

# St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



**Second Sunday after Christmas**

**January 2, 2022**

WELCOME

*God gives Sonship to those born in Darkness*

*\*NOTE: You are welcome to sing every part of each song today. Notations are meant to give you some guidance as the song is introduced. The Messengers would be thrilled to have you join them whenever you are comfortable singing. May God bless your worship!*

**Opening Hymn:**

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

Koine arrangement

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**G** Verse 1

♪ **Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word  
I come in half belief a pilgrim strangely stirred;  
But there is room And welcome there for me,  
But there is room And welcome there for me.**

**G** Verse 2

♪ **In that unlikely place I find him as they said:  
Sweet newborn Babe, how frail! And in a manger bed,  
A still, small voice to cry one day for me,  
A still small voice to cry one day for me.**

**G** Verse 3

♪ **How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,  
His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:  
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,  
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.**

*(Hymn continues on the next page.)*

**C** Verse 4

♪ **Can I, will I forget how Love was born, and burned  
Its way into my heart unasked, unforced, unearned,  
To die, to live, and not alone for me,  
To die, to live, and not alone for me.**

*PLEASE STAND*

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** Dear friends, let us approach God in honesty, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C** **Lord of all, I confess that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed. I have not kept your commands. My actions, my words, and my thoughts have all fallen short of the perfection you deserve. I am sorry for my sin and seek your mercy in the name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**M** It is only through the grace of our Triune God that we are saved from our sins. God the Father sent his Son in love. God the Son came and paid the price for our sins. And God the Spirit came to make the gift of eternal life ours through faith. Therefore, be assured: you are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**M** We join in song to confess our confident hope and comfort found in God's grace alone.

**Gloria:**


Praise Charts Song #7125088


Holy, Holy, Holy

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Verse 1  **Messengers:**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee  
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and Mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

**C** Verse 2  **Holy, holy, holy,  
Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou are holy,  
There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity**

**C** Verse 3  **Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and Mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity  
Oh, God in three persons,  
Blessed Trinity**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*BE SEATED*

## ***Old Testament Lesson***

Genesis 17:1-7

**17** When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

<sup>3</sup>Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

## Contemporary Creed

**☐ I have faith in God and believe that He has created me and all that I have. All things belong to Him.**

**I have faith in Jesus and believe that He died for my sins, conquered death and was raised to life on the third day. His death and resurrection declared that He is God and that my sins are forgiven.**

**I have faith in the Holy Spirit and believe He has worked this faith within me. I believe He is present here among us and lives within each child of God. Through Him and the Word I have the power to stand in strength against all adversity.**

**And I believe that my mission on earth is to serve my God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He has equipped me with His gifts and motivated me by His love to reach out to the lost and to my fellow believers with the Gospel. Amen.**

### ***Epistle Lesson***

Galatians 4:4-7


<sup>4</sup> But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. <sup>6</sup> Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba, Father.*” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.



## ***Hymn of the Day:***



CCLI Song #7104268



What Child Is This


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Verse 1  **Messengers:** What child is this who laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping  
Whom angles greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping

 Verse 2  **Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and lamb are feeding  
Good Christian fear for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading**

 **CHORUS**  **This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud  
The Babe the Son of Mary.**

 Verse 3  **So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh  
Come peasant king to own Him  
The King of kings, salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him**

Bridge  **Messengers:** Come let us adore Him  
Our hearts will enthrone Him *(bridge 3x)*

 **CHORUS**  **This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud  
The Babe the Son of Mary.**

Luke 1:68-79

**“Before Him All Our Days”**

<sup>67</sup> His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:  
<sup>68</sup> “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. <sup>69</sup> He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David <sup>70</sup> (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), <sup>71</sup> salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—<sup>72</sup> to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, <sup>73</sup> the oath he swore to our father Abraham: <sup>74</sup> to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear <sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. <sup>76</sup> And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, <sup>77</sup> to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, <sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven <sup>79</sup> to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

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## **Sermon Response:**

CCLI Song #7127647

King of Kings

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 Verse 1 

**In the darkness, we were waiting  
Without hope, without light  
Till from heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt**

 CHORUS 

**Praise the Father, Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, three in one  
God of glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings**

 Verse 2 

**To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake you died**

*(Hymn continues on the next page.)*

**C** CHORUS 

**Praise the Father, Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, three in one  
God of glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings**

**C** Verse 3 

**And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the father are restored**

**C** Verse 4 

**And the church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel, shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me**

*(Hymn continues on the next page.)*

**C** CHORUS 

**Praise the Father, Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, three in one  
God of glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings**

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Praise the Spirit, three in one  
God of glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings  
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*PLEASE STAND*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M** Almighty Lord Jesus, far too often we are limited in what we see. Satan can deceive us into thinking your commands are meant to limit our enjoyment of life or that we are missing out when we follow your will. Help us to see the blessings that come from following your Word and living according to your will.

**C** **Lord, forgive us for the times we do not let your light shine.**

**M** Gracious Lord Jesus, you warn us of the many dangers that threaten us from within ourselves and from the world we live in. Help us to take those threats seriously and enable us to continue to be the salt of earth. May we encourage one another and spur each other on.

**C** **Lord, show us the value of letting your light shine.**

**M** Loving Lord Jesus, while your life, ministry and teaching was so exciting, authoritative, even life changing, we far too often are restrained in the praise and service we offer. You have given us the power to move mountains, and you have promised that what we do for the least of yours we do for you. Yet, we fail to trust, to act, to love, to speak, to share.

**C** **Lord, help us to trust in you so that we might let our light shine.**

**M** Merciful Lord Jesus, there are many in this world who are dealing with sickness, pain, anguish, or suffering. We know that you can use all things for our good. Help us to believe your words of truth when we are in such hardship and to support others when they must endure.

