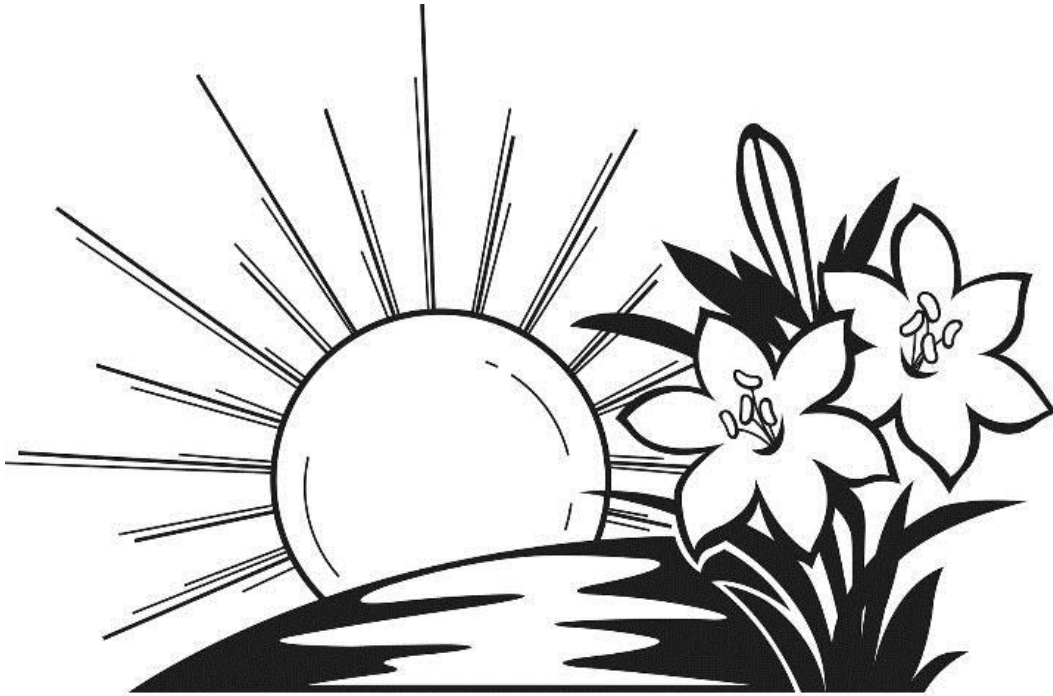


EASTER



SUNRISE SERVICE

**St. John-St. James
Ev. Lutheran Church & School**

April 4, 2021

UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

“Alleluia! Christ is risen.” “He is risen indeed. Alleluia!” That Easter greeting, proclaimed throughout the ages of the Church, takes root in our hearts, so that we understand that the resurrected life is now our own. Alleluia, meaning “praise ye the Lord,” infects our hymns and anthems as we confess the Good News that our Lord is risen, risen indeed.



CHRIST CANDLE

At the end of Good Friday, the Christ candle was removed signifying his burial. The Christ candle now has returned for Christ has left the tomb and now dwells among his believers again!

OPENING PRAYER

- M** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
- M** *“Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.” (1 Corinthians 15:20,22)*
- C** **“For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.”**
(1 Corinthians 15:22)
- M** *“Through the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead.” (Romans 1:4)*
- C** **“For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.”**
(Romans 6:9)
- M** *“This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”*
(Psalm 118:24)
- C** **“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever.”**
(Psalm 118:29)
- M** Heavenly Father, for our redemption you gave your only Son to suffer death on a cross, and by His glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Help us today to celebrate Your love for all the world in sending your Son Jesus to conquer death and open heaven.
- C** **Lord Jesus, we gather in your name. As you opened the Scriptures to your disciples that first Easter, so open them to us. Bless our worship with the comfort of your presence and promises. Amen.**

Opening Hymn:

I Know That My Redeemer

Lives

Christian Worship, Hymn # 152

C Verse 1

♪ I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head!

C Verse 2

♪ He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.
He lives all glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

C Verse 3

♪ He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

C Verse 6

♪ He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end.
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

C Verse 8

♪ He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Before we begin our journey to the tomb, we remember why the cross was necessary. Just as Christ's disciples fell short on that first Easter, so do we. It is their sin, our sin, and in fact the sin of the entire world that made Jesus' death necessary. We pray.

M Lord Jesus, we must admit that at times we are foolish and slow to believe all that the Scriptures say. We don't always understand how you will work out all things for good. Instead we find our trust is lacking. Far too often, we hurry to less important or even unnecessary tasks, while leaving your commands undone. We can become preoccupied with our own plans or popularity. At other times we sit idle, paralyzed by our regrets, weaknesses or confusion. We doubt. We worry. We forget your power and promises.

