

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Third Sunday of Easter

April 15 & 18, 2021


WELCOME

The Blessings of Easter are ours through the Word

GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

M In the name of the Father and of the Son [†] and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.


C Verse 1  **Baptized into your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among your saints, your chosen host,
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.
Your Spirit now shall live within.**

M “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C **“Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.”** (Jn 3:5,6)


M “Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.” (Ps 51:5)

C **“But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”** (1 Co 6:11)

C Verse 2  **My loving Father, there you took me
To be henceforth your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, there you let me
The fruit of all your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.**

M As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

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.**

C Verse 3  **My faithful God, you fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
Oh, cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.**


M *“Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.”* (Ephesians 5:25-27) 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.**

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Maisie Grace Waack

10:15 AM service

C Verse 4  **All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely,
And help me your own child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but yours alone.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; 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

1 John 1:1-2:2

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. **2** The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. **3** We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4** We write this to make our joy complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. **2** He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

(Gospel lesson continue on the next page.)

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Hymn of the Day:

This Joyful Eastertide

Christian Worship, Hymn # 160

C Verse 1

**♪ This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen.**

C Verse 3

**♪ My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen.**

Acts 4:8-13

“If we’re going to give an account...”

1. ...Then let’s be honest

2. ...Then let’s be clear

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹Jesus is *“the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.”*

¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

¹³When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

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:

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

Christian Worship, Hymn # 167

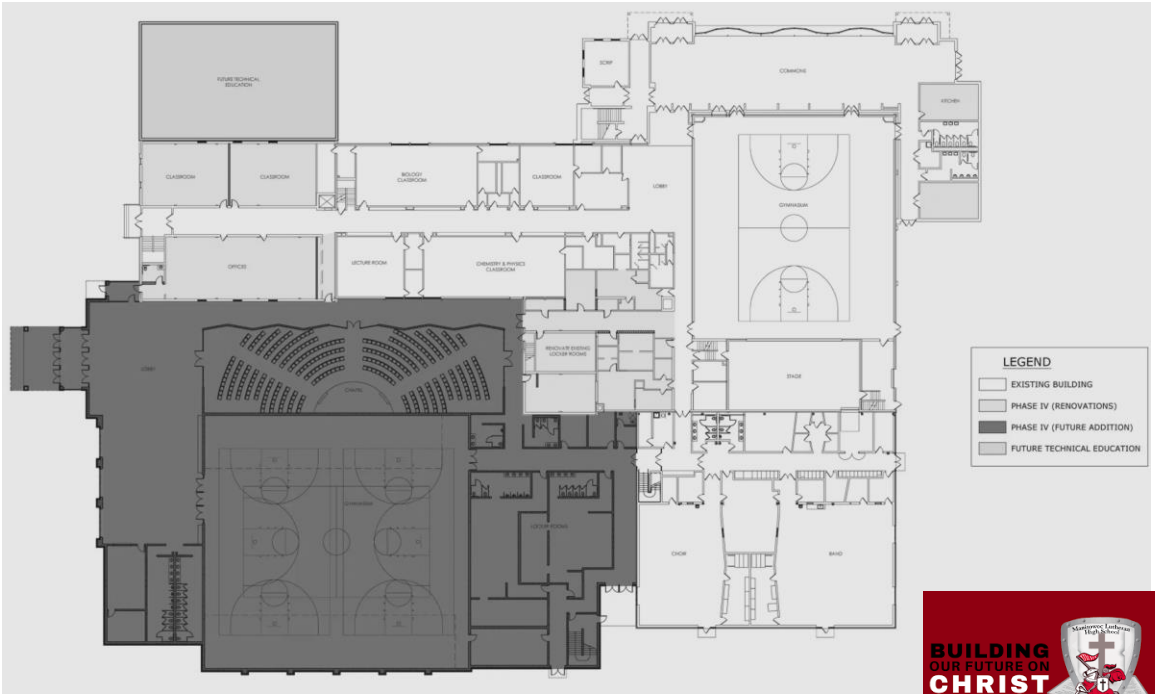
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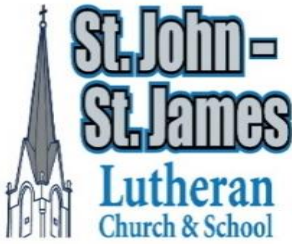
♪ **Jesus Christ, my sure defense
And my Savior, now is living!
Knowing this, my confidence
Rests upon the hope he's giving,
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many an anxious thought.**

C Verse 2

♪ **Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;
I, too, unto life shall waken.
Endless joy my Savior gives;
Shall my courage, then, be shaken?
Shall I fear, or could the head
Rise and leave his members dead?**

MANITOWOC LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE





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

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

Thursday, April 15 and Sunday, April 18

SERVING YOU TODAY—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie 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**—Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau ■ **Flower Committee**—Terry/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**—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**—Terry/Karen Prochnow ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz.

DIVINE CALLS—Pastor Aden has returned the divine call he received to serve at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Las Cruces, NM. We pray that God will continue to bless Pastor Aden as he continues to shepherd the flock here at St. John—St. James. Mrs. DeCleene has accepted the divine call she received to serve as a part-time Language Arts teacher at St. John's Lutheran School in Newtonburg, WI. We pray that God will bless Mrs. DeCleene as she begins a new chapter with His lambs in Newtonburg.

