

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School

LOVE
YOUR ENEMIES,
DO GOOD TO
THOSE WHO *HATE* YOU,
BLESS
THOSE WHO *CURSE* YOU,
PRAY ^{FOR THOSE} WHO
MISTREAT YOU.
LUKE 6:27-28

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 20, 2022



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WELCOME

Reactions Uncovered—Overcome evil with good

Opening Hymn:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Christian Worship, Hymn # 624

C Verse 1 

**Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
For he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

C Verse 4  **Praise to the Lord,**

**Who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy
Shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 5 

Praise to the Lord!

Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath,

Come now with praises before him!

Let the Amen

Sound from his people again;

Gladly forever adore him!

INVOCATION

M In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with a holy life and innocent death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

ABSOLUTION

M Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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--*Kyrie*

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

C Verse 1 

**“Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.**

C Verse 3 

**In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
How small are others’ debts to us,
How great our debt to you! *(CW #733)***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; 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

Genesis 45:3-15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸ “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹ Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. ¹⁰ You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’

¹² “You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. ¹³ Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.”

¹⁴ Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

 The Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Lesson

Romans 12:14-21

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "*It is mine to avenge; I will repay,*" says the Lord.

²⁰ On the contrary: "*If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.*" ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

 The Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day:

Son of God, Eternal Savior

Christian Worship, Hymn # 729

 Verse 1 

**Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us,
Honors all our human race,
You our head, who, throned in glory,
For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity;
Heal our wrongs and help our need.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)



Verse 2



**Bind us all as one together
In your Church's sacred fold,
Weak and healthy, poor and wealthy,
Sad and joyful, young and old.
Is there want or pain or sorrow?
Make us all the burden share.
Are there spirits crushed and broken?
Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.**



Verse 3



**As you, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.**

Do not be overcome
by evil, but overcome
evil with good.
Romans 12:21

Luke 6:27-38

“Our Love Is Different”

²⁷ “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

C **Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**

M Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

C **Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.**

M The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

C **Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.**

M Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

C **Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

M Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. *(Special intercessions may be offered here.)* Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

C **Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.**

M Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

(Silent prayer.)

M Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

C **Hear us for Jesus' sake. 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:

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

Christian Worship, Hymn # 726

C Verse 1  **Love in Christ is strong and living,
Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving-
May his will in us be done!**

C Verse 2  **Love is patient and forbearing,
Clothed in Christ's humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
Reaching out in charity.**

C Verse 3  **Love in Christ abides forever,
Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven,
Shall endure until life's end.**

BE SEATED



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

Sunday, February 20, 2022

SERVING YOU TODAY—8:00 am Ushers—Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack ■ **10:15 am Ushers—**Terry/Karen Prochnow, Bob/Mary Busse, Fred Busse, Erwin Waack, Jon Waack, Randy/Sandy Waack, Dereck Waack and Todd Hickmann ■ **Church Cleaners—**Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor ■ **Flower Committee—** Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—8:00 am Ushers—Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack ■ **10:15 am Ushers—**Terry/Karen Prochnow, Bob/Mary Busse, Fred Busse, Erwin Waack, Jon Waack, Randy/Sandy Waack, Dereck Waack and Todd Hickmann ■ **Church Cleaners—**Dr. Buchner, Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower Committee—** Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow ■ **Sunday Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—**Knier Family.

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.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—If you have an email address your contribution statements have been emailed to you. If you don't have an email account, we have printed out a hard copy and placed them in the West Church office. If you have received an email copy of your statement and would also like a printed copy please contact the church office at 920-754-4568.

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. **Just an update.... March 2, March 16, March 30 is taken, open dates are March 9, 23 and April 6, please sign up soon! If no group signs up for the open dates there will be no Lenten meals on that open date.**

MEDITATIONS—Due to rising costs for our Meditations books we had to increase the price from \$1.00 per booklet to \$1.50.

REMINDER—The fronts of ANY used greeting card are always needed. We helped WELS Prison Ministry with 200+ cards at Christmas. Nursing homes are receiving 1,000 this year already. If you have any used greeting cards that you would like to find a purpose for please place the covers of them in back of church. Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW?—Are you an Amazon shopper? Did you know that you can support St John St James Lutheran Church & School while purchasing the products you love? It's super easy! Instead of shopping on Amazon.com, shop on smile.amazon.com. Just go into your account settings and designate St John St James Lutheran Church & School as your charity of choice. Every time you purchase something, Amazon will donate .5% of your purchases to St John St James Lutheran Church & School. Thank you for supporting your church & school!

