

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



PSALM 30:5

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4 & 7, 2021

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.” the Apostle Paul

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 His Blessings that often are Disguised

Opening Hymn:

CCLI Song #7138252

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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 Verse 1  **Come, thou Fount of every blessing**

Tune my heart to sing thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing

Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

Sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,

Mount of thy unchanging love.

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 2  **Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.**

C Verse 3  **O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.**

**Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.**

C Bridge

 **Above all else I adore Your name.
Above all else tune my heart to sing Your praise.**

(repeat Bridge 4 times)

C Bridge conclusion  **The highest praise, the loudest praise,
To the name above every name.**

Verse 3 reprise

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 Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.**

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C Verse 1 

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty The King of creation
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation.
Come all who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.**

C Verse 2 

**Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning
Shelt'ring you under His wings and so gently sustaining
Have you not seen All that needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining.**

C Verse 3 

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you.
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder a-new What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriends you.**

C Chorus  **Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee**

**God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Op'ning to the sun above. *(repeat Chorus)***

C Verse 4 

**Praise to the Lord, oh let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; 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

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶ For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel.

¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.

²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 45 (Fairest of All)

Verse 1 

Messengers: My heart burst at its banks Spilling with beauty and goodness
I pour it out as a son to my King Shaping the rivers to words.

 Verse 2 

**What grace pours from Your lips
The sound calls the midnight to morning
The melody turns my winter to spring
I echo it now in my worship
I echo it now in my worship**

 Chorus 

**Ten thousand strong
You're the fairest of all
Fairest in heaven and earth
Of the children and men
You're the fairest of them
Fairest in heaven and earth**

 Verse 3 

**Your heart burst at the seams
Flowing with blood and with water
A song of love pouring out from the tree
Singing for the joy set before me
For the joy set before me**

 Chorus 

**Ten thousand strong
You're the fairest of all
Fairest in heaven and earth
Of the children and men
You're the fairest of them
Fairest in heaven and earth**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Bridge 1  **You ransomed Your bride
On the day that You died
Ascended to heaven in glory
She stands clothed in white
With her head lifted high
Singing, come and return in your glory**

C Bridge 2  **You ransomed Your bride
On the day that You died
Ascended to heaven in glory
We stands clothed in white
With her voice lifted high
Singing, come and return in your glory**

C Chorus  **Ten thousand strong
You're the fairest of all
Fairest in heaven and earth
Of the children and men
You're the fairest of them
Fairest in heaven and earth**

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

(Gospel Lesson continues on the next page.)

³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. ³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!” ³⁸ Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Praise Charts Song #25140

This I Believe (The Creed)

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Verse 1 

Messengers: Our Father everlasting The all creating One God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit Conceiving Christ the Son Jesus our Savior

 Chorus 

**I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 2

♪ **Our Judge and our Defender Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life Forever seated high**

C Chorus 1 ♪

**I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.**

C Chorus 2 ♪

**I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus.**

(Hymn concludes on the next page.)



**I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Darin Aden

Job 7:1-7 **“My Eyes Will Never See Happiness Again”**

7 “Do not mortals have hard service on earth? Are not their days like those of hired laborers? **2** Like a slave longing for the evening shadows, or a hired laborer waiting to be paid, **3** so I have been allotted months of futility, and nights of misery have been assigned to me. **4** When I lie down I think, ‘How long before I get up?’ The night drags on, and I toss and turn until dawn. **5** My body is clothed with worms and scabs, my skin is broken and festering. **6** “My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, and they come to an end without hope. **7** Remember, O God, that my life is but a breath; my eyes will never see happiness again.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M** Eternal and almighty God, how good it is to sing your praises. How delightful it is to assembly with this family of believers. What a privilege it is to be in your presence and hear your Word, for no one can fully grasp just how perfect you knowledge and actions truly are.
- C** **You alone have the wisdom to understand all things and the power to control all things for our good.**
- M** For trusting too much in ourselves and not turning to you; for doubting when we our trials and troubles are beyond our understanding; for being slow to hear and quick to anger in the face of trouble, we ask you to hear us.
- C** **Forgive us, O Lord, for our many sins.**
- M** Heal this broken world with your unfailing grace. Help our nation's leaders to govern in these uncertain times and our citizens to obey those whom you have placed over us.
- C** **Enable us to love each other as you have loved us. It is in Christ's love that we also join to pray...**
- 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.**

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:

Praise Charts Song #73121

Yet Not I, but through Christ in Me

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Verse 1  **Messengers:** What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace—
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine
Yet not I, but through Christ in me—

C Verse 2  **The night is dark, but I am not forsaken**
For by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed—
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me—

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

G Verse 3  **No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave—
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, “I am free”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me—**

