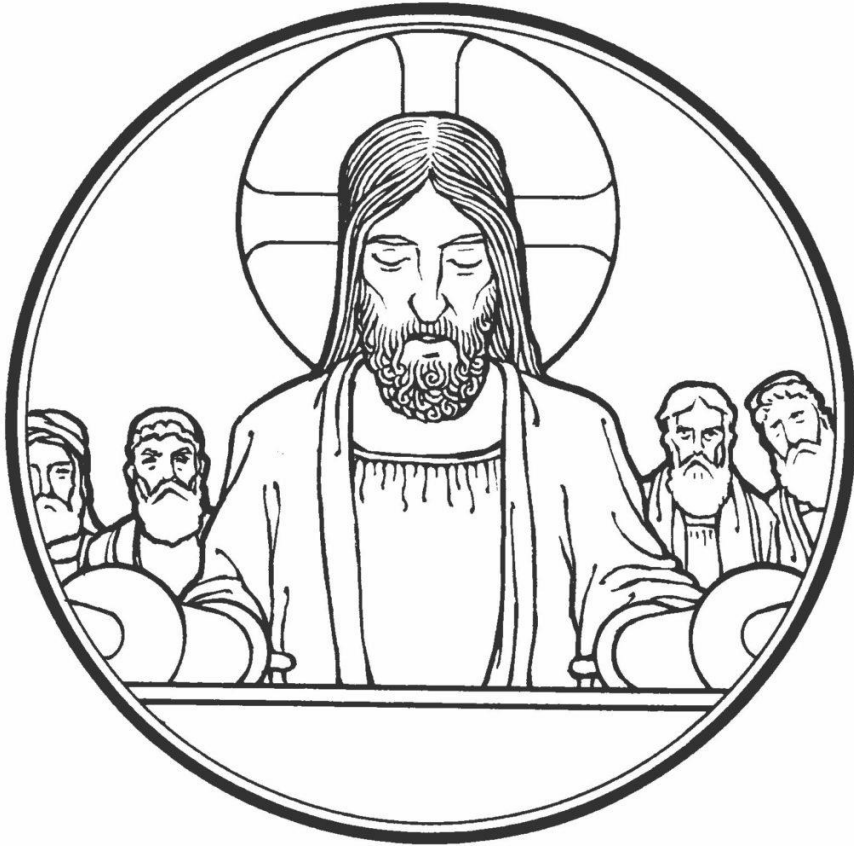


St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 23, 2022


WELCOME


Reception Uncovered—Rejection is not the exception

Opening Hymn:


Come Away from Rush and Hurry

Christian Worship, Hymn # 913

Verse 1  **Come away from rush and hurry
To the stillness of God’s peace;
From our vain ambition’s worry,
Come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor,
Life’s demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered
Here to seek and find God’s peace.**

Verse 2  **In the pastures of God’s goodness
We lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God’s mercy
We drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God’s presence
All the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God’s appointing
Into service we are led.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 3  **Come, then, children, with your burdens—
Life’s confusions, fears, and pains.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus;
Take instead his kingdom’s reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them—
He alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment
When to self we gladly die.**

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 We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**

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

C Verse 1 **♪** **Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!**

C Verse 2 **♪** **Glory be to him who loved us,
Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to him who bought us,
Made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!**

(CW# 608)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

61 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. ⁴They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. ⁵Strangers will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. ⁶And you will be called priests of the LORD, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast.

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.

²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: *“Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.”* ²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.



