

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



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WELCOME

Christ in Us—SHOWS!

Opening Hymn:

O Master of the Loving Heart

Christian Worship, Hymn # 491

Verse 1  **O Master of the loving heart,
The friend of all in need,
We pray that we may be like you
In thought and word and deed.**

Verse 2  **Your days were full of kindly acts;
Your speech was true and plain;
Of those who ever sought you, Lord,
None came to you in vain.**

Verse 3  **Your face was warm with sympathy;
Your hand God's strength revealed;
Who saw your face or felt your touch
Were comforted and healed.**

Verse 4  **Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord,
So joyous, free, and true,
That all your children, ev'rywhere,
Be drawn by us to you.**

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

M The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

G **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.

G **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.

G **Lord, have mercy.**

M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

G **Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

G Verse 1  **The love of Christ, who died for me
Is more than mind can know,
His mercy measureless and free
To meet the debt I owe.
He came my sinful cause to plead,
He laid his glories by,
For me a homeless life to lead,
A shameful death to die.**

(The Gloria continues on the next page.)

C Verse 2

♪ **My sins I only see in part,
My self-regarding ways;
The secret places of my heart
Lie bare before his gaze.
For me the price of sin he paid;
My sins beyond recall
Are all alike on Jesus laid,
He died to bear them all.** (CWS #749)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BE SEATED

Epistle Lesson

1 John 4:1-11

4 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

(The Epistle Lesson continues on the next page.)

⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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 15:9-17

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

Hymn of the Day:

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Christian Worship, Hymn #377

G Verse 1  **Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done,
How his right arm the vict'ry won.
How dearly it has cost him!**

G Verse 3  **My own good works availed me naught,
No merit they attaining;
My will against God's judgment fought,
No hope for me remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair
Left naught but death to be my share
And hell to be my sentence.**

G Verse 4  **But God beheld my wretched state
Before the world's foundation,
And, mindful of his mercies great,
He planned my soul's salvation.
A Father's heart he turned to me,
Sought my redemption fervently;
He gave his dearest treasure.**

(The Hymn of the Day continues on the next page.)



Verse 7 

**To me he spoke, “Hold fast to me-
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine,
And evermore you shall be mine;
The foe shall not divide us.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Darin Aden

Acts 11:19-26

“Are You a ‘Barnabas’ or a ‘Barnacle’”

¹⁹ Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. ²⁰ Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹ The Lord’s hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

²² News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴ He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

A PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are a friend of the sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

GROUP BLESSING

(After all those communing have received Lord's Supper, we conclude our celebration:)

M Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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:

Speak, O Lord

Christian Worship Supplement, Hymn # 735

G Verse 1

♪ **Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.**

G Verse 3

♪ **Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built
And you fill the earth with your glory.**

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden

Organ Today—Kristen Hillmann

Thursday 5/13

Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Bulletin Announcements

Thursday, May 6—Sunday, May 9

SERVING YOU TODAY—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers**—Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzloff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **Church Cleaners**—Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy Bubolz, Bekah Winkel, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe, Ray/Suzanne Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**—Carol Bubolz, Ida May Krepline ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers**—Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Fred Busse, Erwin Waack, Jon Waack, Randy/Sandy Waack, Dereck Waack and Todd Hickmann ■ **Church Cleaners**—Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy Bubolz, Bekah Winkel, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe, Ray/Suzanne Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**—Carol Bubolz, Ida May Krepline.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY—St. John-St. James wishes all our Mother's a happy and blessed Mother's Day!

BASKETBALL UNIFORMS—The PTO would like to announce that the amount needed to purchase the basketball uniforms has been met! Thank you to Dave Robley for organizing this and all who have donated. We greatly appreciate all efforts to defer the cost of our new basketball uniforms.

HYMNALS - Good News! The Hymnals, Bibles, Service Builder and Playlist that our voters have approved to purchase is complete. If you are still interested in purchasing a hymnal or bible for your personal use there are donation forms in the West Office and the deadline for orders will be June 30th. Place your donation and the form in the Church Box found in the west office or mail it to SJSJ at 219

Manitowoc St., Reedsville WI 54230. Thank you to all who have donated. We are so grateful for the kindness and love put into this!

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 \$8,000.00 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 \$3,700.00 for MLC and \$1,400.00 for MLHS. Still needed—\$2,900.00.

HELP NEEDED—We will be setting up the gym on Sunday, May 16th following the 10:15am worship service for our upcoming Spring Spotlight . We would greatly appreciate anyone who is willing to help! Please contact Mr. Zimmerman at rzimmerman@stjohnstjames.com with any questions.

