

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School

GOD IS NOT IN THE



HE IS THE STILL GENTLE VOICE

1 KINGS 19:11-13

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Good and gracious God, in Your mercy You have gathered us together to worship and praise You. We give thanks to You, O Lord, that You continue to deal with us in love and compassion, that You are slow to anger, and abounding in love. You do not treat us as our sins deserve, or repay us according to our iniquities. May all that we do and say reflect Your love and bring honor and glory to You. Amen.

WELCOME

In the face of difficulty listen to God

Opening Hymn:

Every Morning Mercies New

Christian Worship, Hymn # 580

🎵 Verse 1 🎵 **Ev'ry morning mercies new
Fall as fresh as morning dew;
Ev'ry morning let us pay
Tribute with the early day.
For your mercies, Lord, are sure;
Your compassion will endure.**

🎵 Verse 2 🎵 **Still your kindness and your love
Ev'ry day our sins remove;
Daily, far as east from west,
Lift the burden from the breast;
Give unbought to those who pray
Strength to live for you each day.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 3  **Let our prayers each morn prevail
That these gifts may never fail.
And as we confess our sin
And the tempter's pow'r within,
Feed us with the bread of life;
Fit us for our daily strife.**

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

M In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.**

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

C Verse 1  **“Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.**

C Verse 3  **In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us;
How great our debt to you!**

C Verse 4  **Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love
Our lives will spread your peace. *(CW #493)***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

5 ¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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. 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.

Gospel Lesson

John 6:41-51

⁴¹ At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven?’”

⁴³ “Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

* John 6:47

Verily, verily, I say to you, He that believes on Me has everlasting life.

Hymn of the Day:

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Christian Worship, Hymn # 358

C Verse 1

♪ **How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
And drives away all fear.**

C Verse 2

♪ **It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul
And to the weary, rest.**

C Verse 3

♪ **Dear name! The rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place,
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.**

C Verse 5

♪ **O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.**

1 Kings 19:3-18**“What Are You Doing Here?”**

³ Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, LORD,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” ⁵ Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.” ⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

⁷ The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank.

Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. ⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁰ He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

¹¹ The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁴ He replied, “I have been very zealous....”

¹⁵ The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M** Eternal and almighty God, how good it is to sing your praises. How delightful it is to assemble with this family of believers. What a privilege it is to be in your presence and hear your Word, for no one can fully grasp just how perfect your knowledge and actions truly are.
- C** **You alone have the wisdom to understand all things and the power to control all things for our good.**
- M** For trusting too much in ourselves and not turning to you; for doubting when our trials and troubles are beyond our understanding; for being slow to hear and quick to anger in the face of trouble, we ask you to hear us.
- C** **Forgive us, O Lord, for our many sins.**
- M** Heal this broken world with your unfailing grace. Help our nation's leaders to govern in these uncertain times and our citizens to obey those whom you have placed over us.
- C** **Enable us to love each other as you have loved us. It is in Christ's love that we also join to pray...**
- 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.**

BLESSING

M 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:

CCLI Song #7031189

Softly and Tenderly

CCLI License #20031593

C Verse 1

ALL: ♪ **Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me; _____
See on the portals he's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me. _____**

C CHORUS

ALL: ♪ **Come home, __ come home, _____
You who are weary, come home; _____
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling—
Calling, "O sinner, come home!" _____**

C Verse 2

ALL: ♪ **Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me? _____
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
Mercies for you and for me? _____**

(Hymn continues on the next page with the Chorus.)

C CHORUS

ALL: ♪ Come home, __ come home, _____
You who are weary, come home; _____
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling—
Calling, “O sinner, come home!” _____

C Verse 4

ALL: ♪ Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
Promised for you and for me; _____
Though we have sinned he has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me. _____

C CHORUS

ALL: ♪ Come home, __ come home, _____
You who are weary, come home; _____
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling—
Calling, “O sinner, come home!” _____

“*My soul finds rest in God alone*”

PSALM 62:1



News from Manitowoc Lutheran High School

MLHS OPENING SERVICE - Join the classes of 2022 through 2025, the faculty, and staff at MLHS as they come together for the annual **Opening Service at 10AM on Thursday, August 19th**! The school year theme for the 21-22 School Year is “We Live to Serve” based off of Mark 10:45. This is open to the public. However, if you would want to watch it live that is also an option. Simply go to www.mlhslancers.org/watch.