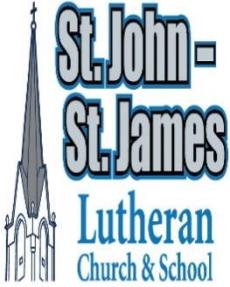
G Verse 4  **With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said the He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne—**

CHORUS  **To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me— *(repeat Chorus)***

**When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me—
Yet not I, but through Christ in me—
Yet not I, but through Christ in me—**

OUR THANKS

*Our thanks for the proclamation of the Word in song to the Messengers:
Abby & Phil Stuebs, Gene Rosera, Deb & Gary Bernhardt, and Pastor Aden.*



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Send Bulletin Information to cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com—Wednesday Deadline

Thursday, February 4 and Sunday, February 7

SERVING YOU TODAY—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**—Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon ■ **Flower Committee**—Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp ■ **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**—Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee**—Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow ■ **Sunday Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Knier Family.

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 & REPORTS AVAILABLE—The ministry planning Voters meeting will be held on Sunday, February 7th at 9:15 am in the Commons. Items on the agenda are; ¹ Cemetery Association meeting, ² Elections and Ministry Planning, ³ LaVerne Treichel estate, and ⁴ New Hymnals and Bibles. You can pick up your copy of the Voters' meeting report on the table in back of the church.

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden
Music By—The Messengers
Sunday School, Adult Bible Study at 9:15 am

Wednesday 2/10

Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

Thursday 2/11

Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 pm

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 8:00am and 10:15 am. We will continue that schedule through Lent and then re-evaluate our service schedule needs after Easter.

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

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.

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 RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE —January 25-31

Church Attendance: —Thur. 6:30 pm—46, ■ Sunday— 8:00 am Service—56, 10:15 am Service—56, Total: 158 ■ Regular Offerings—General Fund: \$ 5,846.80, Synod: \$ 236.00, MLHS: \$ 108.00, Total: \$ 6,190.80 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 3,156.00, (needed each week \$2,312)

Bulletin Insert

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%.

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE—Now accepting applications for one full-time Early Childhood Learning Center Assistant Teacher. A comprehensive description for this position can be found at mlc-wels.edu/hr. Those interested should apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12:00 pm (noon) on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Other information can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

OUR SYMPATHIES—Paul Fredricks went home to be with Jesus and his passed loved ones. Our most sincere condolences to all other family members and close friends. Visitation will be/was at The Pielhop Wieting Funeral Home in Reedsville, from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 4th and Friday morning, February 5th at SJSJ from 9:00 am until 10:45 am with Funeral Services at 11:00 am. We pray for peace in your hearts!

BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS—A memorial for the Building Fund has been given in memory of Germaine Luedtke from family and friends. \$500.00 was given in memory of Randy Loose by Randy's family (Amanda, Corrina, Justin, Deidre and Amber) to St. John-St. James . Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Ziemer, Amanda Rosner and Diane Lau have also given to the Building Fund in memory of Randy Loose. Thank you kindly for your gifts!

SCHOOL/CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED—The School/Church Office will be closing at noon on Friday, February 12th & Friday, February 19th.

MLC DEVTIONS—MLC is providing a devotional resource titled "My Song is Love Unknown," which is eight devotions for Holy Week that MLC is offering *online only* in several formats such as: reading them online at <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions>, download the series as

a PDF or listen to podcasts online. All you have to do is go to the link above and request that MLC send them to your personal email on a daily basis from March 28-April 4.

BIRTHDAY—Erwin Waack has given a gift to the Building fund in honor of his 88th Birthday on February 16th. Thank you for your wonderful gift!

NEW MEMBERS—Please welcome our new members William and Marilyn Wunrow who are transferring into membership from St. Mark, Green Bay. Please pick up your new member packet in the West Church Office. Welcome to your new church family, we are very happy to have you!

~Our Most Sincere Condolences~

Rev. John Moldstad, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), was suddenly and unexpectedly called to his heavenly home last Friday, January 29, 2021 from an apparent heart attack.

President Moldstad was the president of our sister synod ELS. President Moldstad was a strong defender and promoter of confessional Lutheranism and the teachings of the Scriptures. All who knew him would agree that he was a man with a pastor's heart.

Our entire synod extends condolences to his wife, Joslyn and to the Moldstad family; and to our brothers and sisters in the ELS. But even in a time of painful loss, we join with them in praising our gracious God for taking another faithful believer to his Savior's side, where he now knows the perfect joy and peace that Christ won for us and all believers.

Pastor Moldstad was an active member of Peace Lutheran Church in North Mankato, where a funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sat., Feb. 6, 2021. The committal will immediately follow at Norseland Lutheran Cemetery in St. Peter, Minn. Visitations will be held at Peace Lutheran Church on Fri., Feb. 5, from 4 to 7 p.m. and on Sat., Feb. 6, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The service will be livestreamed and can be viewed at www.peacemankato.com.