

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 17 & 20, 2021

WELCOME

The Effects of the Gospel are Invisible, but Real

Opening Hymn:

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Christian Worship, Hymn # 255



Verse 1

**Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!**



Verse 2

**Gracious God, I come before thee;
Come thou also unto me.
Where we find thee and adore thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou;
Let it be thy temple now!**



Verse 3

**Here thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.**

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 We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**

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

(Hymn response printed on next page.)

C Verse 1 **♫** **By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why waver at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
So then this word must true remain:
By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.**

C Verse 4 **♫** **By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought him from his heav'nly throne.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

3 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

⁶When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. ⁷This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:


“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

 I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

(Confession of Faith continues on next page.)

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

5 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, **3** because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. **4** For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. **5** Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. **7** For we live by faith, not by sight. **8** We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. **9** So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Hymn of the Day:

Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid

© Verse 1 ♪ **Creator Spirit, by whose aid**
The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind;
Come, pour your joys on humankind.
From sin and sorrow set us free;
May we your living temples be.

© Verse 2 ♪ **O Source of light, our Counselor,**
The Father's help to us assure.
Come down, as promised, with your fire,
And hearts with heav'nly love inspire.
Your sacred, healing message bring
To sanctify us when we sing.

© Verse 3 ♪ **Giver of grace, descend from high**
In answer to our earnest cry.
Help us eternal truths receive
And practice all that we believe.
Give us your wisdom that we see
The glory of the Trinity.

© Verse 4 ♪ **Immortal honor, endless fame,**
Attend th' almighty Father's name;
The Savior-Son be glorified,
Who for all humankind has died;
And equal adoration rise
To you, O Spirit, in the skies.

Mark 4:26-34

“God’s Word Is Powerful”

²⁶ He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD’S PRAYER

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

BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

I'm But a Stranger Here

Christian Worship, Hymn # 417

C Verse 1 **♩** **I'm but a stranger here; Heav'n is my home.
Earth is a desert drear; Heav'n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand
Round me on ev'ry hand.
Heav'n is my fatherland; Heav'n is my home.**

C Verse 3 **♩** **There at my Savior's side-Heav'n is my home-
I shall be glorified; Heav'n is my home.
There are the good and blest,
Those I love most and best,
And there I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.**

C Verse 4 **♩** **Therefore I murmur not; Heav'n is my home.
Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home.
And I shall surely stand
There at my Lord's right hand.
Heav'n is my fatherland; Heav'n is my home.**



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Times of Worship: Thursday—6:30pm & Sunday—9:00am

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

Thursday, June 17—Sunday, June 20

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

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Jeff/Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp ■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers**—Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **Church Cleaners**—Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Mangin, Jennifer Janke ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan.

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 for the weather. 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. Totals are \$5,455.00 in the MLC Scholarship Fund and \$3,090.00 in the MLHS Scholarship Fund.

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.

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.

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.

GIFTS GIVEN—Memorial was given in memory of Peter Link(6-18-2011) for Communion fellowship Cups from Val Jean Link. In honor of Norman Labitzky’s birthday, Dorothy Labitzky gave a gift to the building fund. Thank you for your gifts!

SURVEY—Please give your Worship Committee Survey to an Usher, place it in the church box on the table in the back of the church or drop it off at the Church/School office. Thank you!

DIVINE CALL—Kristen Hillmann has returned her called to be our part-time teacher for Principal Administrative time. We will be holding a call meeting together with our Voters’ Budget meeting **today June 20th at 10am**. Please keep SJSJ in your prayers as we move forward in finding our next Called Worker!

VOTERS’ MEETING—The Voters’ Budget meeting will be held **today, June 20th at 10am after our 9:00 am Outdoor Service in the Commons**. 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. **C)** Call meeting. The 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget is still available before/after the Thursday/Sunday Worship Service.

