

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



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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

We consider the meaning of Jesus' Baptism and ours

Opening Hymn:

Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert

Christian Worship Supplement, Hymn # 709

Verse 1 **Christ, your footprints through the desert**

Led to Jordan's flowing stream.

There you heard the herald crying

Israel's old prophetic dream;

"He is coming! He is coming!

He will cleanse the earth with flame!

Sinners, plunge beneath the waters!

Wash away your guilt and shame!"

(Our Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 2 **♩** **Christ, you heard the stirring summons
As by Jordan's bank you stood;
Bathed, though sinless, with your people
In the river's cleansing flood.
High above, the heaven's opened;
Came the Spirit as a dove;
Spoke a voice beyond all hearing:
"See my son, the one I love!"**

C Verse 4 **♩** **God, in baptism you have made us
One with Christ, our risen Lord;
Freed us, claimed us, cleansed, forgiven
Through the water and the Word,
Help us hear your urgent summons,
Calling us to serve you now.
Send us forth, your sons and daughters,
With the cross upon our brow.**

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 God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C **Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C Verse 3

♪ **Sheep that from the fold did stray
Are not by the Lord forsaken;
Weary souls who lost their way
Are by Christ, the shepherd, taken
In his arms that they may live—
Jesus sinners does receive.**

C Verse 6

♪ **Oh, how blest is it to know,
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By your blood and bitter passion,
For these words I do believe—
Jesus sinners does receive.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

BE SEATED

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-6

49 Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. ³ He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—

⁶ he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

☩ 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.

⁴And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."





C Praise be to you, O Christ.



Hymn of the Day:

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

Christian Worship, Hymn # 89

- C** Verse 1  **To Jordan's river came our Lord,
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light,
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.**
- C** Verse 2  **The Savior came to be baptized—
The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father's will
And all his promises fulfill.**
- C** Verse 3  **As Jesus in the Jordan stood
And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,
Descended on him from above.**
- C** Verse 5  **The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.**

Acts 16:25-34

“Behold the POWER of God!”

1. See God’s PRESENCE displayed
2. See God’s PEOPLE dismayed
3. See God’s PRICE was paid
4. See God’s PLAN obeyed

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!”

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

³¹ They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

THE SACRAMENT

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.**

(Our Song Response is printed on the next page.)

C Verse 4

♪ **Come, O sinners, one and all,
Come, accept his invitation.
Come, obey his gracious call;
Come and take his free salvation!
Firmly in these words believe—
Jesus sinners does receive.**

C Verse 5

♪ **I, a sinner, come to you
With a penitent confession.
Savior, show me mercy, too;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve—
Jesus sinners does receive.**

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

A PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are a friend of the sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

GROUP BLESSING

(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 true faith unto life everlasting.

C **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

M Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell everyone what he has done.

C **Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.**

M He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.

C **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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:

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

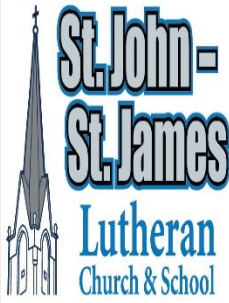
Christian Worship, Hymn # 299

C Verse 1

♪ **All who believe and are baptized
Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.**

C Verse 2

♪ **With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.**



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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 7 and Sunday, January 10

SERVING YOU TODAY—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers— Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner ■ **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—** Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee—** Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin. ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—** Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe & Michaela Bubolz.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—THURSDAY— Scott Bubolz, Brian Bubolz, Bill Voeltz ■ **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—** Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe, Ray & Suzanne Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee—** Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin.

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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES—Call the office at 754-4568 or 754-4432 if you would like to pick up your offering envelopes or any relative's envelopes. Also please let us know if the address on your envelopes are not correct. Thank you!

CLEAN-UP—We will be taking down our Christmas decorations and cleaning up after our Christmas festivities. If you would like to help us out on January 9 at 9 am please contact Gary Bernhardt at (920) 732-4483. Thank you for your time!

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden
Organist —Judy Mangin
Sunday School, CREW & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 am
Virtual Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm
Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Monday 1/11

Wednesday 1/13

Thursday 1/14

WELCOME—We're excited to welcome Rebekah Winkel to SJSJ as our new Teacher's Aide in the Kindergarten & Grades 1 & 2 classrooms!