**C** **Lord, use us for your good purposes as we let our light shine. It is in your name we ask, Lord Jesus. 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.**

**C** Verse 1  **Heaven's silence has been broken  
My heart sings hallelujah  
With a child, God has spoken  
My heart sings hallelujah  
Everything changes Everything changes**

**C** Verse 2  **Angels come with words of wonder  
My heart sings hallelujah  
Freedom from the curse we're under  
My heart sings hallelujah  
Everything changes Everything changes**

**C** CHORUS

**ALL:**  **Glory, glory in the highest God, we praise You  
Savior, Savior to the lost and broken  
Jesus, Jesus our Redeemer Here to save us  
My heart sings, heart sings Hallelujah!**

**C** Verse 3  **Here today love's incarnation  
My heart sings hallelujah  
He's come too seek and bring salvation  
My heart sings hallelujah  
Everything changes Everything changes**

*(Hymn continues on the next page.)*

**C** CHORUS

**ALL: ♪ Glory, glory in the highest God, we praise You  
Savior, Savior to the lost and broken  
Jesus, Jesus our Redeemer Here to save us  
My heart sings, heart sings Hallelujah!**

Bridge ♪

**Messengers:** Come a little closer Sing a little louder  
Join with all the angels Worship Him (repeat)

**C** Bridge ♪

**ALL: ♪ Come a little closer Sing a little louder  
Join with all the angels Worship Him (repeat x4)**

**C** CHORUS

**ALL: ♪ Glory, glory in the highest God, we praise You  
Savior, Savior to the lost and broken  
Jesus, Jesus our Redeemer Here to save us  
My heart sings, heart sings Hallelujah!**

**C** Bridge conclusion ♪

**Messengers:** Come a little closer Sing a little louder  
Join with all the angels Worship Him (repeat)  
My heart sings, heart sings Hallelujah (x2)

**BE SEATED**

**THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS**

Our thanks to the Messengers: Gene Rosera (guitar); Deb Bernhardt (vocals & technology); Gary Bernhardt (percussion & vocals); Abby Stuebs (vocals & keyboard); Phil Stuebs (vocals & guitar) and Pastor Aden (bass guitar).



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**Send Bulletin Information to [cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com)—Wednesday Deadline**

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

**SERVING YOU TODAY—8:00 am Ushers—**Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau ■ **10:15 am Ushers—**Roger Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline ■ **Church Cleaners—**Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon ■ **Flower Committee—**Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin.

**SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—8:00 am Ushers—**Dan/Jacob Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel ■ **10:15 am Ushers—**Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners—**Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon ■ **Flower Committee—**Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—**Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe & Michaela Bubolz.

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

**OFFERING ENVELOPES—**Offering envelopes are in the West Church office. We also have some Jr. Offering envelopes out if you would like to take one for your child/children.

**MINISTRY RESERVE FUND—**We have started a fund for our Second Pastor to help defray costs involved in adding another Pastor. If you wish to give to the Ministry Reserve Fund please place your offering in an envelope and clearly mark it as **Ministry Reserve Fund or 2nd Pastor Fund** and place it in the offering plate. A letter and commitment form has been sent to all members, please put your commitment form in the offering plate or in the “Church” in the West Church office.

**DIVINE CALL—**We are happy to say that Mr. Stuebs has returned his divine call to serve as Staff Minister & Music Coordinator at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tucson, AZ. Please keep Mr. Stuebs and his family in your prayers as he continues to use his God given talents and abilities here at St. John-St. James.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS—**Thank you for all the poinsettias donated by our congregation! Don't forget to take along your poinsettia(s) after the worship service today, **please leave behind the trays that the poinsettias are placed in.** There are bags/cardboard trays left in the West Church office to transport your plants home safely.

## Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden

Music Today—Messengers

Sunday School, CREW & Adult Bible Class at 9:15 am

Wed. 1/5

Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

Fri. 1/7

SJSJ Basketball at Maribel 5pm – 8pm

**CREATION MUSEUM**—Trinity Lutheran, Brillion is hosting an Ark Encounter & Creation Museum tour April 25-29, 2022. The tour will be through Tom's Christian Tours and you will be traveling by Lamers Motorcoach. For more information or to sign up for the tour please contact Marcia Wendt—920-646-0063 or m.wendt@trinitybrillion.org. there is also some literature and registration sheets located on the table in the West Church office. Registration end date is March 1, 2022.

**MISSIONARY CHILDREN**—A list of missionary children that are away from their parents and going to school in the United States can be picked up from the west office today. They would greatly appreciate being thought of if anyone would like to send a card of encouragement (or gift card) especially at this time of year.

**THANK YOU**— The Children's Christmas Bag committee would like to give a huge "thank you" to all who have donated money to fill the Children's Christmas candy bags!

**NEWSLETTER INSERTS**—Please have your newsletter inserts/reports to Cindy by Wednesday, January 5.

**2022 USHER SCHEDULES**—Usher schedules have been sent out to our ushers for this coming year. Please check your inbox or postal box, if you did not receive a schedule or misplaced it there are copies located in the West Church office.

**THANK YOU** - Betty Walt would like to thank the person from St. John-St. James Church for the beautiful poinsettia that brightened her Christmas!

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—December 20–26

12/23-8:30 am, Children's Christmas Service—114, 12/24-5:30 pm Children's Christmas Service—338, Total Children's Services—452

12/24-7:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Service—124

12/25-9:00 am Christmas Day Service—127, Total of All Christmas Services—703  
(12/26) Sunday 9:00 am—117

**Our apologies! Due to time conflicts in our Counting Team the total offerings for last week will be inserted into next week's Our Response to God's Love. Thank you for your understanding!**