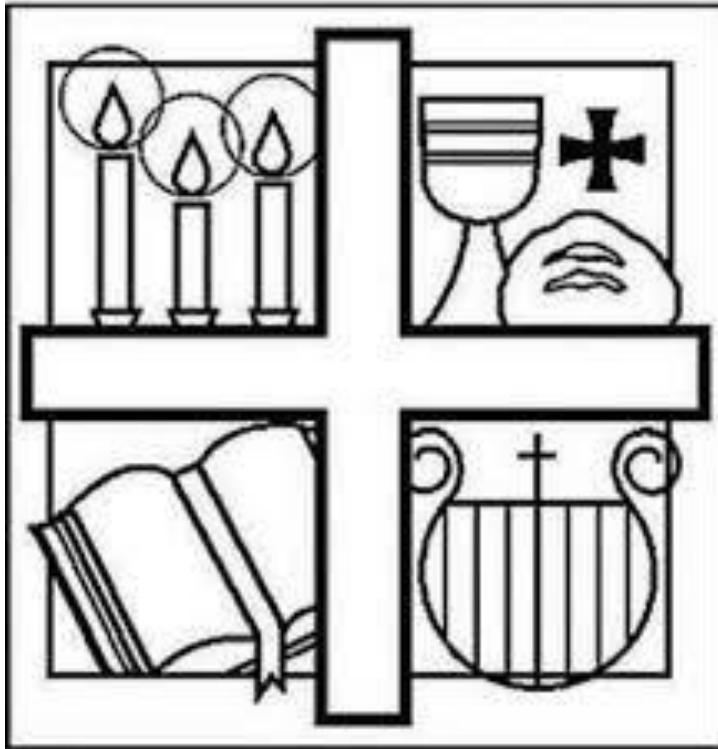


St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



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WELCOME

Opening Hymn:

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening

Christian Worship, Hymn # 283

Verse 1 🎵 **Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning,
As a servant to his lord.
Let me show respect and honor
To your holy, precious Word,
That each day, my whole life through,
I may serve and follow you.
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure
And my heart's most precious treasure.**

Verse 2 🎵 **Oh, what blessing to be near you
And to listen to your voice!
Let me ever love and fear you;
Let your Word still be my choice.
Many hardened sinners, Lord,
Flee in terror at your Word,
But to all who feel sin's burden
You give peace and words of pardon.**



Verse 4 

**As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let your words in me take root.
May your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.**

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION



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



And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS



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.



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.**

⁷Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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.

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.

(Nicene Creed continues on the next page.)

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 6:1-6

6 Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples.

² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?” ³ Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.

⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Hymn of the Day:

Preach You the Word

Christian Worship, Hymn #544

** Verse 1  **Preach you the Word and plant it home
To those who like or like it not,
The Word that shall endure and stand
When flow'rs and mortals are forgot.****

** Verse 2  **We know how hard, O Lord, the task
Your servant bids us undertake:
To preach your Word and never ask
What prideful profit it may make.****

** Verse 5  **Preach you the Word and plant it home
And never faint; the Harvest-Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow
Will watch and tend his planted Word.****

MESSAGE

Pastor Louis Sievert

Ezekiel 2:1-5 **“A Prophet Has Been Among You”**

2 He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.” **2** As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

3 He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. **4** The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says.’ **5** And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C 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.**

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.

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.

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:

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

Christian Worship, Hymn # 541

C Verse 3

♪ **In these last days of sore distress
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That pure we keep, till life is spent,
Your holy Word and sacrament.**

C Verse 5

♪ **Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray;
The guile and rage of Satan stay!
Oh, may your mercy never cease!
Give concord, patience, courage, peace.**

C Verse 6

♪ **The cause is yours, the glory, too,
So hear us, Lord, and keep us true.
Your Word alone is our defense,
The Church's glorious confidence.**

C Verse 7

♪ **Oh, grant that in your holy Word
We here may live and die, dear Lord,
And when our journey's ending here,
Receive us into glory there.**

Bulletin Announcements
Our Father's Business

Today	Preacher, Pastor Louis Sievert, Two Rivers, WI
	Organ Today—Charmaine Wagner
Thursday 7/15	Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Thursday, July 8—Sunday, July 11

SERVING YOU TODAY—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz ■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers—**Terry/Karen Prochnow, Fred Busse, Erwin Waack, Jon Waack, Randy/Sandy Waack, Dereck Waack and Todd Hickmann ■ **Church Cleaners—**Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor ■ **Flower Committee—**Kathie Kiekhaefer, Krizty Sebo ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—**Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Jeff/Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp ■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers—**Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau ■ **Church Cleaners—**Dr. Buchner, Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower Committee—**Kathie Kiekhaefer, Krizty Sebo.