PJ PRAISE—February 23 is PJ Praise: Children ages 2-10 and their families are invited! Join us in the church for a family devotion at 5PM. Then parents can leave their little ones in our care while they enjoy some grown-up time. We will feed them supper. All children must be picked up by 7:45 PM. Children are invited to wear their PJ's so they will be all ready for bed when they get home. RSVP is necessary so we can plan for caregivers and food. Please let Mrs. Aden know if you will attend by emailing kaden@stjohnstjames.com by Feb. 21.

IN HONOR OF—Erwin Waack gave a gift to the General Fund In honor of his 89th birthday. Thank you so much!

CALL MEETING—On Monday evening our congregation called Pastor Caleb Kurbis to be our second Pastor. Pastor Kurbis is currently serving at Living Savior Lutheran Church in Asheville, NC. Pastor Kurbis is 36 years old. We did not call a teacher for Principal Administrative Time. We have a call list. Pastor Kurbis's wife Sarah is an MLC graduate and presently is not teaching. We want to add her to the Call List. We are checking with CLS to see if she is eligible for a call. **There will be another call meeting today at 9:00 am in the Commons to call a teacher for Principal Administrative Time.**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES—The Ash Wednesday schedule for services this year will be on March 2nd at 3:15 pm and 6:30 pm. A Lenten meal will be served on that day by the PTO at 4:30—6:00 pm. Come join us!

DIVINE CALL—Mr. Stuebs has received a divine call to serve as a Science Teacher & Coach at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton, WI. Please keep Mr. Stuebs and his family in your prayers as he deliberates where the Lord can best use his talents and abilities.

EASTER BREAKFAST—Would you be willing to help out with Easter Breakfast this year? If we get a chairperson to coordinate and enough volunteers to help out it is a possibility. If interested in helping please put your name on the list provided on the table in the West Church Office.

REEDSVILLE LIONESS HI-STEPPERS - Sign-up will be on Monday, March 7th at 6:00-7:00pm in the Reedsville Elementary Gym.

OUR SYMPATHIES—Cory Lee Petersen, 34, Green Bay passed away unexpectedly on Friday, February 11, 2022, as a result of an automobile accident. Our most sincere condolences to Larry & Judy Boettcher (Uncle-Aunt) and cousins, Marissa (Tim) Maertz, Landon Boettcher, Taran (Adam) Denor, Calen Boettcher all other family members and close friends. The visitation and Funeral Service were on Friday, February 18 at Lyndahl Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Green Bay, WI. We pray for peace in your hearts!

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 to those that sent us cards and prayers while in the nursing home!
Lawrence and Sarah Bratz

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden

Music Today—Kristen Hillmann

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

Call Meeting at 9:00 am

Mon. 2/21

CEC Meeting at 7:00 pm

Wed. 2/16

Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

LWMS

The 59th Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Annual Convention will be held at the Riverside Convention Center in the city of Rochester, which is in western New York, June 24-26. The theme is 'Set Free In Christ'. Visit lwms.org for more information and online registration.

The LWMS Shoreline Circuit Spring Rally is scheduled to be held at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church in Kewaunee on Saturday morning, April 30th. Those who attend will designate which mission our monthly offerings will go toward. More information will be available soon.

Our Befriend A Mission assignments are one World Mission (Native American Ministry, Pastor Bostedt, East Fork, Canyon Day, AZ.) and one Home Mission (Immanuel Hmong Lutheran Church in St. Paul, MN).

LWMS is women dedicated to serving Jesus by increasing awareness of, interest in, and support of the mission outreach of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). All ladies of the congregation are members of LWMS.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—February 7-13, 2022

Church Attendance—8:00 am—98, 10:15 am—104 Total Attendance—202

Total Offerings: General Fund—\$ 9,345.00, Synod—\$ 52.00, MLHS—\$ 47.00,

Total—\$ 9,444.00 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$ 1,335.00 (needed each week \$2,312) ■ Pastor Retreat Fund—\$ 50.00