

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021



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March 14, 2021

WELCOME

We REJOICE in God's love and plan of salvation!

Opening Hymn:

By Grace I'm Saved

Christian Worship, Hymn # 384

🎵 Verse 1 🎵 **By grace I'm save, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why waver at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
So then this word must true remain:
By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.**

🎵 Verse 2 🎵 **By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought him from his heav'nly throne.**

(Our Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 5  **By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice.
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad; all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.**

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 1

♪ **Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed
With healing gifts to souls distressed,
To find in you my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.**

C Verse 3

♪ **Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing through your cross and pain,
Christ crucified, I come.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BE SEATED

⁴They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

⁶Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

☩ 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.

(Our Confession of Faith continues on the next page.)

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

Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Hymn of the Day:

Salvation unto Us Has Come

Christian Worship, Hymn # 390

Verse 1  **Salvation unto us has come
By God's free grace and favor.
Good works cannot avert our doom;
They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is the one Redeemer.**

Verse 5  **Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead;
Your death is now my life indeed,
For you have paid my ransom.**

Verse 6  **All blessing, honor, thanks and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace—
All glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name be hallowed.**

John 3:14-21

“Rejoice in God’s Love”

1. He loves the One
2. He loves the World
3. He loves the work

¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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.

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:

How Can I Thank You, Lord

Christian Worship, Hymn # 460

C Verse 1

♪ **How can I thank you, Lord, For all your loving kindness,
That you have patiently Borne with me in my blindness!
When dead in many sins And trespasses I lay,
I kindled, holy God, Your anger ev'ry day.**

C Verse 2

♪ **Lord, you have raised me up To joy and exultation
And clearly shown the way That leads me to salvation.
My sins are washed away; For this I thank you, Lord.
Now with my heart and soul All evil I abhor.**

C Verse 5

♪ **O Father, God of love, Now hear my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God, Accept my adoration;
O Holy Spirit, be My ever faithful guide
That I may serve you here And there with you abide.**

Bulletin Announcements

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Darin Aden

Music Today—Judy Mangin

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

Wednesday 3/17

Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

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

Sunday, March 14

SERVING YOU TODAY—WEDNESDAY—3:15 pm—Dave Hoida, Gene Wagner ■ **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**— Yvonne Wenzlaff & Gail Denor ■ **Flower Committee**—Joann Fischer & Sharie Mack ■ **Sunday Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—WEDNESDAY—3:15—Dave Hoida, Gene Wagner ■ **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**—Yvonne Wenzlaff & Gail Denor ■ **Flower Committee**— Joann Fischer & Sharie Mack.

MLC DEVOTIONS—There is 1 hard copy devotional booklet for Holy Week left. It is available on the table in the West Church Office. Thank you!

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!

FORWARD IN CHRIST MAGAZINE—If you would like a 1-year subscription to *Forward In Christ* magazine please give the office a call at 754-4568/754-4432 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 small box in the West church office by April 19th.

CORRECTION—There is a correction in last week's Our Response To God's Love. Lent 2 Building Fund—\$75.00. Sunday, February 28th Building Fund—\$ 1,225.00 + \$ 75.00 = \$ 1,300.00 (Needed each week is 2,312.00).

SJSJ SCRIP UPDATES—Come and stock up! The SJSJ SCRIP Program is offering the following gift cards at a promotional rate for a limited time: Kwik Trip \$10 @ 10%, NEW! Kwik Trip \$20 @ 10%, *NEW! Kwik Trip \$25 @ 21%!, Kwik Trip \$50 @ 10%!, Kwik Trip \$100 @ 10%! *CHANGED*

EASTER LILIES—Green houses have cut way back on Easter Lilies this year because many of the plants went unsold due to the pandemic last year. SJSJ has been asked to have orders sooner than usual because of ongoing shipping delays and concern that if we wait too long to order it will not arrive on time! So if you'd like to order the cost of an Easter Lily plant is \$9.75, please have your order to us by Monday, March 15th. You will find an Easter Lily order form in the West Church office with envelopes provided and a box to place your order in. You may also call the Church office at 920-754-4568 or the School office at 920-754-4432 to put your name on a list to reserve your plant and then pay the office afterward. You can also email me at cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com.