8TH GRADE GRADUATION—Our 8th Grade Graduation has been moved to Wednesday, May 26 @ 6:00 pm. To accommodate more people & allow our K-8 students to sing, we will hold this year's graduation ceremony either outside or in the gym rather than during the Thursday evening worship service as originally planned. Please watch for more details to come as plans are being finalized!

OUTDOOR SERVICE—Our Outdoor Worship Services will start on June 6 at 9:00 am. Please bring a comfortable lawn chair and dress appropriately. Thursday evening services will be in the church at 6:30 pm See you there!

AMAZON SMILE—Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile donates to St John St James Lutheran Church when you do your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-6000447.

SCHOOL/CHURCH OFFICES CLOSING EARLY—Offices will be closing at noon on Friday, May 7th.

GIFTS GIVEN—Jesse & Bethany Christensen have given a gift to the hymnal fund in memory of their Grandparents and Brian Welch. Dan & Audrey Duchow have given a gift to the hymnal fund in memory of Clarence & Ella Luedtke and Adolph & Eleanor Duchow. Thank you for your gifts!

CAMP BIRD FOR LUTHERANS—Camp Bird for Lutherans will begin accepting registrations for their summer camp programs beginning May 1st. Please visit their website for all the details: <https://campbird.org/>.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2021—Congratulations to Katie Behnke, Kayla Bubolz, Kodie Bubolz, Isabella Flores, Maya Keil, Abigail Marohn, Megan Robley, Gabriel Stuebs and Frederick Zimmerman IV. Congratulations in Confirming your faith in God and SJSJ.

VOTERS' MEETING—The CEC and Church Council would like to offer more Principal Administrative time to Mr. Zimmerman next school year. There are several reasons for this recommendation; the most noteworthy is the added administrative responsibilities from School Choice. Shelly DeCleene (who currently teaches while Mr. Zimmerman has Admin time) has accepted a call to St. John's in Newtonburg. We are scheduling a voter's meeting on Sunday, May 16th at 9:15 am in the Commons. On the agenda is discussing and approving the extra cost for this part-time teacher. If the voters approve, we intend to extend a call at this meeting. We will also have quarterly reports at this meeting so that our June meeting can focus solely on the budget. Reports will be e-mailed out and you will be able to pick up a hard copy at the Thursday & Sunday worship services.

QUILTERS NEEDED—Come and join the Quilters every Thursday starting May 6th at the home of Char Wagner (304 Birch Lane) from 9-11 am. Help knot quilts for people in need. We donate to the Street Angels in Milwaukee, Lap Robes(20) to Yankton, South Dakota, and local families. Any questions contact Char W.

MLHS BUILDING PRESENTATION—MLHS Building Our Future on Christ ministry campaign was presented here in our congregation 2 weeks ago, if you have any questions about the presentation or the MLHS Building Our Future presentation please call Ken Mack (920-374-0774).

ECONOFOODS—Tadych's Cares Program St. John - St. James Lutheran School recently received \$1,000 from the EconoFoods - Tadych's Cares Program. Thank you to everyone who continues to turn in their EconoFoods receipts to help support our school! Also, thank you to Audrey Duchow for her part in coordinating this great program! These funds will be used to upgrade our

school technology. Keep saving those receipts and Best Choice barcodes!

SJSJ CAMP OUTING—The annual church/school camp outing held at Devil's River Campground is being planned for July 9th-11th. If you would like a campsite for this year's SJSJ Camp Outing, please contact Karie Robley by June 18th at 920-772- 4959 or email her at robley@tds.net.

LWMS—The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society mission boxes are located at each entrance/exit this Thursday/Sunday. Monies have been designated by the LWMS to go toward East Asia Special Projects. The LWMS Virtual Convention will be held June 24-27, 2021. For information and to register, go to www.lwms.org and click on 2021 Virtual Convention Information.

OUR SYMPATHIES—Alois "Al/Butch" A. Schroeder went home to be with Jesus and his passed loved ones on Thursday, April 29, 2021. Alois's immediate family members of SJSJ are his sister, Dorothy Labitzky. Our most sincere condolences to all other family members and close friends. A private, family funeral service will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church. We pray for peace in your hearts!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—April 19-25

Church Attendance: Thursday 6:30pm Service—60 ■ Sunday 8:00am—72, 10:15am—69, Total: 201 ■ Offerings—General Fund—\$ 6,936.00, Synod—\$ 126.00 MLHS—\$ 153.00, Total \$ 7,215.00 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$ 1,455.00 (needed each week \$2,312) ■ Hymnals—\$ 240.00 ■ Bibles—\$ 15.00 ■ MLC Scholarship—\$ 250.00 ■ MLHS Scholarship—\$ 50.00.



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