

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



PREACH

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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WELCOME

Agenda uncovered—What must be heard, not what is asked



*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:


CCLI Song #4611992


O, Church Arise


CCLI License #20031593


** Verse 1  O church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"
Reaching out to those in darkness.**

 Verse 2
** Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations. *(Hymn continues on the next page.)***

C CHORUS  Arise, shine, for your light has come.
Arise, shine, for the risen son.
Lift your eyes, we are his radiant bride.
Arise, o church, arise!

C Verse 3  Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

C Verse 4
 So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

C CHORUS  Arise, shine, for your light has come.
Arise, shine, for the risen son.
Lift your eyes, we are his radiant bride.
Arise, o church, arise!

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 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:

CCLI Song #7068430

Behold (Then Sings My Soul)

CCLI License #20031593

Verse 1  **Messengers:**

Behold the Father's heart
The mystery He lavishes on us
As deep cries out to deep
Oh, how desperately He wants us
The things of earth stand next to Him
Like a candle to the sun
Unfailing Father
What compares to His great love
Behold His holy Son
The Lion and the Lamb given to us
The Word became a man
That my soul should know its Savior
Forsaken for the sake of all mankind
Salvation is in His blood
Jesus Messiah
The righteous died for love
 It wasn't over
 For He is the risen one

 **CHORUS**  **Then sings my soul**

Then sings my soul

How great Your love is

How great Your love is

Then sings my soul

Then sings my soul

How great Your love is

How great Your love is

Then sing my soul

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 2 

**Behold I have a friend
The Spirit breathing holy fire within
My ever present help
Speaking truth when I can't find it
Light up this broken heart
And light my way
Until my time on earth is done
Oh, Holy Spirit
Breathe in me like Kingdom come
Oh, Holy Spirit
Let Your work in me be done**

C CHORUS 

**Then sings my soul
Then sings my soul
How great Your love is
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Then sings my soul
How great Your love is
How great Your love is
Then sing my soul** *(Hymn concludes on the next page.)*

C Verse 3 

**My God He who was and is to come
Prepare the way
Until the work on earth is done
Watch as the clouds He rides swing low
Lift up the sound
As He makes our praise His throne
Behold the Lord our God will lead us home**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; 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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴The word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” ⁶“Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

⁷But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

⁹Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Psalm of the Day:

Praise Charts Song #70555

Psalm 139 (Far Too Wonderful)

CCLI License #20031593

G Verse 1 

**You wrote the story of my life
You go before you fall behind, yeah
Before a breath beyond my death
You are with me all the way
To everlasting**

G CHORUS 

***Oh I can't run, I can't hide
Even darkness is a light
From the lowest place
to the highest praise
You are worthy
Amazing love, how can it be
Far too wonderful for me
There's only one thing left to say
You are worthy, oh***


G Verse 2 

**Search me God and know my heart
Try me, know my anxious thoughts,
Find the wickedness in me
and lead me in the way everlasting**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C CHORUS 

*Oh I can't run, I can't hide
Even darkness is a light
From the lowest place
to the highest praise You are worthy
Amazing love, how can it be
Far too wonderful for me
There's only one thing left to say
You are worthy, oh*

C bridge 

**You formed me in my mothers womb
You know my frame, my flesh, and bone
Oh, I'm wonderfully made
Oh I can't describe, it's way too high
You see me through and through
And call me loved
What a wonderful grace *(repeat bridge)***

C CHORUS 

*Oh I can't run, I can't hide
Even darkness is a light
From the lowest place
to the highest praise You are worthy
Amazing love, how can it be
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Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:38-44

³⁸ Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. ³⁹ So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

⁴⁰ At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. ⁴¹ Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

⁴² At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. ⁴³ But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." ⁴⁴ And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Hymn of the Day:

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CCLI Song #7104268

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 Verse 1 

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till sun shall rise and set no more.**

 Verse 2 

**Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C CHORUS 

To our King be highest praise
Rising through eternal days
Just and faithful –
He shall reign. Jesus shall reign!

C Verse 3 

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.

C CHORUS 

To our King be highest praise
Rising through eternal days
Just and faithful –
He shall reign. Jesus shall reign!

C Verse 4 

Let every creature rise and bring
Blessing and honour to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

C CHORUS 

To our King be highest praise
Rising through eternal days
Just and faithful –
He shall reign. Jesus shall reign!

