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In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me through this day also from sin and every evil that all my doings and life may please you. I commend my body and soul and all things into your hands. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.
(Luther's Morning Prayer)

WELCOME

Keep Watch for the Lord's Return—He's Coming!

Opening Hymn:

The Advent of Our King

Christian Worship, Hymn # 1

 Verse 1  **The advent of our King**

**Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.**

 Verse 2  **The everlasting Son**

**Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set his servants free.**

 Verse 4  **As judge, on clouds of light,**

**He soon will come again
And his true members all unite
With him in heav'n to reign.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 6 

**All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all 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;
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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BE SEATED

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ “‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. ¹⁵ “‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.’

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

C **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.

(Nicene Creed continues on the next page.)

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.

Epistle Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Hymn of the Day:

Savior of the Nation's Come

Christian Worship, Hymn # 2

Verse 1  **Savior of the nations, come;
Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.**

Verse 2  **Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God
Was the Word of God made flesh,
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.**

Verse 3  **Wondrous birth! O wondrous
Child Of the virgin undefiled,
Though by all the world disowned,
Yet to be in heav'n enthroned!**

Verse 4  **From the Father's throne he came
And ascended to the same,
Captive leading death and hell-
High the song of triumph swell!**

Verse 5  **Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be
Ever and eternally.**

Luke 21:25-36



Faith In God Shows

1. We show our Faith as we carefully WATCH
2. We show our Faith as we joyfully TRUST
3. We show our Faith as we diligently PRAY

²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴ “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

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

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.**

THE SACRAMENT

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C Verse 1 **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heavenly hosts:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he,
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C Verse 1  **O Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your peace. A-men.**

A PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, as a sinner, I desire to be spiritually refreshed and renewed by your Holy Supper. Strengthen my faith as I partake of your body and blood. May I experience the bond of faith and love that exists among us and my fellow believers in the faith we share. Move me to forgive, serve, and live my faith to your honor and glory. Graciously receive me as your guest. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(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. Be assured, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON

C Verse 1  **Lord, now you let your servant
Depart in peace according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
Which you have prepared before
The face of all people,
A light to lighten the Gentiles
And the glory of your people Israel.**

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C **And his mercy endures forever.**

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **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:

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Christian Worship, Hymn # 203

C Verse 1

♪ **Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would seek to overthrow your Son
And to destroy what he has done.**

C Verse 2

♪ **Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your Christendom that we
May sing your praise eternally.**

C Verse 3

♪ **O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife,
And lead us out of death to life.**

Pray
WAIT
TRUST



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Times of Worship: Sunday—8:00am & 10:15am

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

Sunday, November 28

SERVING YOU TODAY—11/28 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—**Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau ■ **Flower Committee—**Joan Behnke & Barb Herzog.

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DIVINE CALL—Pastor & Mrs. Aden have received divine calls to serve at Resurrection Lutheran Church & School in Rochester, MN. Pastor was called to serve as the Coordinating Pastor & Mrs. Aden was called to serve as a full-time Preschool Teacher. Please keep the Aden Family in your prayers as they deliberate how the Lord can best use their talents & abilities.

SCRIP NEWS - The SJSJ SCRIP Program is offering the following gift cards at a promotional rate for a limited time: Kwik Trip \$10 - *Back to 5%* ■ Kwik Trip \$20 @ 10% - *Coming Soon* ■ Kwik Trip \$25 @ 10% - *Available Now* ■ Kwik Trip \$50 - *Back to 5%* ■ Kwik Trip \$100 - *Back to 5%*. If you are not familiar with our SCRIP Program, please contact our Scrip Coordinator, Rod Bubolz at 920-775-4945 or scrip@stjohnstjames.com for more information or www.shopwithscrip.com. The enrollment code for our organization is: A755918L7794.

HOT LUNCH HELPERS—We are in desperate need of volunteers to serve hot lunch to our SJSJ students. It only takes 1.5 to 2 hours to perform this service. Please contact Val Jean Link at 920-754-4414 if you have a couple of hours in your day to help us out. Thank you!

MEMORIALS GIVEN—Val Jean Link, Terry & Karen Prochnow and Gene & Charmaine Wagner gave gifts to the Building Fund in memory of Mary Zeller. Thank you for your gifts!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY— The flowers you see on the altar are in honor of Judy Hoida's 80th birthday on Nov. 30th. Flowers are from Roger Hoida. Happy Birthday Judy, enjoy your day!

