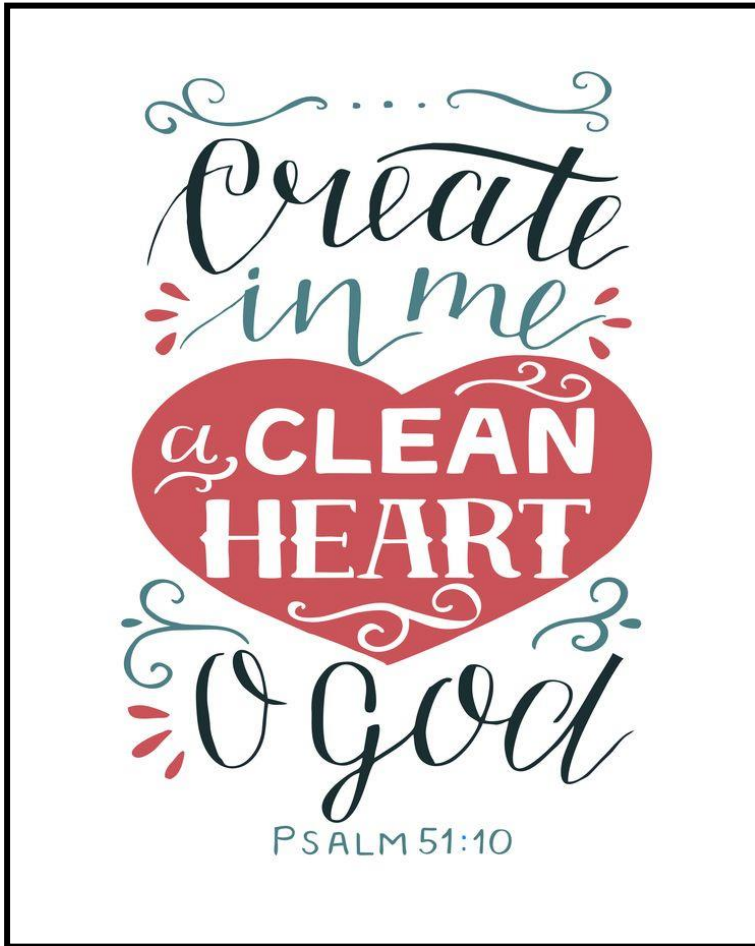


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AS WE GATHER

Dear Father in heaven, often we become discouraged by the hardships and heartaches we experience. In this next hour we pray that you are honored and we are blessed through the Word and song we proclaim. May Your Holy Spirit ever live in our hearts, that we may be empowered by Your presence, enlightened by Your truth, and encouraged by Your love. We ask it in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.


WELCOME


All God pleasing obedience must begin in the heart.

Opening Hymn:

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Christian Worship, Hymn # 230

Verse 1  **Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
Our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with grace divine,
And let your truth within us shine.**

Verse 4  **Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!**

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.**

C Verse 1 **♩ Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

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 

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace,
Good will toward men.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
We glorify you, we give thanks to you,
For your great glory,**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King,
God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**You take away the sin of world;
Receive our prayer.**

**You sit at the right hand of God the Father;
Have mercy on us.**

**For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
Are most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

PRAAYER OF THE DAY

M O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BE SEATED

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 4:1,2,6-8

4 Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” ⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

C 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.

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

(Lesson continues on the next page.)

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Hymn of the Day:

O God, My Faithful God

Christian Worship, Hymn # 459

C Verse 1

♪ **O God, my faithful God, O Fountain ever flowing,
Who good and perfect gifts In mercy are bestowing,
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within
A conscience free from blame, A soul unhurt by sin.**

C Verse 2

♪ **Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing
Whatever you command, My calling here fulfilling,
That I do what I should While trusting you to bless
The outcome for my good, For you must give success.**

C Verse 4

♪ **Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction.
Help me, as you have taught, To love both great and small
And by your Spirit's might To live in peace with all.**

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

“Cleanliness That Is Godliness”

7 The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ²and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

⁵So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

⁶He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’


⁸You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

¹⁴Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.”

²¹For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²²adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

PLEASE STAND

CREATE IN ME

C Verse 1  **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M O Lord God, heavenly Father, we praise and glorify you for the unsurpassed gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess that we are unworthy sinners who have transgressed your will and Word.