C **O Almighty God, where we have sinned in these ways, we ask for your mercy. We need your forgiveness. Grant us your peace. Amen.**

M On that first Easter, the disciples did not seek out a resurrected Savior, nonetheless Jesus sought them out and assured them "*Peace be with you.*" They were at peace with God, not because their sins didn't matter, but because Jesus had taken them away. Jesus seeks you as well and wants you to be assured the same as the disciples of his time. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. This peace is more than for the here and now. Jesus promises believers of all time, "*Because I live, you also will live.*" You have peace now and you will one day rest in peace in the life to come, all through faith in Jesus who died and rose again.

C **Amen.**

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

C Verse 1

**♪ He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.**

C Verse 4

**♪ Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.**

(CW, Hymn #143)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

EASTER HISTORY, PART ONE:

At the Empty Tomb

Pastor: After the Sabbath, early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went to look at the tomb. They took spices they had prepared so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

Just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other,

Women: "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

Pastor: But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. Mary Magdalene saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said,

Women: "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

Pastor: So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.

As the women entered the tomb they saw a young man dressed in a white robe, an angel, sitting on the right side. They did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them and they were alarmed. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words. "Come and see the place where they laid him. Then go quickly and tell his disciples and Peter: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him,' just as he told you. Now I have told you."

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Both [Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved] were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Song Response:

Morning Breaks upon the Tomb

Christian Worship, Hymn # 159

C Verse 1

♪ **Morning breaks upon the tomb; Jesus scatters all its gloom.
Day of triumph through the skies, See the glorious Savior rise.**

C Verse 2

♪ **You who are of death afraid, Triumph in the scattered shade.
Drive your anxious cares away; See the place where Jesus lay.**

C Verse 3

♪ **Christian, dry your flowing tears; Chase your unbelieving fears.
Look on his deserted grave; Doubt no more his pow'r to save.**

EASTER HISTORY, PART TWO:

In the Garden

Pastor: When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons:

Peter, bending over, saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She said,

Women: "They have taken my Lord away, and I don't know where they have put him."

Pastor: At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He said, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said,

Women: "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Pastor: Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news.

The women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell the disciples. Suddenly Jesus met the women. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping the news:

Women: "I have seen the Lord!"

Pastor: And she told them that he had said these things to her. When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.

When the women came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

Song Response:

Alleluia! Jesus Lives

Christian Worship, Hymn # 153

C Verse 3

♪ **Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and frequent sigh?
He who died our brother here Lives our brother still on high,
Lives forever to bestow Blessings on his Church below.**

C Verse 4

♪ **Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, Life is yours eternally;
Joined to him, your living head, Where he is, you too shall be;
You with him at his right hand Victor over death shall stand.**

EASTER HISTORY, PART THREE:

On the Road to Emmaus

Pastor: Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast.

One of them, named Cleopas, asked him,

Men: "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

Pastor: "What things?" he asked. They replied,

Men: "About Jesus of Nazareth. He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

Pastor: He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly,

Men: "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over."

Pastor: So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

They asked each other,

Men: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying,

Men: "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."

Pastor: Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Song Response:

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christian Worship, Hymn # 149

C Verse 1

♪ **“Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”**
Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, O heav’ns, and earth, reply.

C Verse 2

♪ **Love’s redeeming work is done,**
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo, our sun’s eclipse is o’er;
Lo, he sets in blood no more.

C Verse 6

♪ **Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!**
Praise to you by both be giv’n!
God has now fulfilled his Word;
Praise the resurrected Lord!

EASTER HISTORY, PART FOUR:

Behind Closed Doors

Pastor: Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.

While they were still talking about this, on the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together as they were eating, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 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.” When he said this, he showed them his hands and feet and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

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.”

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven. 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."

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him,

Men: "We have seen the Lord!"

Pastor: But he said to them,

Men: "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 it."

Pastor: 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!" 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."

Thomas said to him,

Men: "My Lord and my God!"

Pastor: Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Hymn of the Day:

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Christian Worship, Hymn # 157



Verse 1

♪ **Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Al-le-lu-ia!**



Verse 2

♪ **Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Al-le-lu-ia!**

C Verse 3

♪ **But the pains which he endured, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our salvation have procured, Al-le-lu-ia!
Now above the sky he's King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where the angels ever sing, Al-le-lu-ia!**

C Verse 4

♪ **Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise eternal as his love, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Al-le-lu-ia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Al-le-lu-ia!**

MESSAGE

Pastor Darin Aden

The Easter Story

"Life-Giving Hands" (Jesus)

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 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."

Sermon Response:

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

Christian Worship, Hymn # 167

C Verse 1

♪ **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?**

C Verse 4

♪ I am flesh and must return Unto dust, whence I am taken;
But by faith I now discern That from death I shall awaken
With my Savior to abide In his glory, at his side.
His toil, his sorrows, one by one, The Scriptures have fulfilled.

