

# St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

March 7, 2021



## Second Sunday of Easter

April 8 & 11, 2021

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WELCOME

*Christ's Resurrection gives us PEACE!*

### **Opening Hymn:**

By All Your Saints Still Striving

Christian Worship, Hymn # 552

**Verse 1**  **By all your saints still striving,  
For all your saints at rest,  
Your holy name, O Jesus, Forever more be blessed.  
You rose, our King victorious,  
That they might wear the crown  
And ever shine in splendor  
Reflected from the throne.**

**Verse 24**  **All praise, O Lord, for Thomas,  
Whose short-lived doubtings prove  
Your perfect twofold nature,  
The depth of your true love.  
To all who live with questions A steadfast faith afford  
And grant us grace to know you,  
Made flesh, yet God and Lord.**

*(Our Hymn continues on the next page.)*

**G** Verse 3  **Then let us praise the Father  
And worship God the Son  
And sing to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One,  
Till all the ransomed number  
Who stand before the throne  
Ascribe all pow'r and glory  
And praise to God 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.

**G** **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.

**G** **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

**♪ Lord, you I love with all my heart;  
I pray you ne'er from me depart;  
With tender mercies cheer me.  
Earth has no pleasure I would share;  
Heaven itself were void and bare  
If you, Lord, were not near me.  
And should my heart for sorrow break,  
My trust in you no one could shake.  
You are the treasure I have sought;  
Your precious blood my soul has bought.  
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord,  
My God and Lord, For sake me not!  
I trust your Word.**

*(CW #434)*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*BE SEATED*

## *Old Testament Lesson*

Acts 3:12-20

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

<sup>17</sup> “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus

## *Musical Offering*

SJSJ Kindergarten - grade 2

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

**5** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup>In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

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.**

*Gospel Lesson*

John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

*(Gospel Lesson continues on the next page.)*

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### ***Hymn of the Day:***

O Sons and Daughters of the King

Christian Worship, Hymn #165

 Verse 4  **That night th’ apostles met in fear;  
Among them came their Lord most dear  
And said, “Peace be unto you here.”  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

 Verse 5  **When Thomas afterwards had heard  
That Jesus had fulfilled his word,  
He doubted that it was the Lord.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

**G** Verse 6  **“Thomas, behold my side,” said he,  
“My hands, my feet, my body see;  
And doubt not, but believe in me.”  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

**G** Verse 7  **No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
“You are my Lord and God,” he cried.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

**G** Verse 8  **Bless-ed are they that have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been;  
In life eternal they shall reign.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

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## MESSAGE

Pastor Michael Dietz

John 20:19-20

### **“The Blessings of Jesus’ Resurrection”**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M** O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C** **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**M** In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C** **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

**M** Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

**C** **Worthy is the lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

**M** Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C** **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

**M** Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*(Special prayers and intercessions may follow.)*

**M** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*(Silent prayer.)*

**M** Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C** **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## 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:*

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Christian Worship, Hymn # 341

**C** Verse 1

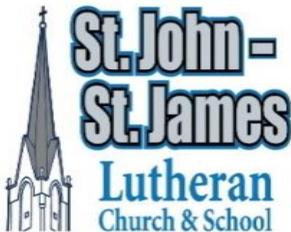
- ♪ **Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.**

**C** Verse 2

- ♪ **Crown him the Lord of love—Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.**

**C** Verse 3

- ♪ **Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**



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**Send Bulletin Information to** [cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com)—**Wednesday Deadline**

## Sunday, April 11

**SERVING YOU TODAY—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—**Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers—**Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack ■ **10:15 am Ushers—**Terry/Karen Prochnow, Bob/Mary Busse, Fred Busse, Erwin Waack, Jon Waack, Randy/Sandy Waack, Dereck Waack and Todd Hickmann ■ **Church Cleaners—**Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau ■ **Flower Committee—**Terry/Karen Prochnow ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—**Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz.

**SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—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.

**VISITING PASTOR—**Pastor Michael Dietz is our guest preacher for our Thursday Evening & Sunday Morning worship services. Pastor Dietz has put together a special presentation about Martin Luther College that he will share with us this Sunday, April 11, 2021 between services (beginning @ approx. 9:10am) in the SJSJ Commons Area.