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 (beberhardt@stjohnstjames.com).

NEW MEMBER—Please welcome our new member Rebekah Winkel whom transferred here from Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI. Welcome to our church family Rebekah!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS—Please take along your poinsettia(s). **Please don't forget to leave behind the trays that the poinsettias are placed in.** There are plastic bags and cardboard trays left in the West Church office to transport your plants home safely.

WPCP—Open Form MLHS Board of Control will hold a WPCP (Wisconsin Parental Choice Program) Open Forum on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 @ MLHS. All our school families are welcome to attend. Please contact Mr. Zimmerman for more details if you are interested in attending or to learn more about the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE — December 28—January 3

Church Attendance: New Year's Eve Service—Thur. 1:00 pm—54, ■ Sunday, January 3—8:00 am Service—98, 10:15 am Service—72, Total: 224 ■ New Year's Eve Offerings—General Fund—\$ 2,783.00, Synod—\$ 50, MLHS— \$ 50.00 Total—\$2,833.00 ■ Jan. 3 Regular Offerings—General Fund: \$ 9,033.00, Synod: \$ 586.00, MLHS: \$ 73.00, Total: \$ 9,692.00 ■ Grand Total of NYE and Jan. 3 and electronic offerings—General Fund—\$ 13,921.00*, Synod—\$ 929.00*, MLHS—468.00*, Total—\$ 15,318.00 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 1,883.00*, (needed each week \$2,312) *Electronic funds included.

Bulletin Insert

MESSENGERS DVD'S - CDs for MESSENGERS Worship of 2020 are now available. There are 2 editions: *Favorites of 2020* and the *MESSENGERS Concert from August*. You're welcome to them both! If you're looking for a way to support future MESSENGERS ministry, free will donations are welcome when you pick up your CDs (available at the school office pick-up window, or the back of church).

GIFTS GIVEN— Gifts were given to the Building fund from Darlyene Lau in loving memory of Germaine Luedtke. Thank you so much for your lovely gift!

VOTER'S MEETING—The ministry planning Voters meeting will be held on February 7 at 9:15 am in the Commons. If you wish to submit a report for the meeting please get your report to Cindy by Friday, January 15th.

GIFT GIVEN—Our congregation has received a gift from the LaVerne Treichel estate. More details will follow!

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 re-evaluate our service schedule needs after Easter.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the congregation. Especially the choir members for your generous gifts in honor of my time as choir director. I look forward to singing praise to the Lord when we can all safely gather again!

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Marilyn Lentz

Bulletin Insert

CHRISTMAS EVE DVD'S—Thank you to everyone who contributed to making our Christmas Eve services a success! A lot of planning, preparing, and work was done to make these services possible. We hope you were able to attend one of our Christmas Eve worship services on December 24th. DVD's of the service are available at the office window near the main entrance. Please take one for yourself or share with family and friends who might also enjoy the service.

SCHOOL DELAYS/CLOSINGS—We will follow the Reedsville Public School District's decision to close or delay school when severe weather hits our area. If Reedsville Public Schools are closed or have a delay, so will we. If we have a delay when 3K/4K is in session, the class for that day is cancelled. School closings will be announced on radio stations, WOMT (1240AM) or WCUB (980AM), Green Bay TV Channels, SJSJ Facebook page, and the Remind App.

FRESHMAN INFORMATION NIGHT—Freshman Information Night is fast approaching. Parents and class of 2025 students (present 8th graders) are invited to come to MLHS at 6:30 PM on either Monday, January 25th or Wednesday, January 27th to learn all about what it would be like to be a student at MLHS! That night you will even have the option to pick your classes for next year! We look forward to meeting you! Do you know a student who will be a freshman next year? Please share this with them and let them know they are welcome to check out MLHS. Share our website www.mlhslancers.org and learn more about your future high school! Thanks! If meeting in person is not a comfortable option for you, that is totally fine. Simply contact the MLHS Admissions Director, Ryan Holper at rholper@mlhslancers.org for the virtual option or for any questions you may have. This night is not a binding commitment.