HYMNALS—With the new hymnals coming out, our grade school students have to purchase a new hymnal. 60 hymnals are needed, and the cost is \$ 1,440.00. Given so far is \$ 233.00, with a balance of \$1,207.00. The old hymnals will not be used any longer, so the Church Council decided to place the hymnals on our School Wish list. If you would be interested in donating to this fund to help with the cost of the hymnals being used for the children, please mark your offering envelope **”School Hymnals”**.

~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 Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden
Organ Today—Michaela Bubolz
Budget Voters' Meeting – After 9 am Service
Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Thursday 6/24

BEST CHOICE LABELS—St. John - St. James participates in the Save-A-Label Program sponsored by Best Choice. Best Choice products can be found locally at Tadych's EconoFoods in Brillion. Please continue to save the UPC portion of the Best Choice labels (including the words "BEST CHOICE"). For every 1,000 UPC labels submitted, SJSJ will receive \$30 for our school! We will be sending our labels in soon! Please drop off your Best Choice labels at church or school by Sunday, July 4, 2021. THANK YOU!

MLHS CALL UPDATE—The MLHS federation called Pastor Chad Walta to serve in our theology department. He currently serves at Christ Lutheran on the south side of Milwaukee. He and his wife have 3 children. Thank you for your prayers for the Walta family as he deliberates the calls he has. Thanks also for the continued prayers for your high school.

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. Any funds remaining, will be earmarked for improvements to our track practice facilities – possibly a discus and/or shot-put ring and cage. Thanks in advance for all of your support of our athletic programs! Register today at www.mlhslancers.org/golf2021. Spread the Word!

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. This FREE one-on-one coaching is confidential and is available to MLHS families and friends. Visit www.mlhslancers.org/estateplanning today and sign up for your free one-on-one coaching!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE— June 7-13

Church Attendance: Thursday 6:30 pm Service—54 ■ Sunday 9:00am—142, Total: 196 ■
Offerings—General Fund—\$ 5,992.01, Synod—\$ 146.00, MLHS—\$ 158.00, Total \$ 6,296.01 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$ 3,605.00 (needed each week \$2,312)

The Strategic Planning Committee has been working to put together a long-term plan for our ministry at St John St James. We have started by interviewing Committees and Organizations of St John St James to better understand our current ministry and to gather ideas and receive input. As mentioned at the last voter's meeting, we also want to have conversations and receive input from all our congregation members. We are looking for good conversation, fellowship and your input and ideas. Who better to direct our journey to continue God's work and our future at St John St James.

The first gathering is **Tuesday, June 29th at 6:30** by the new campfire area.

- Please bring a lawn chair and any beverage you wish to have at your discretion, it is an informal gathering. We will supply Bottled water, snacks and marshmallows. Weather not permitting, we will hold in the commons area.

The second gathering will be **Sunday, July 18th after the 9:00 Service** in our commons area.

-We will supply coffee, bottled water, donuts and snacks.

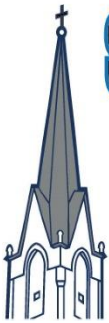
Below are three questions to start the conversation. These are only suggestions and a way to begin.

1) What is the most immediate and also the long term need of our congregation if we had unlimited resources?

2) What opportunities do you see to reach more people within and outside our congregation?

3) What thoughts or ideas can we bring back to our committee on your behalf?

We will be having more of these gatherings in August at different times and church locations. Please mark your calendar, and we will see you there.



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Worship Committee Member Survey

We are looking for your feedback on the following;

Communion Registration - Circle one - do you prefer;

- a) Registering with the ushers on the laptop
- b) Filling out a registration card
- c) No preference

Distribution of the communion elements - Circle one - do you prefer:

- a) Current disposable cups with bread and wine distributed in the pews.
- b) Going to the front of church and having the elements handed out as we did before.
- c) No preference

Outdoor summer services - Circle one- do you prefer;

- a) Weekly Thursday indoor service and 9:00 Sunday outdoor service.
- b) Weekly Thursday indoor service and 9:00 Sunday indoor service.
- c) No preference.