BASKETBALL UNIFORMS—The PTO is looking for donations for new basketball uniforms. The cost for the uniforms are \$3,792.00. 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 \$ 3,792.00 we have received \$ 1,540.00, still needed is \$ 2,252.00 Thank you.

CHILDREN SINGING—Next Sunday, April 25th grades 3-8 will sing live in church at the 10:15am Service. It is anticipated that the service will be well attended. For those of you who are concerned about the spread of COVID, we encourage you to attend either the Thursday night service at 6:30pm on April 22nd or the 8:00am service on Sunday, April 25th.

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Daren Aden
Organ Today—Charmaine Wagner

Wednesday 4/21

Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

Thursday 4/22

Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 pm

EASTER LILIES—Please take along your ordered Easter Lily after our Worship services, but please leave the water tray behind as we do use them over and over again. Thank you!

GIFTS GIVEN—Hymnals given are as follows: Arlie & Pat Olp given in memory of Harold and Rosamunda Olp, Sheri Lau given in memory of Milton & Dorcella Lau, Brenda Einertson given in memory of Betty Pritzl, Jeff Maertz given in memory of Dennis Maertz, Paul & Kathie Kiekhaefer given in memory of Clarence, Anita and Giles Haelfrisch, Dennis Lau given in memory of Harland F. Lau, Nick & Amanda Schrubbe given in memory of Heather Behnke, Bob & Mary Busse given in memory of Henry & Dora Busse and Mary Lou Krepline gave in memory of Deceased Family Members. Bibles given are as follows: Arlie & Pat Olp gave in memory of Amalia Krueger. Thank you so very much!

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.

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 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. ** Hymnals needed—200; Hymnals donated—73. Hymnals still needed—127. Bibles needed—100, Bibles donated—7; Bibles still needed—93. Donated to the Service Builder and the Playlist—still needed, \$582.00. (**Service Builder and Play List are an annual fee**). The Organist and Altar books have been donated. Thank you.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—April 5-11

Church Attendance: Thursday 6:30pm Service—35 ■ Sunday 8:00am—107, 10:15am—109,
Total: 251 ■ Thursday/Sunday Offerings—General Fund—\$10,643.00*, Synod—\$306.00*,
MLHS—\$508.00*, Total \$11,457.00 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$2,615.00* (needed
each week \$2,312) ■ MLC Scholarship—\$800.00 ■ MLHS Scholarship—\$550.00 ■ Basketball
Uniforms—\$100.00 ■ Hymnal Fund—\$264.00 * Electronic Offerings Included

Bulletin Insert

Thank You

Words cannot express the gratitude that our family has for our congregation. We know that God was looking out for us that day. Somehow this fire was part of His plan and even though we do not understand why these things happen, we must trust in Him. Your generous gift has helped us with the financial burden of restoring our home and replacing what was lost. Thank you all very much for helping our family move forward.

Matt, Alison, Rosalynn, Mathias & Kayleigh Hills

MLC/MLHS SCHOLARSHIP—This fall Maya Aden, Josh Aden, Lynsey Marohn and Michaela Bubolz will be attending MLC. They plan on being Called Workers in our Synod. Next school year the cost of attending MLC will be \$28,690.00 We have established a Scholarship Fund to help fund their education. If the student's home congregation gives each student \$1000.00, MLC will match it.

All of our eighth graders will be attending MLHS this fall. The majority of these students do not have a School Choice Voucher. Tuition at MLHS is \$6000.00. We'd like to help these students with their tuition costs. We have set a goal of \$8000.00 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 contribute, mark your envelope **MLC/ MLHS Scholarship Fund**. Please make out checks to St. John-St. James. We can't cash checks made out to MLC or MLHS. If you have any questions, please call Dan Duchow at 754-4751 or email Dan at dduchow@stjohnstjames.com Presently we have \$2,600.00 for MLC and \$750.00 for MLHS. Still needed, \$4,600.00.

HOME-BOUND MEMBERS LIST—There have been some resent up-dates to our Home-Bound members list. If you would like to send a card, letter, or give them a call the list is in the West Church Office.

CHILD CARE POSITION—Trinity Lutheran School, Brillion, is seeking an Afternoon Childcare position, for the 2021-22 school year. This position is the lead teacher in our childcare program from 12:30-5:30 PM for approximately 25 hours per week. A qualified candidate will be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma, be a WELS member in good standing, able to pass a background check, work well with children ages 3-12 years old and possess good interpersonal and organizational skills. For more information, contact our school office at tls@trinitybrillion.org or our Early Childhood Director Mrs. Kelli Baas at k.baas@trinitybrillion.org or Principal Dave Knittel at d.knittel@trinitybrillion.org.

St. John – St. James Church Council Meeting Highlights March 12, 2021

Membership Action:

Transfers In: Paul Brodtke—communicant: Transfer into membership from Bethany, Manitowoc, WI.

Maisie Grace Waack—baptized soul (infant daughter of Tim & Amy Waack) Join membership via Holy Baptism (April 18, 2021)

Jeff Doemel reported on income for the month of March was \$58,451 and expenses for March were \$53,534. Total debt balance at the end of March is \$7,250.

The Charities balance at the end of March was \$23,463.27. Total monies in the Building Project Fund are \$18,587.19.

We will be refinancing our mortgage loan for a cost of \$2,115. This will save us about \$42,000 over the length of our Building Fund loan.