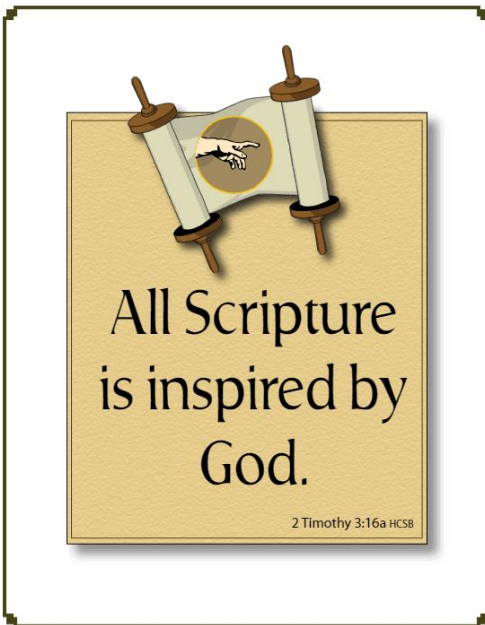
C CHORUS 

To our King be highest praise
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Just and faithful –
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2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

“Continue in what you have learned”

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is



God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit

their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Contemporary Creed

C 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.

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 have not continued in your Word.

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 continuing in your Word.**

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 continue in your Word.**

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 continue in your Word. 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.**


Closing Hymn


CCLI Song #7164255

Who You Say I Am

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C Verse 1  **Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me**


C CHORUS **ALL:**  **Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am**

C Verse 2  **Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)




CHORUS


ALL:  **Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am**



CHORUS 2

ALL:  **In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am**




bridge 

**I am chosen Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me Not against me
I am who You say I am *(repeat bridge)*
Oh, I am who you say I am**




CHORUS

ALL:  **Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am**



CHORUS 2

ALL:  **In my Father's house
There's a place for me
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Yes I am**

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

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden
Music Today—MESSENGERS

Wed. 2/9

Sunday School, CREW & Adult Bible Class at 9:15 am
CANCELLED Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

Sunday, January 30, 2022

SERVING YOU TODAY—8:00 am Ushers—Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **Church Cleaners**—Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor ■ **Flower Committee**—Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—8:00 am Ushers—Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe ■ **Church Cleaners**—Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor ■ **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.

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.

INSTALLATION—**Installation will be today at the 8am service.** 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; CEC Chairman, Shawn Behnke. Thank you to the outgoing members Dave Hoepfner, Andrew Bubolz, Doug Behnke, Curt Gimm.

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 and March 16 is taken, open dates are March 9, 23, 30 and April 6, please sign up soon!**

CALL MEETING—We will be holding a call meeting on February 14th at 6:30 in the commons area. We will be calling a second Pastor and a part time teacher for Principal Administrative time. The church council meeting will be held immediately after the call meeting.

FUNSET BOULEVARD NIGHT—***CANCELLED*** It has been decided that we will be cancelling SJSJ Night at Funset Boulevard that was originally scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2022. This has been a fun event for our SJSJ families in years past and we are looking to plan some new family fun events in the future.

ECONO FOODS—Community Care Program St. John - St. James Lutheran School recently received \$555.94 from the Econo Foods - Community Care Program. Thank you to everyone who continues to turn in their EconoFoods receipts to help support our school! Also, thank you to Audrey Duchow for her part in coordinating this great program! These funds will be used to upgrade our school technology. Keep saving those receipts!

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!

FEBRUARY HOME BOUND MEMBERS—There is a new and updated Home Bound Members list in the West Church office. Please help yourself to one, our Home-Bound members would love to hear from you!

NEWSLETTER INSERTS—We will be getting out a March—April newsletter very soon. If you have an insert that you want to get into the newsletter please have it to Cindy by Wednesday, February 16. 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!

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

OFFICES CLOSING EARLY—The Church/School Offices will be closing at noon on Thursday & Friday, February 10th & 11th as well as Friday, February 18th.

REEDSVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST—Reedsville Knights of Columbus Council will hold its annual Free Throw Contest on Saturday, February 19, 2022. The contest will be held at the **Reedsville Elementary School**, starting at 9:00 A.M. It's open to boys and girls, ages 9 to 14, as of January 1st. This contest is **free**, and all boys and girls are welcome.

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!

The SJSJ Quilters were busy making 60 quilts. All quilts were given away and some quilts also went to Manitowoc County residents who needed some warmth. We received this lovely note, “Thank you all for the absolutely beautiful quilts” - Green Bay Homeless Shelter. Thank you ladies for all the help!

Charmaine Wagner

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE—January 24-30, 2022

Church Attendance—8:00 am—101, 10:15 am—156 Total Attendance—257
Total Offerings: General Fund—\$ 9,420.00, Synod—\$ 187.00, MLHS—\$ 487.00,
Total—\$ 10,094.00 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$ 3,977.00 (needed each
week \$2,312) ■ Ministry Reserve Fund —\$ 500.00 ■ Pastor Retreat Fund—\$ 245.00
■ Debt Retirement—\$ 100.00