your Table. Use this sacrament to reassure me of your forgiveness and strengthen me to live a new life of thanksgiving and joy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(After all those communing have received Lord's Supper, we conclude our celebration)

M Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith unto life everlasting. Be assured, your sins are forgiven.

C **Amen.**

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:


Abide, O Dearest Jesus

Christian Worship, Hymn # 333

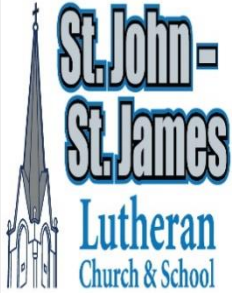
C Verse 1  **Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.**

C Verse 2  **Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with your Word
And thus now and here-after
True peace and joy afford.**

C Verse 4  **Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through your Word.**

C Verse 6  **Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.**

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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, January 28 and Sunday, January 31

SERVING YOU TODAY—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner ■ **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—**Archie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon ■ **Flower Committee—**Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—**Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe & Michaela Bubolz.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK— THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers— Scott Bubolz, Brian Bubolz, Bill Voeltz ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers—** Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau ■ **10:15 am Ushers—** Roger/Judy Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline ■ **Church Cleaners—** Archie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon ■ **Flower Committee—** Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow.

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!

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.

HELP NEEDED—We are looking for volunteers to help out in the AV booth during our worship services. It is not difficult and we will train you on what needs to be done. The more people we have trained the easier it will be to cover services especially when people are on vacation or unable to attend certain services. If you are willing to help out please contact Phil Stuebs (pstuebs@stjohnstjames.com) or Gary Bernhardt (bebehardt@stjohnstjames.com).

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden
Organist—Charmaine Wagner
Sunday School, CREW & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 am

Wednesday 2/3

Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

Thursday 2/4

Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 pm

MESSENGERS DVD'S—MESSENGERS Worship of 2020 CDs are now available in 2 editions: “*Favorites of 2020*” and the “*MESSENGERS Concert from August*”. You're welcome to them both! If you'd like to support future MESSENGERS ministry, free will donations are welcome when you pick up your CDs that are available at the school office pick-up window, or the back of church.

CONCESSION STAND HELP NEEDED—Our St. John - St. James Bluejays have some home basketball games coming up and help is needed in the Concession Stand (1 hour time slots) on the following evenings: Friday, January 29th, Monday, February 1st & Tuesday, February 2nd. If you are willing to help, please contact our Concession Stand Coordinator, Karie Robley, at (920) 772-4959 or robley@tds.net for more information.

IN APPRECIATION—Our congregation has received \$167,290.17 from the LaVerne Treichel estate. It was undesignated. LaVerne's family has decided to disburse these funds in the following manner, 50% to be paid on the mortgage in the Building Fund. 25% to go to Fund C, the Education Fund in the Endowment Fund. 25% will go into a Special Projects Fund. From this fund we will put in new glass doors in the church that are similar to the doors in our new addition. These doors are on the Wish List. The remaining amount will remain in this fund for any future projects.

VOTER'S MEETING—The ministry planning Voters meeting will be held on February 7th at 9:15 am in the Commons. Items on the agenda are; ¹Cemetery Association meeting, ² Elections and Ministry Planning, ³LaVerne Treichel estate, and ⁴New Hymnals and Bibles.

OFFERING STATEMENTS—Offering Statements have been sent out please make sure to look for yours coming in the mail soon! Thank you!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE —January 18—January 24

Church Attendance: —Thur. 6:30 pm—44, ■ Sunday— 8:00 am Service—53, 10:15 am Service—98, Total: 195 ■ Regular Offerings—General Fund: \$ 7,017.50, Synod: \$ 28.00, MLHS: \$ 25.00, Total: \$ 7,0070.50

■ Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 810.00, (needed each week \$2,312)

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USED GREETING CARD COVERS—Please remember that the Ladies Aid collects your used greeting cards. They are used for Nursing homes and other facilities. Please put them in the bag in back of church.

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE NEW YEAR—Services will continue to be held Thursday night at 6:30^{pm}, Sunday mornings at 8:00^{am} and 10:15^{am} until the Lenten season begins. The last Thursday night service will be February 11th. The following week Lenten service schedule begins on Ash Wednesday February 17th with Wednesday services at 3:15^{pm} and 6:30^{pm}, Sunday services at 8:00^{am} and 10:15^{am}. We will continue that schedule through Lent and then re-evaluate our service schedule needs after Easter.

OUR SYMPATHIES—Randall W. Loose went home to be with Jesus and his passed loved ones on Thursday, January 21, 2021. Randy's immediate family members of SJSJ are Amanda (Brent) Rosner, Justin (Jessica) Loose, Deidre Kocian, Amber Loose, and one brother, Donald (Jeanette) Loose . Our most sincere condolences to Randy's grandchildren and all other family members and close friends. The family greeted relatives and friends on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at the church, from 9:00 am to the time of the Funeral Service at 11:00 am. We pray for peace in your hearts!

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS—We will be getting out a February/March Newsletter to the congregation the first part of February. If you have something you wish to submit to the newsletter please have your submission to Cindy by Friday, February 5, 2021.

EARLY CHILDHOOD REGISTRATION AT SJSJ—The Early Childhood Program of St. John-St. James Lutheran School will be accepting registrations for new students beginning Feb. 1, 2021. Children ages 3, 4 or 5 years by September 1, 2021, are eligible for the program. SJSJ members receive priority registration through May 1. Contact Mrs. Karla Aden or Mrs. Amanda Schrubbe to set up a tour of our EC classrooms or to meet with the director or teachers. kaden@stjohnstjames.com 920-754-4432 (office phone) or 920-460-0597 (cell phone). Please share this information with anyone in the church or community who could utilize our program.

PIANO FUND—A gift has been given to the Piano Fund by Cindy Christianson in Memory of her Aunt, LaVerne Triechel.

OUR SYMPATHIES—Debra L. Bodart went home to be with Jesus and her passed loved ones on Thursday, January 14, 2021. Debra’s immediate family members of SJSJ are sisters-in-law, Lorraine (Wesley) Wehausen and Barbara (Jim) Haese. Our most sincere condolences to all other family members and close friends. Private Family Memorial Services were held. We pray for peace in your hearts!

PRAISE CHOIR - We are going to start up Praise Choir practices in mid-February if we have enough interested people to sing. We will practice with masks and the songs will be recorded to be played on the monitor during the services. If you are interested, please contact Gary Bernhardt

OUR SYMPATHIES—William Torsch went home to be with Jesus and his passed loved ones. William’s immediate family members of SJSJ are brother, Gary Torsch. Our most sincere condolences to all other family members and close friends. Visitation is/was on Saturday, January 30, 2021, at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (2426 N. Rapids Road, Manitowoc), from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m. We pray for peace in your hearts!

BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS – Gifts were given in memory of Barbara Benter from Gene & Charmaine Wagner and Joe & Judy Hoyer. Given in memory of Randy Loose from Darlyene Lau, Val Jean Link and Gene & Charmaine Wagner and also given in memory of Ralph Haberland and Betty Shamburek from Diane Lau. Thank you for your gracious gifts to support our Building Fund.

PTO MEETING—All school families are welcome to join us on Sunday, February 7th following the 10:15am service for a PTO Meeting in the Commons Area.

SJSJ SCRIP NEWS—The SJSJ SCRIP Program is offering the following gift cards at a promotional rate for a limited time: Kwik Trip \$25 @ 21%, Kwik Trip \$50 @ 21% and Kwik Trip \$100 @ 21%.