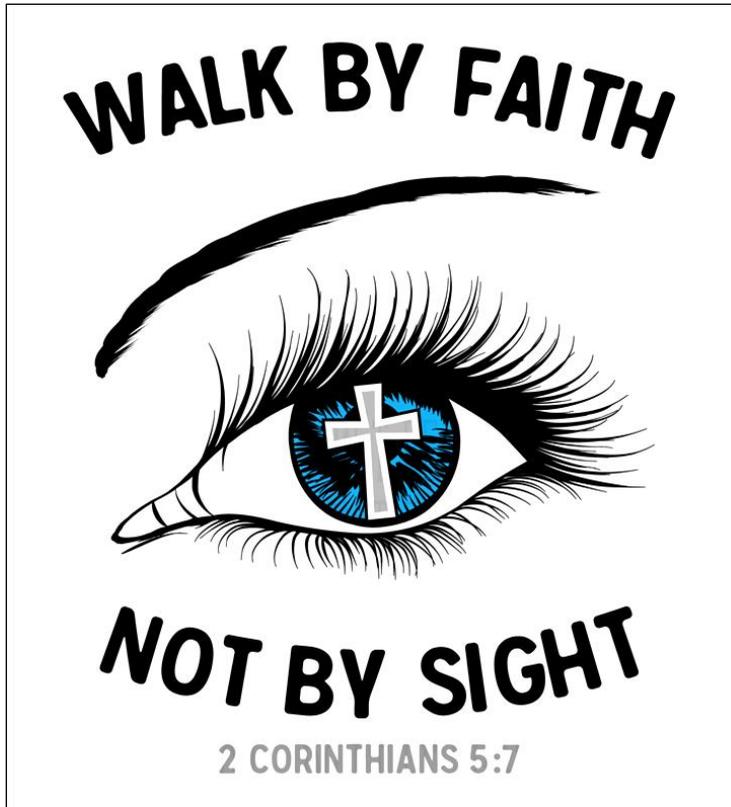


St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



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WELCOME

Fix Your Eyes on What God Is Doing

Opening Hymn:

Come, Rejoice before Your Maker

Christian Worship, Hymn # 228

Verse 1  **Come, rejoice before your Maker,
All you peoples of the earth.
Serve the Lord your God with gladness;
Come before him with a song.**

Verse 3  **Come with grateful hearts before him;
Enter now his courts with praise.
Show your thankfulness in worship;
Give due honor to his name.**

Verse 3  **For the Lord our God is gracious,
Everlasting in his love,
And to ev'ry generation
His great faithfulness endures.**

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.

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

♪ **Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in you my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.**

C Verse 3

♪ **Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing through your cross and pain,
Christ crucified, I come.** *(CW #387)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BE SEATED

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15

⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

¹⁰He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

¹¹And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹²The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

☩ 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.

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

Mark 3:20-35

²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.”

²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man’s house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man’s house.

²⁸ Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.”

³⁰ He said this because they were saying, “He has an impure spirit.”

³¹ Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.”

³³ “Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked.

³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

Hymn of the Day:

Let Me Be Yours Forever

Christian Worship, Hymn #596

G Verse 1 **♪** **Let me be yours forever,
My faithful God and Lord;
Let me forsake you never
Nor wander from your Word.
Lord, do not let me waver
But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace and favor
Your holy name I'll bless.**

G Verse 2 **♪** **Lord Jesus, my salvation,
My light, my life divine,
My only consolation, To you I all resign,
For you have dearly bought me
With blood and bitter pain.
Let me, since you have sought me,
Eternal life obtain.**

G Verse 3 **♪** **O gracious Holy Spirit,
My comforter and guide,
Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide,
Him to the end confessing
Whom I have known by faith.
Give me your constant blessing
And grant a Christian death.**

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

“We Believe and Therefore Speak”

¹³ It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M O Lord Jesus, our only Savior from sin, keep us from building our hopes on this earthly life with its sins and sorrows, its shallow pleasures, and its unsure treasures.

C **Help us to fix our eyes on the eternal life that is ours through faith in you.**

M Almighty Father, in the midst of the troubles and uncertainties of this life, let not our hearts be filled with fearfulness and anxiety, rather give us a calm trust that calls on you for help in every time of need.

C **Renew us day by day with your power and presence as we wait to enjoy eternal glories with you in heaven.**

M Holy Spirit, continue to dwell within us and enable us to see the spiritual truths that are unseen by the world. Point us to your grace that we may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

C **Grant us a confident faith that we may believe and speak of your grace through all eternity.**

M Triune God, watch over our congregation, our community, and our individual concerns. May we all see the blessings you deliver and serve the purposes you design. We ask all this according to your will and join in the prayer our Savior taught:

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.**

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.

G Amen.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

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.

G 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:

I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

Christian Worship, Hymn # 446

C Verse 1

♪ **I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, Trusting only you,
Trusting you for full salvation, Free and true.**

C Verse 4

♪ **I am trusting you to guide me; You alone shall lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.**

C Verse 5

♪ **I am trusting you for power; You can never fail.
Words which you yourself shall give me Must prevail.**

C Verse 6

♪ **I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever And for all.**

Thursday, June 10—Sunday, June 13 Bulletin Announcements

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden

Organ Today—Kristen Hillmann

Thursday 6/17

Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 pm

SERVING YOU TODAY—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner ■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers**—Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton/Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners**— Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Mangin, Jennifer Janke ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz ■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers**—Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzloff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **Church Cleaners**—Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Mangin, Jennifer Janke.

