

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

WELCOME

Jesus Glory Is Hidden in Humility

Opening Hymn:

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Christian Worship, Hymn # 221



Verse 1

♪ **Blessed Jesus, at your Word**
We are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear you,
By your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love you solely.



Verse 3

♪ **Gracious Savior, good and kind,**
Light from Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your people raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.



Verse 4

♪ **Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,**
Praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing your praises yonder.

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 1



**To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

**Praise the Lord Praise the Lord!
Let the earth here his voice!
Praise the Lord Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done!**

C Verse 2



**Oh perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
Through God and his goodness a pardon receives.**

**Praise the Lord Praise the Lord!
Let the earth here his voice!
Praise the Lord Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 5:7-10

⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

Gospel Lesson

John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

Hymn of the Day:

My Song Is Love Unknown

G Verse 1

♫ **My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?**

G Verse 2

♫ **He came from his blest throne Salvation to bestow,
But such disdain! So few The longed for Christ would know!
But oh, my friend, My friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!**

G Verse 6

♫ **In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home
But mine the tomb Wherein he lay.**

G Verse 7

♫ **Here might I stay and sing; No story so divine,
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days Could gladly spend!**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Time to Remember the Old and New”

³¹ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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:

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 hereafter 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.**



SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES:

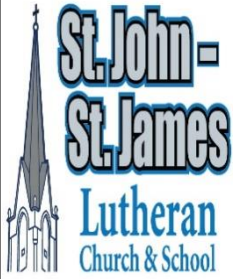
March 28— **PALM SUNDAY** 8:00 & 10:15 AM

April 1—**MAUNDY THURSDAY** 6:30 PM

April 2—**GOOD FRIDAY** 3:15 & 6:30 PM

April 4—**EASTER SUNRISE** 6:00 & 7:30 AM

April 4—**EASTER FESTIVAL** 9:00 & 10:15 AM

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Times of Worship: Wednesday—3:15pm & 6:30pm & Sunday—8:00am & 10:15am

Send Bulletin Information to cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com—Wednesday Deadline**Sunday, March 21**

SERVING YOU TODAY—WEDNESDAY—3:15 pm—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.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—WEDNESDAY—3:15 pm—Gene Wagner ■ **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**— Dr. Buchner, Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower**
Committee—Joann Fischer & Sharie Mack.

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.

DOOR OFFERING—There is a Door offering today for the family of Matt & Alison Hills who
had a small fire in their home. We are asking for your donations to help our church members
with expenses that have occurred from the fire. Collection baskets are located in the front and
back of church. Thank you for your help!

DIVINE CALLS—Pastor Aden has received a divine call to serve at Cross of Christ
Lutheran Church in Las Cruces, NM. Please keep Pastor Aden & his family in your prayers
as he deliberates where the Lord can best use his talents and abilities. Mr. Stuebs continues
to deliberate the divine call he received 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 the Lord
guides him to a decision.

HYMNALS - There are exciting changes like multiple arrangements for some of the hymns and psalms as well as a service builder software that will aid in service preparations and offer a three-year service planner to guide us as we spend time in God's word. The voters have approved the purchase of the new Hymnals and Bibles for placement in the pews. If you are interested in donating hymnals, Bibles or purchasing one for your own personal home use, there are donation forms on the following page and in the West Office. Place your donation and the form in the Church Box next to the forms in the west office or mail it to SJSJ at 219 Manitowoc St., Reedsville WI 54230. **The Organist books have already been donated.** Thank you.

GIFTS GIVEN—Betty Walt & Family gave a gift to the building fund in memory of Charlie Walt. Thank you for your gracious gift!

LWMS OFFERINGS—The LWMS mission boxes will be located at each entrance for one weekend each month starting in May. These monies will go toward home and world mission projects designated by the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society.

WORSHIP SERVICE UPDATES—Services after Easter will be held on Thursday night at 6:30 pm, Sunday mornings at 8:00 am and 10:15 am.

MLHS SPRING MUSICAL—The Enchanted Bookshop Musical - An ordinary used book shop by day, A Likely Story becomes a magical place each night. Thanks to a spell from the Book Fairy, the characters inside the books come alive each and every night. The general public is asked to tune in on the MLHS YouTube channel. The show will premier Saturday, March 27th at 7:00 pm and will be available to view until Sunday, April 4th at midnight. To access the performance, simply go to YouTube and search for "Manitowoc Lutheran High School."

EASTER CONCERT—Rejoice! The 2021 MLHS Easter Concert, for our Lancer Family and Lakeshore community will have a prerecorded a video production (much like this year's Christmas Concert). It will premiere on Saturday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm on the MLHS YouTube channel. To access the concert, simply go to YouTube and search for "Manitowoc Lutheran High School." Or get your viewing information at www.mlhslancers.org/watch.