PLEASE STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH

selected verses from 1 Corinthians 15

M If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.
Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

C **If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.**

M But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

C **For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.**

M For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C **But each in his own turn: Christ the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.**

M Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

C **For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.**

M For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable,

C **And the mortal with immortality.**

M When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

C **“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”**

M The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

C **But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Musical Response:

This Joyful Eastertide

Christian Worship, Hymn # 160

G 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.**

G 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

G **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.**

CLOSING

M “Since, then, you have raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden in Christ in God.” *(Colossians 3:1-3)*

C **“When Christ, who is our life appears, then we also will appear with him in glory.” Amen.** *(Colossians 3:4)*

Closing Hymn:

I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again

Christian Worship, Hymn # 158

C Verse 1

♪ **I am content! My Jesus lives again,
In whom my heart is pleased.
He has fulfilled the law of God for me;
God’s wrath he has appeased.
Since he in death could perish never,
I also shall not die forever.
I am content! I am content!**

C Verse 3

♪ **I am content! My Jesus is my light,
My radiant sun of grace.
His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all:
Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.
This Easter sun has brought salvation
And everlasting exultation.
I am content! I am content!**

EASTER WISHES

Pastor Darin & Karla Aden, Mr. & Mrs. Rick & Sarah Zimmerman, Mr. & Mrs. Phil & Abby Stuebs, Mr. & Mrs. Matt & Kristen Hillmann, Mr. & Mrs. Corey & Sarah Marohn and the rest of our staff and their families extend to all sincere wishes for a most blessed Easter. May the joy of this special day fill your hearts and may the comfort it provides fill your lives with lasting peace and confidence. May God richly bless you as you continue to celebrate his Easter victory!



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

Sunday, April 4

SERVING YOU TODAY—EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE— 6:00am Ushers—Scott Bubolz, Brian Bubolz, Bill Voeltz ■ **7:30 am Ushers—**Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp ■ **EASTER SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers—**Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **10:15 am Ushers—**Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **Church Cleaners—**Dr. Buchner, Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **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—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.

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 has returned the divine call he received to serve as upper grade teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Franklin, WI. We pray that God will continue to bless Mr. Stuebs and his family as they faithfully continue the work of His kingdom here at St. John—St. James.

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. **The Organist books have already been donated. \$50.00 has been donated towards the Altar books and \$72.00 remains. The Service Builder and Play List are an annual fee.** 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.

DOORS—SJSJ Voters' have decided to put in new church doors as proposed with handicapped door openers on both doors. The doors are being funded by the LaVerne Treichel Estate. So many blessings at St. John-St. James! Thank you so much!

SJSJ SCRIP UPDATES—The SJSJ SCRIP Program has SOLD OUT of Kwik Trip cards at the 21% promotional rate. A few cards still remain at the 10% promotional rate. Thank you for supporting the SJSJ Scrip Program!

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 \$ 1,140.00, still needed is \$ 2,652.00 Thank you.

GIFTS GIVEN—Mary Fenlon gave gifts to the Hymnal fund in memory of Harold & Rosie Olp and the Bible fund in memory of Amalia Krueger, David Grams gave gifts to the Hymnal in memory of Hilmer & Rosella Grams, Diane Lau gave a gift to the Building fund in memory of Randy Habermann.

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Darin Aden

Music Today—The Messengers & Judy Mangin

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

Wednesday 4/7

Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

Thursday 4/8

Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 pm

OUR SYMPATHIES—Frederick J. "Fritz" Natzke went home to be with Jesus and his passed loved ones Monday, March 22, 2021. Fritz's immediate family members of SJSJ are sister, Carla Natzke and brother-in-law Glenver(Laurie) Wagner. Our most sincere condolences to all other family members and close friends. Friends visited on Monday, March 29th at Zion Lutheran Church, Morrison and service was at 1:00PM. Also, Larry Madson went home to be with Jesus and his passed loved ones on March 30, 2021. Larry's immediate family members of SJSJ are Jeff (Barb) Herzog, Jenny (Roger) Janke and Judy (Mel) Mangin. Our most sincere condolences to all other family members and close friends. We pray for peace in your hearts!

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 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.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—March 22-28

Church Attendance: Wednesday: 3:15 pm—96, 6:30 pm—37 Total: 133, Sunday—8:00 am Service—125, 10:15 am Service—81 Total: 206 ■ Wednesday Lent—6 Offerings—General Fund—\$ 1,408.60 ■ MLHS—\$ 50, Total: 1,458.60 ■ Building Fund—\$75 ■ Basketball Uniforms—\$100 ■ Debt Retirement—\$25 ■ Sunday Offerings—General Fund: \$ 6,115, Synod: \$61, MLHS: \$303—Total \$6,497 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$1,350+75(lent 6) = \$ 1,425 (needed each week \$2,312) ■ MLC Scholarship—\$300 ■ MLHS Scholarship—\$100 ■ Altar Paraments—\$500 ■ Basketball Uniforms—\$50 ■ Hymnals—\$240+Hymnals(3/21/21)—\$500 = \$740 ■ Altar Books—\$50 ■ Bibles—\$ 30 ■ Communion Cups—\$250 ■ School Novel Sets—\$150



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Delaine Reis & Family	Our lovely Mother who watches us from Heaven, Love You!
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