

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



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WELCOME

Anointing Uncovered—Appearances can Deceive

Opening Hymn:

O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near

Christian Worship, Hymn # 693

Verse 1  **O gracious Lord, with love draw near
To these, your children gathered here;
The Spirit's gift in them renew,
The gift of faith that clings to you.**

Verse 2  **Sustain the work you have begun
In these united to your Son,
For in that pure baptismal flood
They have been cleansed by Jesus' blood.**

Verse 4  **Lord, keep them firm in their intent
To you, your Word, and sacrament.
O make them bold, their faith to share,
And make them strong, their cross to bear.**

Verse 5  **O Father, grant that by your grace
They may your will each day embrace,
With fruits of faith their lives now bless,
Till they at death your name confess.**

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 God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C **Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C Verse 1

♪ **O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
For sinners you became a child.
You came from heaven to fulfill
Your Father's just and holy will.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!**

C Verse 2

♪ **O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
With God we now are reconciled.
You have for all the ransom paid,
Your Father's righteous anger stayed.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!**

(CW #540)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BE SEATED

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

16 The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

² But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

⁵ Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”

(Old Testament lesson continues on the next page.)

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

☩ 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

Titus 3:4-7

⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Hymn of the Day:

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

Christian Worship, Hymn #377

Verse 1 ♪ **To Jordan's river came our Lord,
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light,
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.**

Verse 2 ♪ **The Savior came to be baptized-
The Son of God in flesh disguised-
To stand beneath the Father's will
And all his promises fulfill.**

Verse 3 ♪ **As Jesus in the Jordan stood
And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,
Descended on him from above.**

Verse 4 ♪ **Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound
Came God's own voice with words profound:
"This is my Son," was his decree,
"The one I love, who pleases me."**

Verse 5 ♪ **The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.**

Luke 3:15-17,21-23 **“Jesus—an Undercover COP”**

1. John appeared to be the Messiah
2. Jesus was working “undercover”
3. Jesus’ “cover” was blown

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

²³ Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph,

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death and the devil’s power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C 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.

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

A PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are a friend of the sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

GROUP BLESSING

(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.

G Amen.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

M Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

BENEDICTION

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

G Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert

Christian Worship Supplement, Hymn # 709



1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert Led to
2 Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons As by
3 Son of God, the road from Jor - dan Led at
4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us One with



Jor - dan's flow - ing stream. There you heard the
Jor - dan's bank you stood; Bathed, though sin - less,
last to Cal - v'ry's hill. There up - on the
Christ, our ris - en Lord; Freed us, claimed us,



her - ald cry - ing Is - rael's old pro - phet - ic
with your peo - ple In the riv - er's cleans - ing
cross for - sak - en, You ful - filled the Fa - ther's
cleansed, for - giv - en Through the wa - ter and the



dream: "He is com - ing! He is com - ing! He will
flood. High a - bove, the heav - ens o - pened; Came the
will. Lamb of God, we see you dy - ing, Sin - less,
Word. Help us hear your ur - gent sum - mons, Call - ing



cleanse the earth with flame! Sin - ners, plunge be - neath the
Spir - it as a dove; Spoke a voice be - yond all
yet for sin - ners slain. But where death rose up to
us to serve you now. Send us forth, your sons and



wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"
hear - ing: "See my Son, the one I love!"
tri - umph, You be - gan your glo - rious reign!
daugh - ters, With the cross up - on our brow.

Our Father's Business

Today	Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden Organ Today—Charmaine Wagner Sunday School & Adult Bible Class at 9:15 am No CREW today!
Mon. 1/10	Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Wed. 1/12	Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm
Thur. 1/13	Basketball—4:30pm B-Boys, 5:30pm B-Girls, 6:30pm A-Boys at Stockbridge
January 14-16	B-Team Tournaments at MLHS

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SERVING YOU TODAY—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.

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**—Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee**—Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin.

OFFERING ENVELOPES—Offering envelopes are located 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.

LWMS MISSIONS—Monetary Gift boxes are located at each entrance. A total of \$35.00 was collected last month, and monies will be sent to LWMS designated toward East Asia Special Projects. Thank you!

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.

MEMORIALS GIVEN—The Maertz Family gave a gift to the Building Fund in memory of Ervin, Mary, Dennis and Todd Maertz. Thank you for your thoughtful gift!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS—Thank you for all the lovely poinsettias donated by our congregation! 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.

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.

VOTERS' MEETING—The Ministry Planning voter's meeting will be held on January 23rd at 9:00 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING—There will be a Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 10. This meeting will be held as a “Virtual” meeting. Thank you!

USHERS’ MEETING—There will be an usher meeting on January 16th at 9:00am in the sanctuary to go over a few changes to the usher duties. The edited usher duties list will be sent out to all head ushers and copies will be available in the west office. Head ushers are asked to attend and usher team members are welcome as well.

LENTEN SIGN-UP 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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you St. John-St. James Church for the lovely poinsettia that was delivered to my home. Also, a big “Thank You” to everyone for the wonderful Birthday wishes.

God's Blessings to you all!

Verona Grimm

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE—December 20–31

(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

(12/31) New Year’s Eve—87

Christmas Eve Offerings: General Fund—\$ 6,276.00, Building Fund—\$ 175.00

Christmas Day Offerings—General Fund—\$ 2,510.00, Building Fund—\$ 50.00

12/26/21 Sunday Offering—General Fund—\$ 6,980, Synod—\$ 86.00, MLHS—\$ 61.00,
Total—\$ 7,125.25

Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$ 6,930.00

Ministry Reserve Fund —\$ 1,000.00 12/26/21

New Year’s Eve Offering—General Fund—\$ 3,911.00, Synod—\$ 10.00, MLHS—\$ 10.00, Total—\$ 3,931.00

Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$ 7,085.00 (needed each week \$2,312)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE—January 2, 2022

Church Attendance—8:00 am—100, 10:15 am—107, Total Attendance—207

Total Offerings: General Fund—\$ 5,835.00, Synod—\$ 68.00, MLHS—\$ 109.00,
Total—\$ 6,012.00

Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$ 5,661.00 (needed each week \$2,312)

Ministry Reserve Fund —\$ 107.75