C **We repent of our evil and pray for the faith that trusts utterly and completely in the righteousness of Christ Jesus for forgiveness and for life.**

M Open our hearts to the mighty power of your Word.

C **Teach us to depend on your means of grace for spiritual strength and life.**

M Grant that our minds may be renewed in righteousness, that our consciences may be stirred to choose the good, and that every thought, word, and deed may be brought into captivity to Christ.

C **Give to your Church ministers and teachers who have the faithfulness and courage of true prophets, that your people may be built up in faith, abound in good works, rejoice in your love, and finally enter heaven and a perfect life.**

(Our prayer concludes on the next page.)

M We pray for our beloved country. Give us citizens who perceive that the standard of all this is right is not personal advancement or private favor, not public opinion or party platform, but your holy will.

C **Lavish your grace on all families, that each home may, by its Christian love and character, be for our children a foretaste of the joy and blessedness of heavenly life.**

M For all who are in any sickness, pain, anguish, or suffering, for all who are in any danger of body or soul, we pray. (*Special intercessions may be offered here.*) Teach your people in all circumstances to turn to you and to wait on you for mercy. Grant them hope and a joyous deliverance from whatever challenges they may face in this life.

C **These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. 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.**

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:

Now, the Hour of Worship O'er

Christian Worship, Hymn # 330

C Verse 1

♪ **Now, the hour of worship o'er,
Teaching, hearing, praying, singing,
Let us gladly God adore,
For his Word our praises bringing;
For the rich repast he gave us
Praise the Lord, who deigned to save us.**

C Verse 2

♪ **From Now the blessing cheers our heart,
By his grace to us extended.
Let us joyfully depart;
Be our souls to God commended.
May his Spirit ever guide us
And with all good gifts provide us.**

C Verse 3

♪ **Bless our going out, we pray;
Bless our entrance in like measure.
Bless our bread, O Lord, each day;
Bless our toil, our rest, our pleasure.
Bless us when we reach death's portal;
Bless us then with life immortal.**

Stories Alive!

Wednesday, September 15 @ 6:30-7:30 PM

SJSJ Teachers will bring some of their favorite children's stories to life while we share a story and then enjoy an activity related to the story.



We will end together with a bedtime snack, story, and prayer in the Commons. All children ages 3-8 years are welcome with their families.

Please contact Mrs. Aden at kaden@stjohnstjames.com or 920-460-0597 no later than Saturday, September 11th to let us know you will attend.

Women's Bible Study - Starting Soon!

As we look around the world today, we see more and more--this is not our Home. Praise God-- we have a God who is **"With Us in the Wilderness"**. All women are invited to participate in this aptly named Bible study. Participants will be asked to purchase a book for the study. Because I would like to have a seat and a book ready for you on September 29th, please contact Karla Aden at kaden@stjohnstjames.com or 920-460-0597 by September 22nd to let me know you will be joining us. If you would like to join us, but you are wondering what you would do with your small children, let me know, and I will see what I can arrange.

When: Wednesdays at 6:30PM September 29th-November 18th

Where: at the Aden home 422 Spruce Drive, Reedsville

Bulletin Announcements

Our Father's Business

Today	Preacher, Rev. Dr. Michael W. Dietz Organ Today—Charmaine Wagner
Fri. 9/10	Volleyball Match at Brillion (5:00, 6:00, 7:00) A-Team
Sat. 9/11	First German Soccer Tournament Grade 5-8 @ MLHS

Thursday, September 2—Sunday, September 5

SERVING YOU TODAY—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz ■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers**—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog ■ **Church Cleaners**—Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy/Bekah Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe, Ray/Suzanne Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Hoyer & Audrey Duchow.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—Sunday—8:00 am Ushers—Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **Sunday—10:15 am Ushers**—Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **Church Cleaners**—Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Hoyer & Audrey Duchow ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan.

FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE—Starting September 12 we will 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.

BUILDING FUND MEMORIAL - Raymond & Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda & Nick Schrubbe & Family and Adam & Melissa Bubolz & Family have given a donation to the Building Fund in memory of Heidi Bubolz (mother of Michaela, Zachary & Joseph Bubolz).