HYMNALS—If you'd like to purchase a hymnal/bible for your personal use the donation forms are in the West Office, deadline for orders will be June 30th. Put donation forms in the Church Box located in the west office or mail to SJSJ at 219 Manitowoc St., Reedsville.

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

MLC/MLHS SCHOLARSHIP—Thank you for all the gracious gifts given to help out our youth and young adults who will benefit from all your help on their educational journeys. Presently we have \$5,455.00 in the MLC Scholarship Fund and \$3,090.00 in the MLHS Scholarship Fund.

OFFICE HOURS—The Church & School Offices will be open from 8am-12pm daily during the months of June, July & August. Scrip will be available to purchase during these hours.

MLHS BUILDING PRESENTATION—MLHS prayerfully asks that you consider making a pledge to the MLHS capital campaign to finance the new gymnasium, chapel, secure the main entrance and other renovations. Our MLHS representative, Ken Mack (920-374-0774) recently shared the details about the plans. Go to www.mlhslancers.org/campaign for more information.

SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED—The School Office will be closed from June 4 - 11. Please visit Cindy in the Church Office at entrance “B” or “C” if you wish to purchase Scrip on these days.

SJSJ CAMP OUTING—The annual church/school camp outing held at Devil’s River Campground will be July 9-11. 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.

HELP NEEDED—On Sat. June 12th, weather permitting we will be straightening gravestones in our cemeteries. Work will begin about 8:00 am. Your help would be greatly appreciated and we ask that you bring a shovel. Drinking water will be provided. The rain date will be Sat. June 19. If any questions, contact Joe Hoyer at 920-905-0733 or Terry Prochnow at 920-754-4688.

VOTERS’ MEETING—The **Voters’ Budget meeting** will be held on Sunday, June 20th at 10:00 after our 9:00 am Outdoor Service. Items on the agenda are: **A)** The 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget. **B)** An update on the Strategic Planning and the Stewardship Committee's preliminary planning for a second pastor. The 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget will be available before/after the Thursday/Sunday Worship Service for you to take home and view before the meeting that is scheduled on Sunday, June 20.

ECONO FOODS RECIEPTS—Thank you to everyone for saving your Econo Foods receipts. Just a reminder that now the receipts are good all year long. Be sure to turn in your summer receipts. Also, we are still collecting Best Choice Bar Codes. Don't forget to leave the Best Choice on the barcode when you cut them out.

LWMS MISSIONS—Monetary Gift boxes are located at each entrance on Thursday, and on the offering table on Sunday. A total of \$40 was collected last month, and monies from May and June will be sent at the end of June to LWMS designated toward East Asia Special Projects. Thank you!

GIFT GIVEN—In honor of their 40th Wedding Anniversary on June 13th, Arlie & Pat Olp have given a gift to our Building Fund. Thank you for your gracious gift!

HOME-BOUND MEMBERS—The June members home-bound list is updated and out on the table in the West Church Office. Please feel free to take one!

LANCER GOLF CLASSIC—Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Par 5 Resort Golf Clubhouse in Mishicot. We have a lofty goal of raising \$22,000-\$25,000 which will be used to put a set of bleachers on the visiting side of our football field. Funds remaining, will be earmarked for improvements to our track practice facilities – possibly a discus and/or shot-put ring and cage. Go to www.mlhslancers.org/golf2021 to register.

FREE ESTATE PLANNING—Manitowoc Lutheran High School is offering FREE one-on-one coaching for estate planning. Estate planning (also called a will or trust) is a collection of documents that specify how you want your money and other assets distributed after your death, making it easier for your loved ones to handle your affairs during a time of grief. Coaching is confidential and is available to MLHS families and friends. Sign up here www.mlhslancers.org/estateplanning for your free one-on-one coaching!

PARADE FLOAT—We plan on having a float in the Reedsville Firemen's Parade on Sunday June 27th. We want to use a golf cart for our float this year. We need a golf cart and a driver for the parade. We'd like someone to let us use your golf cart for the parade and also someone to drive it. If you would like to do this for SJSJ, please contact Dan Duchow at 920-754-4751 or email at dduchow@stjohnstjames.com.

~Thank You~

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and condolences!

Thank you also to the staff and children who were lined up in the rain with their hands over their hearts. It was a sight we will remember for a very long time!

~Family of Todd Maertz~

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—May 31-June 6

Church Attendance: Thursday 6:30 pm Service—48 ■ Sunday 9:00am—117, Total: 165 ■ Offerings—General Fund—\$ 6,657.00, Synod—\$ 169.00, MLHS—\$ 36.00, Total \$ 6,862.00 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$ 1,860.00 (needed each week \$2,312) ■ MLC Scholarship—\$ 500.00 ■ MLHS Scholarship—\$ 1,000.00

SJSJ Building Fund Account		
May 2021		

05/01/2021		\$16,963.19
Deposits		
Memorials	\$40.00	
5/4/2021	\$1,475.00	
5/11/2021	\$1,990.00	
5/18/2021	\$2,000.00	
5/25/2021	\$3,744.31	
Electronic Offerings	\$1,010.00	
Total Deposits	\$10,259.31	
Withdrawals		
Transfer to Loan (May Payment)	\$4,685.00	
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Refinance Closing Costs	\$2,214.00	
Member Loan Interest Payments	\$1,425.00	
Total Withdrawals	\$13,009.00	
Ending Balance		\$14,213.50

Outstanding DSB Loan Balance for Building Project
\$1,016,079.37

Outstanding MEMBER Loan Balance for Building Project
\$330,000.00