POINSETTIA ORDERS—This year we will need 8 white and 8 blue Poinsettias for School. Red Poinsettias for church are unlimited. We will keep a tally of blue & white poinsettias in the bulletin announcements, so you know when we reach this amount. Cost of the poinsettias are as follows: \$17.50—Blue, \$12.00—White and \$10.50—Red. Please print clearly and put your order in an envelope provided for you, then place the envelope in the box on the table in the West Church Office. **Please have your order to us by Sunday, December 5th.** Checks can be made out to St. John-St. James. You are welcome to take your poinsettias with you after the Christmas Day services. Totals for purchased Blue and White Poinsettias are as follows: Blue—3, White—2 Thank you!

CHURCH COUNCIL POSITIONS—The Nominating Committee has met to nominate new people for Church Council positions. The following positions are open this year. 1. Administrative Secretary 2. Christian Education Chairman 3. Evangelism Committee Chairman 4. Worship Committee Chairman 5. Charities Treasurer. We try to nominate people who we feel will fit the position. If you receive a nomination letter, we ask that you prayerfully consider serving our God in a council position.

CONGRATULATIONS—Our members Jade Busse, Colin Rosner and James Kenneke were part of the Reedsville Panther victory against the Coleman Cougars last Thursday, November 18th. Congratulations on winning the WIAA State Football Championship for Division 7! This is the 2nd State Championship for Reedsville High School. In 1946 the Reedsville High School Basketball Team won the Division 1 State Championship. Henry Behnke from our congregation is one of last living members from that team.

CHRISTMAS BAGS—It is that time of the year when we begin to think about filling the Christmas bags that the children receive after our Christmas Eve Worship Services. If you would like to donate towards the candy, oranges and apples for the bags please leave your donation in the box labeled "Christmas Bags" on the table in the West Church office.

KAY & KAYLA'S CREATIONS—SJSJ apparel is available for purchase at Kay & Kayla's Creations, 215 Main Street, Reedsville. Find them on Facebook or call (920) 754-1127 for store hours. Kay & Kayla's also offers scrip @ 10% available in the SJSJ scrip office.

HOME BOUND LIST—If you would like to send cards or letters to our home bound members there is an updated list provided for you in the West Church Office. Our home-bound members would love to hear from you!

OFFERING ENVELOPES—Just a little reminder that we are hoping to have the offering envelopes out by December 5th. Please pick your packet up as soon you can, so we be cleaned up and ready for the Christmas Eve services.

LADIES AID—There will be no Ladies Aid meeting until March of 2022.

Our Father's Business

Today	Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden Organ Today—Kristen Hillmann Sunday School, CREW & Adult Bible Class at 9:15 am
Tue. 11/30	Praise Choir Practice at 6:30 pm
Wed. 12/01	Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm
Fri. 12/3	Basketball Host Algoma and Maribel 5pm-8pm

SCHOOL OFFICE—The school office will be closed on Friday, December 3rd.

HYMNALS TO RE-PURPOSE—As you can imagine there are a lot of congregations that need to find a purpose for all the nicely used hymnals that we are now left with. When I contacted the WELS offices about our situation they gave us a few guidelines as to what we can do with them. They are as follows: a. Use the pages of the hymnal for craft projects such as: 1. Christmas ornaments (shred pages of a hymnal and put them in glass ball ornaments). 2. Candle decorating. 3. Frame your favorite hymn. 4. Pinterest has many fun ideas! Simply search “hymnal” and you will find more than you know what to do with. 5. Keep them as a “resource” book instead of the main book. If you would like some hymnals for crafts or etc. they will be on the table in the West Church office. Thank you!

MLHS CAMPAIGN-BUILDING OUR FUTURE ON CHRIST— If you are considering making a financial gift toward our Campaign, now is the time. **All new gifts made in November toward our building campaign will be matched up to \$20,000! That means every dollar you give, will be doubled by an anonymous donor!** (*This does not include existing pledge payments.*) The ultimate goal is to raise \$75,000 during the month of Nov. Watch our progress on the Lancer tracker throughout the month and find your donation information at www.mlhslancers.org/campaign. We're moving forward with our plans. We have a final design (cf. the latest video with the 3-D rendering). The more we can raise up front the better! To find out more about that, please call our mission advancement office at 920-682-0215. Thank you for your support and for considering a generous contribution to the campaign!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—NOVEMBER 15-21

Church Attendance: Thursday 6:30pm—55, Sunday 8:00 am—74, 10:15 am—73 Total: 202

■ Offerings—General Fund—9,521.00*, Synod—\$595.50*, MLHS—\$265.50*, Total \$10,382.00*, ■ Special Offering—Building Fund—\$1,880.00*, (needed each week \$2,312)

*Electronic Offerings Included