NEW CHURCH DOORS—The new church doors are now programmed and working as they should! The handicap access buttons will now work if you need assistance with opening the doors. If you have a key fob to unlock the doors, they are now programmed to unlock both church doors B & C. Doors A, B, C & D will unlock automatically a half hour before each scheduled worship service & will relock approximately a half hour following the end of the service.

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 school office. If interested please contact Dan Duchow (920-860-9379) or Gary Bernhardt (920-629-5221)

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

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 and look for "SJSJ Sunday School Registration" under the Important Links on the right-hand side. Please join us as we grow closer in God's word.

NEEDED—Our SJSJ Volleyball teams have some home matches on September 14, October 1, & October 8. We are in need of volunteers to operate the scoreboard during these matches at 5pm, 6pm & 7pm. If you have never done this before and are unsure about helping, please contact Mr. Stuebs (pstuebs@stjohnstjames.com) with any questions.

GIFTS GIVEN—Gene and Charmain Wagner gave a gift to the Building fund in memory of Cletus Rataichek and Gale(Buster) Mangin. Thank you so much for your wonderful gifts!

PREACHING TODAY—Substituting for Pastor Aden today is Rev. Dr. Michael Dietz. Pastor Dietz is a Christian Giving Counselor at Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod based in West Allis, Wisconsin. Welcome Reverend Dietz!

MESSENGER CONCERT RECORDINGS—The August 11 (Starts Right Here) concert is available for viewing on the SJSJ YouTube Channel. There are DVD and professional audio CDs available at both entrances. Please enjoy them!

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.

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 have another informational meeting on **Sunday, September 19 after both services**. We encourage everyone who came to the first presentation to attend this one also. You will have had time to read all the information that was handed out to you. Hopefully our members will have more questions and comments about the second pastor proposal. If you were at the first presentation, could you bring the information that was handed out to you at the first presentation to this second presentation. 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.

MESSENGERS CONCERT T-SHIRT—"Starts Right Here" t-shirts remain for sale for \$12 in the narthex; comfortable material! What an awesome testimony to wear (or to gift) The back says: 2 Chronicle 7:14—"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." **If your size isn't available, please register it on the sheet, and one will be ordered.

FUTURE MESSENGERS SERVICES—MESSENGERS will resume leading worship on the first Sunday of each month, beginning October 3, 2021, and ending in May 1, 2022.

HOME BOUND MEMBERS—An updated list of home-bound members is on the table in the West Office. Please feel free to take one. Our home-bound members would love to get cards and letters from you! Thank you!

SURVEY RESULTS—After the survey results were tallied the Church Council approved to have Communion Registration go back to the use of the registration cards, Distribution of the elements in the pews with the disposable cups and for outdoor services to continue through the summer. Thank you to all who responded and provided valuable feedback.

OUR SYMPATHIES—Heidi C. Bubolz passed away unexpectedly on August 30, 2021. Heidi's three children, Michaela, Zachary, Joseph, their father, Andrew (Rebekah)

Bubolz are all members of SJSJ. Our most sincere condolences to all family members and close friends. The family will greet relatives and friends at Trinity Lutheran Church in Coleman on Sunday, September 5, 2021 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Funeral service will begin at 4:00 P.M. with Pastor Matthew Langebartels officiating. Heidi will be laid to rest at St. Mary's Cemetery in Crivitz. We pray for peace in your hearts!

OWLS—The OWLS will be hosting a meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church in Brillion on Sept, 14 with a potluck lunch at 1:15pm, please bring a dish to pass. After lunch will be a devotion by the host Pastor and Bingo. Please bring a gift which will be the bingo prizes and we hope to donate the prizes for the silent auction at the annual OWL's convention in New Olm in October. Funds raised will help support the European Civilian Chaplaincy Ministry.

OFFICE CLOSED—The Church/School Office will be closed on Mon., September 6 in observance of Labor Day.

OFFICE HOURS—The School Office will be open from 7:30am to 3:00pm on days that school is in session. Scrip will be available for purchase during these hours.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—August 23-29

Church Attendance: Thursday 6:30 pm Service—63 ■ Sunday 9:00am—95, Total: 158
■ Offerings—General Fund—\$ 6,125.00, Synod—\$ 103.00, MLHS—\$ 173.00, Total \$ 6,401.00 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$ 590.00 (needed each week \$2,312)



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