

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

WELCOME

The Battle Begins—the First Sunday in Lent

Opening Hymn:

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

Christian Worship, Hymn # 122



Verse 1

♪ **Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
Sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay.
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
As a victim won the day.**



Verse 2

♪ **Tell how, when at length the fullness
Of th' appointed time was come,
He, the Word, was born of woman,
Left for us his Father's home,
Blazed the path of true obedience,
Shone as light amidst the gloom.**



Verse 5

♪ **Thus, with thirty years accomplished,
He went forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing,
Did his work and met his death;
Like a lamb he humbling yielded
On the cross his dying breath.**

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 3  **And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.**

refrain  **Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”**

C Verse 4  **When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: “My God, how great thou art!”**

refrain  **Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Lord of strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

22 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”
“Here I am,” he replied.

² Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac— and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

⁸ Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

¹² “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

(Old Testament Lesson continues on next page.)

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided." ¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

CONFESSION OF FAITH

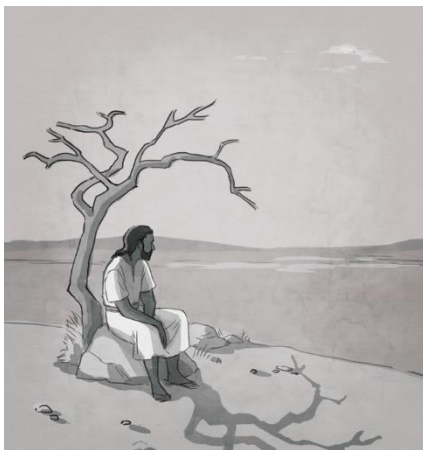
Apostles' Creed

☩ 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.

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted^[g] by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”



Hymn of the Day:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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!**

Romans 8:31-39

“Do Battle God’s Way”

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: *“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”* ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

8:00am Service

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.**

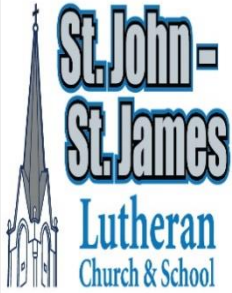
Closing Hymn:

In Christ Alone

Christian Worship Supplement, Hymn # 752

C Verse 1  **In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

C Verse 4  **No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**



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Times of Worship: Wednesday—3:15 pm / 6:30 pm & Sunday—8:00 am / 10:15 am
Send Bulletin Information to cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com—Tuesday Deadline

Sunday, February 21

SERVING YOU TODAY—WEDNESDAY—3:15 pm—Dave Hoida, Arlie/Pat Olp ■ **6:30 pm Ushers—**Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers—**Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog ■ **10:15 am Ushers—**Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners—**Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee—**Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—WEDNESDAY—3:15 pm—Dave Hoepfner ■ **6:30 pm Ushers—**Scott Bubolz, Brian Bubolz, 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—**Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida ■ **Flower Committee—**Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow ■ **Sunday Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—**Knier Family.

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE NEW YEAR—Wednesday services will now be at 3:15 pm and 6:30 pm and 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.

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.

OPEN HOUSE AT MLHS: March 11th from 4-7 pm. Come and learn about MLHS, meet our staff, and take a guided tour of our campus.

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Darin Aden

Organist—Kristen Hillmann

Sunday School, CREW & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 am

Wednesday 2/24

No Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

Lenten Wednesday Worship Service at 3:15/6:30 nm

UNIFORMS—The PTO is looking for donations for new basketball uniforms. The cost for the uniforms is \$3792.00. Due to Covid 19 we did not have the fundraising help we usually do. Any donations would be greatly appreciated to defer the cost. Any questions contact PTO president Dave Robley 920-772-4959. Thank you.

MLC DEVOTIONS—MLC sent St. John-St. James 5 of the hard copy devotional booklets for Holy Week. If you'd like one please contact us in the office (920-754-4568) and let us know. Thank you!

MEMORIALS GIVEN—A memorial for the Messengers and Organist music books for the new hymnal has been given in memory of Lorraine Zeamer from Norman and Kay Pantzloff. Thank you kindly for your gifts!

FORWARD IN CHRIST MAGAZINE—If you would like a 1-year subscription to *Forward In Christ* magazine please give the office a call at 7754-4568/754-4432 or place your name and address on the list provided for you in the West church office. The subscription is \$13.44/year please make checks out to SJSJ and submit to the office or place it in the manilla folder in the West church office by April 19th.

WATCH EVENTS AT MLHS VIRTUALLY—With the out of ordinary type of school year we have been having with restrictions on gatherings due to COVID19, MLHS has done its best to keep you involved by setting up a webpage dedicated to links that you can visit or bring up on your smart devices to watch the students in action. This includes athletics and fine art's competitions and events, home or away. Simply go to the MLHS website at www.mlhslancers.org and click on the red box that says "Watch Events" to see all your viewing opportunities.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE —February 8-14

Church Attendance: —Thur. 6:30 pm—35, ■ Sunday— 8:00 am Service—61, 10:15 am Service—67, Total: 163 ■ Regular Offerings—General Fund: \$ 6,709.00, Synod: \$ 126.00, MLHS: \$ 98.00, Total: \$ 6,933.00 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 2,550.00, (needed each week \$2,312)

USHERS NEEDED – Ushers are needed for all 3:15 pm Wednesday Lenten services. If you can volunteer please place your name on the list of Wednesday's on the Usher's Podium. Thank you for volunteering!

St. John – St. James Church Council Meeting Highlights —February 8, 2021

Transfers In:

William and Marilyn Wunrow-communicants: Transfer into membership from St. Mark, Green Bay.

Levi and Gabriel Harp—baptized souls (sons of Garret & Emily Harp):

Pastoral act (January 24, 2021) Levi is a SJSJ Kindergartner. Parents enrolling in BIC.

Transfers out:

Lucas Behnke—communicant; Elizabeth—baptize soul: Transfer out of membership to St. John, Kaukauna, WI

Releases:

Livia, David, and Luke Behnke—baptize souls: Release from membership to join a church not of our fellowship

Transfer to Church Triumphant:

Randall Loose-communicant: (Death—January 21; Christian Burial —January 28, 2021)

Paul Frederick—communicant: (Death—January 31; Christian Burial —February 5, 2021)

Jeff Doemel reported on income for the month of January was \$41,212 and expenses for January were \$45,660. Total debt balance at the end of January is \$8,225.

The Charities balance at the end of January was \$15,781.49. Total monies in the Building Project Fund are \$19,260.19.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS – Statements have been mailed out. If you have not received your statement please give Cindy a call at 754-4568 and we will be sure to mail you out another one. Thank you!

SJSJ Building Fund Account		
January 2021		

01/01/2021		\$21,469.19
<u>Deposits</u>		
Memorials	\$905.00	
1/7/2021	\$450.00	
1/7/2021	\$883.00	
1/15/2021	\$2,635.00	
1/19/2021	\$978.00	
1/28/2021	\$700.00	
1/28/2021	\$10,000.00	
Electronic Offerings	\$910.00	
Total Deposits	\$17,461.00	
<u>Withdrawals</u>		
Transfer to Loan (January Payment)	\$4,685.00	
Transfer to Loan (January Payment)	\$4,685.00	
Transfer to Loan (Principal Payment)	\$10,300.00	
Total Withdrawals	\$19,670.00	
Ending Balance		\$19,260.19

Outstanding DSB Loan Balance for Building Project
\$1,145,931.26

Outstanding MEMBER Loan Balance for Building Project
\$311,000.00