MLHS – Host Families Needed- Did you know MLHS will have 10 international students during the 2021-2022 school year? This is one way MLHS carries out its mission in God’s kingdom. We have an international mission field right here in our own backyard. In order to carry out this mission, it is important to have host families who are willing to love, care for, and share their faith with these international students. We still need host families for 2 male students. Are you interested in becoming a host family or wanting to learn more about the international program at MLHS? If so, please contact Nathan King. Email: nking@mlhslancers.org / Phone: (920) 682-0215 ext. 420. Visit www.mlhslancers.org/internationalprogram for more information.

MLHS Ministry Campaign News-We have completed our video presentations at all our Federation congregations and continue to spread the word about our Building our Future on Christ ministry campaign. Pledges and donations continue to come in. We recently hired Somerville of Green Bay as our architect and A.C.E. Building Service of Manitowoc as our Design/Build General Contractor. Our Building, Finance, and Steering committees continue to work hard to make plans for the eventual start of our building project. But we still need your participation to make this a reality! Please visit www.mlhslancers.org/campaign to find out more and to pledge/donate to the campaign.

USEFUL LINKS:

MLHS Photo Gallery- www.mlhslancers.org/pics

MLHS Weekly Sports Updates- www.mlhslancers.org/sportsupdate

MLHS Online Calendar- www.mlhslancers.org/calendar

Facebook- facebook.com/mlhslancers

Twitter- twitter.com/mlhslancers

Instagram- mlhslancers

Twitter.com/mlhssports

Instagram- www.instagram.com/mlhsathletics

Bulletin Announcements

Our Father's Business

Today	Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden
	Organ Today—Judy Mangin
Thursday 8/19	Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Thursday, August 12—Sunday, August 15

SERVING YOU TODAY—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp ■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers** —Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners**— Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**—Kay Pantzlaff
■ **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—9:00 am Ushers**—Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners**—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**—Kay Pantzlaff.

FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE—Starting September 12 we will be have two services on Sundays at 8am & 10:15 am. There will no longer be a Thursday evening service after Thursday, September 2nd. Our last Outdoor Worship Service at 9am will be September 5.

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, August 20th**. Thank you!

MLHS SWEET CORN FEST - The MLHS “Sweet Corn Fest” is coming soon. The corn will be picked and ready for our congregation **this Sunday, August 15th**. Please watch the bulletin and/or newsletter for the exact timing. To date, the MLHS Academic Voucher Committee has awarded 1535 vouchers to students in grades 5-8 that participate in the MLHS Academic Fair. Each voucher is worth \$100 of tuition to Manitowoc Lutheran High School. This program has been around for 13 years and much of the money raised has been through the “Sweet Corn Fest” each summer. Thanks for your support in the past and we hope you make plans to participate in this great program.

MONTHLY FLOWER COMMITTEE—We are in need of members to volunteer to take care of the flowers in Church, etc. Please call Karen Prochnow at 920-754-4688 for more details.

HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—With start of the new school year we have begun the process of looking for people (men or women) to help with our hot lunch program. Come have a great time serving our children lunch that is provided by the Reedsville Public School kitchen. It is a great time to get to know our school children. If you'd like to be a sub or to volunteer weekly please contact Val Jean Link at 920-754-4414.

CHURCH DOOR KEYS—If you currently have a key to the old church doors, please bring it to the school office & we will exchange it for you with a new key fob that will now work with all of our electronic doors.