**DIVINE CALL—**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.

**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 \$ 1,440.00, still needed is \$ 2,352.00 Thank you.

**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.

**ELDERS MEETING—**There will be an Elders Meeting on Tuesday, April 13th at 7:00pm.

## Our Father's Business

**Today**

Preacher, Pastor Michael Dietz

Organ Today—Kristen Hillmann

No Sunday School, CREW & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 am

**Wednesday 4/14**

Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

**Thursday 4/15**

Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 pm

**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—63. Hymnals still needed—137. Bibles needed—100, Bibles donated—7; Bibles still needed—93. Donated to the Service Builder and the Playlist—\$243.00. Still needed, \$582.00. (**Service Builder and Play List are an annual fee**). **The Organist and Altar books have been donated.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**—In honor of Joann Fischer's 76th birthday on April 10th, her family has donated 5 new banners to be used in the front of church & commons area. Thank you!

**GIFTS GIVEN**—Larry and Amanda Krepline gave a gift in memory of Randy Habermann, and Terry & Karen Prochnow gave a gift in memory of Ken Waack towards the Building fund, Thank you so very much!

**EASTER LILIES**—Please don't forget to take along your ordered Easter Lily after our Worship services. Thank you!

**MLC 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 28<sup>th</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to make a contribution, 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 me at [dduchow@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:dduchow@stjohnstjames.com) Presently we have \$1000.00 for MLC and \$100.00 for MLHS.

<b>SJSJ Building Fund Account</b>		
<b>March 2021</b>		

03/01/2021		\$19,601.19
<b><u>Deposits</u></b>		
Memorials	\$1,570.00	
3/4/2021	\$1,300.00	
3/9/2021	\$2,030.00	
3/16/2021	\$1,910.00	
3/23/2021	\$1,296.00	
3/30/2021	\$1,425.00	
Electronic Offerings	\$910.00	
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$10,441.00</b>	
<b><u>Withdrawals</u></b>		
Transfer to Loan (March Payment)	\$4,685.00	
Transfer to Loan (March Payment)	\$4,685.00	
Transfer to Loan (Principal Payment)	\$1,000.00	
Member Loan Interest Payments	\$1,085.00	
<b>Total Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$11,455.00</b>	
Ending Balance		\$18,587.19

<b>Outstanding DSB Loan Balance for Building Project</b>
<b>\$1,027,006.71</b>

<b>Outstanding MEMBER Loan Balance for Building Project</b>
<b>\$330,000.00</b>

# OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

## March 29-April 4

### Church Attendance:

Maundy Thursday: 113  
Good Friday—3:15 pm—116, 6:30 pm—79 Total: 195  
Easter Sunday Sunrise—6:00 am—51, 7:30 am—116 Total: 167  
Easter Festival—9:00 am—120, 10:15 am—102, Total—222  
Holy Week Total Attendance: 697

### Church Offerings:

Maundy Thursday—General Fund—\$1,427.00,  
MLHS—\$ 25.00, Total: \$1,452.00 ■ Building Fund—\$50.00.

Good Friday—General Fund—\$2,667.00, MLHS—\$50.00,  
Total: \$2,717.00 ■ Building Fund—\$50.00,  
Debt Retirement—\$25.00

Easter Sunrise—General Fund—\$5,633.00, Synod—\$10.00,  
MLHS—\$5.00: Total \$5,648.00 ■ Building Fund—\$125.00.

Easter Festival Offerings—General Fund—\$7,259.00,  
Synod—\$121.00, MLHS—\$78.00, Total \$ 7,458.00  
■ Building Fund—\$921.00.

### Special Offerings:

Building Fund Collection for Holy Week:  
 $50.00 + \$50.00 + \$125.00 + \$921.00 = \$1,146.00$   
**(needed each week \$2,312)**

MLC Scholarship—\$ 850.00  
MLHS Scholarship—\$ 100.00  
Basketball Uniforms—\$300.00  
Communion Cups—\$ 500.00  
Hymnal Fund—\$940.00