Hymn of the Day:

O God from God, O Light from Light

Christian Worship, Hymn # 629

C Verse 1 ♪ **O God from God, O Light from Light,
O Prince of Peace and King of kings,
To you in heaven's glory bright
The song of praise forever rings.
To him who sits upon the throne,
The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory he has won,
All thanks and praise! Amen, Amen.**

C Verse 3 ♪ **That life of truth, those deeds of love,
That death of pain mid hate and scorn-
These all are past, and now above
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!
So sang his hosts unheard by men.
Lift up your heads for you he waits.
We lift them up, Amen, Amen.**

C Verse 4 ♪ **Then sing to Christ a mighty song;
Extol his name, his mercies tell!
Sing, heav'nly hosts, your praise prolong,
And all on earth, your anthem swell!
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!
Forever let the song ascend!
To Christ the King, enthroned to reign;
Glory and pow'r! Amen, Amen.**

Luke 4:16-31

“Uncovering the Truth Shows a Lot”

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read,

¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ¹⁸ *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,* ¹⁹ *to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

²⁴ “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown.

²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.

²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

C **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.**

M Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, *(Special intercessions may be offered here.)* Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

C **Keep them in your love and tender care. 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:

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Christian Worship, Hymn # 517

Verse 1  **Praise the one who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the one who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
With the Father's word of peace.**

Verse 2  **Praise the one who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the one who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

Verse 3  **Let us praise the Word incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the one who makes us one.**



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

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

Sunday, January 23, 2022

SERVING YOU TODAY—8:00 am Ushers—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog ■ **10:15 am Ushers—**Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners—**Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee—**Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—8:00 am Ushers—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog ■ **10:15 am Ushers—**Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners—**Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida ■ **Flower Committee—**Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—**Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe & Michaela Bubolz.

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.

MEMORIALS GIVEN—Terry & Karen Prochnow gave a gift to the Building Fund in memory of Gary Brodtke. Al & Virginia Ziemer and Germaine Zahn gave a gift to the Building Fund in memory of Shirley Jandrey. Thank you for your thoughtful gifts!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS—Thank you for ordering the lovely flowers that decorate the church! Take along your poinsettia(s) after the worship service today, **please don't forget to leave behind the trays that the poinsettias are placed in.** There are plastic bags and cardboard trays left in the West Church office to transport your plants home safely.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—Your contribution statements have been emailed to you. If you want a printed copy please contact the church office at 920-754-4568. If you do not have an email your paper copies will be in the West Church office.

NAPKINS NEEDED—Our kitchen is need of napkins for the school lunch program. If interested in donating some napkins please drop them off in the kitchen. Thank you!

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden

Organ Today—Judy Mangin

Sunday School, CREW & No Adult Bible Class at 9:15 am

Voters' Meeting at 9:00 am

Wed. 1/26

Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM PREVIEW—The SJSJ Early Childhood program will hold two previews for prospective students. Please invite anyone who might be interested. On **January 24th and 26th at 6 PM**, families with children who will turn 3, 4, or 5 by September 1, 2022 are invited to meet the teachers, tour the building, and learn more about our early education program. If you would like a brochure to hand to a neighbor or family member or friend--stop in the school office. Contact Karla Aden at kaden@stjohnstjames.com for more information.

FLOWER COMMITTEE—The Flower Committee is looking for 2 volunteers for July. If you are interested and would like some more information please give Karen Prochnow a call at 920-754-4688.

VOTERS' MEETING—The Ministry Planning voters' meeting will be held **today on January 23rd at 9:00 am** between services. Items on the agenda include: 1) Cemetery Association meeting 2) Election of church council members 3) Second Pastor, when do we start calling? 4) Call for Principal Administrative Time 5) Copy machines 6) 1961 addition heating system 7) Ministry Plans.

Nominees for church council are: President, Daniel Duchow*; Treasurer, Jeff Doemel*; Secretary, Randy Waack*; Buildings and Grounds, James Kiesow*; Elders, Brian Bubolz*; Spiritual Growth, Jeff Schneider*; Administrative Secretary, Gary Bernhardt; Worship, Randy Denor; Evangelism, Corey Marohn; Stewardship, Rodney Bubolz; Charities Treasurer, Arlie Olp and Chuck Kiehn; CEC Chairman, Brad Busse and Shawn Behnke. * Denotes council member is running for another one-year term.