HYMNALS—If you'd like to purchase a hymnal/bible for your personal use the donation forms are in the West Office. Put donation forms in the Church Box located in the back of church or mail to SJSJ at 219 Manitowoc St., Reedsville.

ECONO FOODS RECEIPTS—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.

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. The surveys will no longer be inserted into the bulletins but will be available on the table in the West Church Office Thank you!

DIVINE CALL—Call Meeting will be **today, July 11** at 10 am following the Outdoor Worship Service. See you there!

GIFTS GIVEN—In memory of Gary Wagner, Emery Rahm, Jerry Storzer and Roger Janke Gene & Charmaine Wagner gave a gift to the Building Fund. Thank you for remembering our Building Fund!

3RD ANNUAL MESSENGERS CONCERT—Wednesday, August 11 at 6:30pm in the St. John St. James parking lot, weather permitting. Bring a comfortable chair. If weather is not permitting, join us in the gymnasium! Refreshments will be provided. Please keep your eyes and ears open for ways that you can be a blessing in encouraging this exciting evangelism opportunity! If you have questions, please speak to Phil or Abby Stuebs.

MESSENGERS CONCERT DONATION BOARD—In the vestibule of School and in the back of the church is a donations board full of items needed for the concert, as well as a glass jar/wood box for cash donations. If interested in helping please take an item off the board and drop it off in the Church or School office any Monday-Friday 8 am—Noon, or before/after services on Thursday/Sunday. We will accept donations no later than Sunday, August 8. Thank you for your help!

MASK MANDATE—Following the CDC guidelines we will adopt the following policy regarding wearing a mask during services; If you have been fully vaccinated feel free to worship without a mask.

ANNUAL REPORTS—Our fiscal year ended on June 30, 2021. We will now be getting the information needed to put into a report for the Annual meeting. If you have a report that needs to go into the Annual Report please have your report to Cindy by Friday, July 30th. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY—2021 Membership Directories were emailed to all members who have an email address registered with us this week. If you would like a hard copy of the directory there are some available on a table in the back of the church. Please call the office at 920-754-4568 if changes need to be made to your information.

LWMS MISSIONS—Monetary Gift boxes are located at each entrance on Thursday, and on the offering table on Sunday. A total of \$30 was collected last month. A total of \$60 was sent to LWMS for East Asia Special Projects at the end of June. Thank you!

HYMNALS—The Synod's new hymnal will be ready for use at the end of this year. As we begin to use them in worship, we will also begin to use them in our SJSJ classrooms. Our grade school students will need new hymnals. The total cost for 60 hymnals is \$ 1,440.00. The Church Council has added hymnals to our School Wish List. If you would like to help our students with this new expense, please mark your offering envelope "School Hymnals". Cost is \$ 1,440.00, given so far is \$ 331.00, with a balance of \$1,109.00.

PREACHING THIS WEEK—Thank you to Pastor Louis Sievert for subbing for Pastor Aden while he is on a much-needed vacation. Pastor Sievert is a retired Pastor who lives in Two Rivers, WI.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS—The beautiful flowers you see today are from the Haelfrisch family in memory of their parents Clarence & Anita Haelfrisch. Thank you so much for brightening our altar today!

Dear Members of St. John St. James,

Thank you for the generous gift of money to help me continue my Christian education at Manitowoc Lutheran High School. I greatly appreciate you thinking of me. I look forward to continuing my education in God's Word thanks to your help.

**Thanks again,
Maya Keil**

From the Strategic Planning Committee

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.

Our 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.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—June 28—July 4

Church Attendance:

Thursday 6:30 pm Service—49, Sunday 9:00am—85, Total: 134 Offerings:

General Fund—\$ 10,699.00*, Synod—\$ 869.00* MLHS—\$ 981.00*,

Total \$ 12,549.00*

Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$ 1,535.00* (needed each week \$2,312)

School Hymnals—\$ 48.00



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

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