THE BIG EAST CONFERENCE ART SHOW—This year's Big East Conference Art show will run April 11-18th! There will be a reception on Sunday, April 11th at 1pm. The location will once again be the Rahr-West Museum located at 610 North 8th Street in Manitowoc. Come and see the talents of all the art students in the Big East Conference in one location.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE RESALE STORE—Repeat Performance is going to continue the same hours we have through the month of April which is Monday - Saturday we are open 9:00 - 1:00. Donations are accepted Monday-Saturday 9:00-12:00. Repeat is also looking for brown paper bags with handles. Their customers love carrying these bags filled with goodies! Thank you for your continued support of Repeat and Manitowoc Lutheran High School!

DISCOUNT CARDS and PIZZA ORDERS—Raising Money for MLHS Athletics! Due to the inability to have concessions this year, Friends of the Lancers (FOL) is selling two different discount cards. Choose either a Local/Dining or Festival Foods/Buffalo Wild Wings discount card or both. Discount cards can be purchased at the main school office, SCRIP office, or online! If you purchase online they will be mailed to you. The cost for each discount card is \$20 and \$15 comes back to FOL! Thank you for supporting your Lancer athletic programs! Visit www.mlhslancers.org/discountcards to purchase the discount cards online and have them mailed to you. Another way to support the MLHS Athletics is to purchase some pizzas they are selling. Simply go to www.mlhslancers.org/pizza to order today!

PLAY FOR CHURCH SERVICES AT ST. JOHN ST. PETER—St. John St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church in Cleveland is looking for students interested in gaining experience playing for church services, especially in summer when we have two services a week. Services in summer are on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. We have an organ, a piano, and a keyboard so they can use any instrument. They do not have to play foot pedals if they play the organ. They don't have to do any special music - just basic liturgy, psalms, and hymns. They will be paid, and they will be trained. Please contact nancy.bruckschen@gmail.com for any questions you may have. Thanks!

St. John – St. James Church Council Meeting Highlights

March 8, 2021

- Jeff Doemel reported on income for the month of February was \$72,523 and expenses for February were \$56,323. Total debt balance at the end of February is \$8,025.
- The Charities balance at the end of February was \$19,243.62. Total monies in the Building Project Fund are \$19,601.19.
- It was decided to go with four services for Easter, 6:00 and 7:30, Song Services, 9:00 and 10:15, Festival Services.

MLC/ MLHS Tuition Assistance

Due to technical difficulties last week the entire insert below did not show up. Here is the complete announcement:

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 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.

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 set a goal of \$8000 to provide our MLC and MLHS students with tuition assistance. We will run this special offering from March 28th to June 6th. If you wish to make a contribution, mark your envelope, MLC, MLHS Scholarship Fund. Please make out checks to St. John-St. James. We cannot cash checks made out to MLC or MLHS. If you have any questions, please call Dan Duchow at 920-754-4751 or email me at dduchow@stjohnstjames.com

SJSJ Building Fund Account		
February 2021		
02/01/2021		\$19,260.19
<u>Deposits</u>		
Memorials	\$345.00	
2/2/2021	\$2,000.00	
2/3/2021	\$3,156.00	
2/9/2021	\$845.00	
2/16/2021	\$2,550.00	
2/22/2021	\$575.00	
2/22/2021	\$1,555.00	
Electronic Offerings	\$910.00	
School Choice	\$4,918.00	
Treichel Estate	\$83,841.76	
Member Loan	\$19,000.00	
Total Deposits	\$119,695.76	
<u>Withdrawals</u>		
Transfer to Loan (February Payment)	\$4,685.00	
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Transfer to Loan (Principal Payment)	\$2,000.00	
Member Loan Interest Payments	\$225.00	
School Choice (Principal Payment)	\$4,918.00	
Treichel Estate (Principal Payment)	\$83,841.76	
Member Loan (Principal Payment)	\$19,000.00	
Total Withdrawals	\$119,354.76	
Ending Balance		\$19,601.19

Outstanding DSB Loan Balance for Building Project
\$1,033,627.08
Outstanding MEMBER Loan Balance for Building Project
\$330,000.00

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Darin Aden

Music Today—Kristen Hillmann

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

Wednesday 3/24

Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

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

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES – Maundy Thursday—6:30 pm—Communion ■ Good Friday—3:15pm and 6:30pm—Communion ■ Easter Sunrise services*—6:00am and 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 and sit in the appropriate pews 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. Cost of uniforms is \$ 37.92, we have received \$ 990.00, needed \$ 2,802.00 Thank you.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—March 8-14

Church Attendance: Wednesday: 3:15 pm—8, 6:30 pm—46 Total: 133, Sunday— 8:00 am Service—92, 10:15 am Service—84 Total: 176 ■ Wednesday Lent—4 Offerings—General Fund—\$ 1,315.00 ■ MLHS—\$ 50.00, ■ Basketball Uniforms—\$ 100.00 ■ Debt Retirement—\$ 25.00 ■ Building Fund—\$ 75.00 ■ Sunday Offerings—General Fund: \$ 7,642.00, Synod: \$ 151.00, MLHS: \$ 133.00—Total \$ 7,926.00 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 1,835 + 75(lent 4) = \$ 1,910 (needed each week \$2,312), ■ Basketball Uniforms—\$ 250.00 + \$ 240(last week)=\$ 490.00 ■ MLC Scholarship Fund - \$ 500.00
■ Altar Paraments—\$ 250.00