GROUNDS KEEPER POSITION—We will be interviewing for the Grounds Keeper position for next year (2022). The job requires the ability to operate riding mower, walk behind mower, weed trimmer and leaf blower. Average of about 25 hours per week. Person must be reliable and responsible for the care of the grounds and all equipment. Choose your own hours as long as the grounds are kept up. Job description and applications are available in the west office and in the school office. If interested please contact Dan Duchow (920-860-9379) or Gary Bernhardt (920-629-5221)

BEGINNER BAND NIGHT—MLHS Jr. Lancer Band will be hosting its “Beginner Band Night” on Monday and Tuesday, August 16th and 17th at 6:00 P.M. in the MLHS Band Room. Choose from either date. These nights are for those students in grades 5-8 who would like to begin a musical instrument. If you have already registered as a beginner, you are all set to attend. If you have question or are still wanting to register please visit Jr. Lancer Band page at www.mlhslancers.org/jrlancermusic. Please click on the links to register or view informational resources about the Jr. Lancer Band program. You may also contact Mrs. Renee Schmill at rmschmill@mlhslancers.org or 920-973-5044.

ANNUAL MEETING—The Annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, September 26 at 9:15 in the Commons. Items are on the agenda are a second Pastor.

AFTERCARE HELP WANTED—SJSJ is looking for help with the aftercare program in the afternoons during the week! If you enjoy being around children and feel like this is something you would like to do, please contact Mrs. Zimmerman at szimmerman@stjohnstjames.com. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION & BIBLE STUDY - Starting on September 12th adult Bible study will start up between services in the commons area at 9:15am. Coffee and lite snacks will be provided. If you would like to volunteer to help out with the coffee and provide snacks there is a signup sheet in the west office. Sunday School will also begin on September 12th. All of God's children ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome to attend on any Sunday. Please register as soon as possible to help our director & teachers better prepare for the year. Please go to our website (stjohnstjames.com) to register. Click on "OUR CHURCH" in the top menu bar & look for "SJSJ Sunday School Registration" under the Important Links on the right-hand side. Please join us together as we grow closer in God's word.

HYMNALS AVAILABLE- If you would like to use a hymnal during worship service they will be available as you enter the sanctuary. Please return them to either entrance.... OR.... Since we will be getting our new hymnals at the end of the year, we are offering the current hymnals to anyone who would like one for personal use. Feel free to take one home and help us repurpose them instead of storing them in a box forever.

KITCHEN CLEANING—Our Ladies Aid will be cleaning the kitchen on Monday, August 23rd at 9:00am. If interested in helping all you need to do is show up! Thank you to all our helpers! We are so grateful for all your love and devotion to St. John-St. James Church and School.

2nd PASTOR—The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) has conducted interviews with the church council, committee chairman, organizations, the faculty and members of the congregation. The number one need that was pointed out is the need for a second pastor. So the SPC has put together a plan for a second pastor. The stewardship committee has put together a financial plan. We want to present this to all members of the congregation. We will be having congregational information meetings after church services on Thursday, August 26 and Sunday, August 29. We will have another informational meeting on Sunday, September 19 after both services. The church services will be shortened to allow more time for the presentation. We will have a question-answer session after the presentation at this meeting. We invite all members of this congregation to attend these important meetings.

St. John – St. James Church Council Meeting Highlights - August 9, 2021

Membership Action—

Transfers in:

Charli Rose Fenlon—baptized soul (infant daughter of Jessica Fenlon [Jessica is the granddaughter of Mary Fenlon]): Pastoral act (July 23, 2021)

Transfers out: Rolando & Fabiolo (Murrieta) Abadia—communicants; Jeanina—baptized soul: Transfer out of membership to St. Paul, Algoma, WI.

Jeff Doemel reported on income for the month of July was \$40,108 and expenses were \$56,187. Total debt balance at the end of July is \$6,210.

The Charities balance at the end of July was \$34,622.30. Total monies in the Building Project Fund are \$15,603.50.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE—August 2-8

Church Attendance: Thursday 6:30 pm Service—57 ■ Sunday 9:00am—76, Total: 133
■ Offerings—General Fund—\$ 5,232.00, Synod—\$ 171.00 , MLHS—\$ 69.00, Total \$ 5,472.00 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$ 3,252.00 (needed each week \$2,312)