Voters' Meeting reports can be found in the back of church, please pick one up on your way out of Worship today.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE— January 10-16, 2022

Church Attendance—8:00 am—115, 10:15 am—85, Total Attendance—200

- Total Offerings: General Fund—\$ 9,047.00*, Synod—\$ 668.50*, MLHS—\$ 418.50*, Total—\$ 10,134.00*
- Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$ 1,595.00* (needed each week \$2,312)
- Ministry Reserve Fund —\$ 6,090.00
- Pastor Retreat Fund—\$ 500.00
- MESSENGERS—\$ 10.00 * Electronic Offerings Included

LENTEN MEALS - We are bringing back Lenten meals this year. There will be a signup sheet in the west office for groups to volunteer to prepare and serve during the Lenten season.

Grow in Grace

Grow in Grace, the Seminary's continuing education division, began offering retreats in 2012. Retreats are held for those marking 3 years since Seminary graduation, for those celebrating 10 years in the ministry, for those celebrating 25 years in the ministry, and for those who are marking 35 years in the ministry. The retreat is meant to be a time of ministry refreshment, not only celebrating the milestone, but also giving encouragement through worship and Bible study, and providing opportunity to reconnect with peers.

Pastor Aden is celebrating 25 years in the ministry this year. He and his Seminary class has the opportunity to attend the retreat this year. Pastor and Karla would like to attend this retreat. Pastor Aden will get a chance to see a lot of his classmates that he hasn't seen in a long time.

The Celebration of Ministry retreat will be held from April 25 through April 27 in San Antonio, Texas. The cost of this retreat for Pastor and Karla will be around \$1700.00 depending on the cost of airfare.

The council has decided that this would be a very nice 25th Anniversary gift for Pastor Aden from the congregation. We are asking our members if they would like to contribute toward this gift for Pastor and Karla. This would be a very good way of saying thank you to Pastor and Karla for everything that they do for our congregation and our Lord.

If you would like to contribute, please mark your envelope “ Pastor Retreat” and put it in the offering plate.

GIRL’S POMS CAMP—is for grades K-8, and will be from 8:30 - 11:00 am on February 5th in the MLHS Gym. Participants will receive a camp t-shirt and will learn a short routine from our high school dancers. There will be an opportunity to perform the routine at the basketball game on Tuesday, February 8th. The cost for this camp is \$10 per student. Register today at www.mlhslancers.org/kids. If you have any questions, please contact Abigail Bosin at abosin@mlhslancers.org.

FRESHMAN INFORMATION NIGHT- Do you have an 8th grader in your family? MLHS invites all 8th graders and their parents to come to MLHS either January 24 or January 26th at 6:30PM to see the MLHS campus, meet our faculty, and hear more about keeping Christ in higher education. This event is NOT a binding commitment, and no fees are involved. To help us plan, please provide us with some basic information about

your child here: www.mlhslancers.org/application. MLHS offers need-based tuition assistance to our families. Aid is also provided through the SCRIP program, from your home congregation, and you can apply for the WI Choice Voucher Program. Inquiries regarding tuition assistance will also be explained these nights. See you then! For any questions contact, Ryan Holper our admissions director at holper@mlhslancers.org.

SJSJ Building Fund Account		
December 2021		
12/01/2021		\$14,318.50
<u>Deposits</u>	-	
In Honor Of/Memorials	\$2,165.00	
12/7/2021	\$935.00	
12/14/2021	\$2,234.00	
12/21/2021	\$10,728.36	
12/30/2021	\$7,155.00	
Electronic Offerings	\$1,010.00	
Total Deposits	\$24,227.36	
<u>Withdrawals</u>	-	
Member Loan Interest Payments	\$1,460.00	
Transfer to Loan (December Payment)	\$4,685.00	
Transfer to Loan (Decmeber Payment)	\$4,685.00	

Total Withdrawals	\$10,830.00	
Ending Balance		\$27,715.86

Outstanding DSB Loan Balance for Building Project		
\$910,129.29		
Outstanding MEMBER Loan Balance for Building Project		
\$380,000.00		