LADIES AID MEETING—Our Ladies Aid has decided to start their monthly meetings again with the next meeting on Monday, March 15, at 4:00 pm.

DIVINE CALL—Mr. Stuebs has received a divine call to serve as upper grade teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Franklin, WI. Please keep Mr. Stuebs and his family in your prayers as he deliberates where the Lord can best use his talents and abilities.

VOTERS' MEETING—We will be having a special voter's meeting on Sunday, March 21st at 9:15 in the Commons. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed new church doors.

BUILDING FUND GIFTS—Linda Worgull gave in memory of Germaine Luedtke, Verona Grimm and family gave in memory of Victor Grimm, Mary Lou Krepline gave in memory of Jack Mattes, Gene & Charmaine Wagner gave in memory of Barney Dvorachek, and Randal Walt gave in memory of Charlie Walt. Thank you for your lovely gifts!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES – Maundy Thursday—6:30 pm—Communion ■ Good Friday—3:15pm and 6:30pm—Communion ■ Easter Sunrise services*—6:00am and

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7:30am ■ Easter Festival services*—9:00am and 10:15am ■ *To manage seating capacity, Please sign up on line at stjohnstjames.com for Easter Sunday services with online registration or by calling the office 754-4432/754-4568. Because the Good Friday 3:15pm service is very well attended, we have added a 6:30pm service. If you are concerned about the spread of COVID-19, attendance at this service will probably be less than the 3:15pm service. We will be having four services on Easter Sunday. Please sign up so we can avoid overcrowding at these services.

MASK MANDATE—SJSJ is still complying with the State Mask Mandate. We are asking all members to please continue to wear your masks during services.

BASKETBALL UNIFORMS—The PTO is looking for donations for new basketball uniforms. The cost for the uniforms are \$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/ MLHS Tuition Assistance~~~~

We've all heard about the shortage of Pastors and Teachers in our Synod. Presently we have 130 Pastor vacancies and approximately 135 Teacher vacancies. Right now the Baby Boomer generation is retiring. We don't have enough graduates to take the place of all these people.

Maya Aden, Josh Aden, Lynsey Marohn and Michaela Bubolz are attending MLC. They plan on becoming Called Workers in our Synod. This is a great blessing from our Gracious God.

As we all know, the cost of education keeps going up every year. For the 2021-2022 school year, the cost for attending MLC will be \$28,690.00. The cost over four years is over \$114,000. Approximately 75% of MLC students graduate with debt. This is a concern for our Synod.

MLC has a matching Scholarship fund. If the student's home congregation gives him or her between \$100 to \$1000, MLC will match it. Last year we we gave each student \$1000 for the match. Two years ago we gave each student \$1700 and each one got the \$1000 match.

We don't have enough earnings from our Education Fund in the Endowment Fund to support this. The Church Council has recommended that we once again have a two month special offering for this.

We have some other good news this year. All six of our eighth graders are going to MLHS this fall. Right now the majority of these students don't have a State Voucher. We will first know on June first if any of these students will receive vouchers. Tuition at MLHS is \$6000 for a year. We would also like to help them out with tuition costs.

Dan Duchow, Church President

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—March 1-7

Church Attendance: Wednesday: 3:15 pm—105, 6:30 pm—43 Total: 148

Sunday— 8:00 am Service—110 , 10:15 am Service—99 Total: 209

Wednesday Lent—3 Offerings—General Fund—\$ 1,888.00, MLHS—\$ 25.00, Building Fund—\$ 75.00

Sunday Offerings—General Fund: \$ 9,905.00*, Synod: \$ 452.00*, MLHS: \$ 468.00*—
Total \$ 10,825.00*

Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 2,135.00* + 75.00(lent 3) = \$ 2,210.00 (needed each week \$2,312)

*Electronic funds included.