

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



JESUS CHRIST

Is Our GREAT HIGH PRIEST

First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022

WELCOME

CRUSHED—Against the rock of obedience, temptation is crushed.

*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 #1097451

Better Is One Day

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C Verse 1 ♫ **How lovely is Your dwelling place, Oh Lord Almighty**
My soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied,
within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

C CHORUS ♫ **Better is one day in Your courts**
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere. (repeat CHORUS)
Than thousands elsewhere.

C Verse 2 ♫ **One thing I ask and I would seek,**
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.
One thing I ask and I would seek,
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C CHORUS ♫

**Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere.** (*repeat CHORUS x 4*)
Than thousands elsewhere.

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.**

CONFESSİON 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 #6476063

Verse 1 ♫ Messengers:

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid.

Man of Sorrows

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C Verse 2 ♫

**Silent as He stood accused
Beaten, mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns.**

C CHORUS ♫

**Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out, halle-lu-jah
Praise and honor unto Thee.**

C Verse 3 ♫

**Sent of heaven, God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree.**

C CHORUS ♫

**Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out, halle-lu-jah
Praise and honor unto Thee.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 4 ♫

**See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah, God be praised
He's risen from the grave.**

C CHORUS ♫

**Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out, halle-lu-jah
Praise and honor unto Thee.
Praise and honor unto Thee.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 17:4-11,32-40,45-49

⁴ A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; ⁶ on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. ⁷ His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

(Old Testament lesson continues onto next two pages.)

⁸ Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.” ¹⁰ Then the Philistine said, “This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.” ¹¹ On hearing the Philistine’s words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

³² David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”

³³ Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”

³⁴ But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go, and the LORD be with you.”

³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹ David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

⁴⁸ As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹ Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

Psalm of the Day:

Praise Charts Song #70553

Psalm 91 (On Eagle’s Wings)

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C Verse 1 ♫

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, my refuge
My Rock in Whom I trust.**

C CHORUS ♫

***And He will raise you up on eagles wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand.***

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 2 ♫ The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings, your refuge
His faithfulness, your shield.

C CHORUS ♫ *And He will raise you up on eagles wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

C bridge ♫ You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you
Near you it shall not come.

C CHORUS ♫ *And He will raise you up on eagles wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:1-13

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,² where for forty days he was tempted^[a] by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’^[b]”

5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.⁶ And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

8 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’^[c]”

9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here.¹⁰ For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

11 they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’^[d]”

12 Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’^[e]”

13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Footnotes

a. [Luke 4:2](#) The Greek for *tempted* can also mean *tested*.

b. [Luke 4:4](#) Deut. 8:3

c. [Luke 4:8](#) Deut. 6:13

d. [Luke 4:11](#) Psalm 91:11,12

e. [Luke 4:12](#) Deut. 6:16

Hymn of the Day:

Praise Charts Song #2186

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

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C Verse 1 ♫ How deep the Father's love for us

**How vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.**

C Verse 2 ♫

**Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders,
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life,
I know that it is finished.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 3 ♫

**I will not boast in anything;
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

C Tag ♫

**Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Darin Aden

Hebrews 4:14-16

“Turn to THE Great High Priest”

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

CONFESSTION 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 turned to our High Priest.**

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 turning to our High Priest.

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 turn to our High Priest.

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 turn to our High Priest. 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 #11026168

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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- C** Verse 1 **When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.**
- C** Verse 2 **Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**
- C** Verse 3 **See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
- C** Verse 4 **Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

The Crucial Hours 2022 Lenten Worship Series

St. John – St. James Reedsville

March 2

"Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You"
Luke 22:31,32

Darin Aden

March 9

"I Will Keep the Passover"
Matthew 26:18

Ross Henzi

March 16

The Semblance of Legality
Luke 22:66

Thomas Fricke

March 23

"They Bound Him"
John 18:12

Philip Janisch

March 30

A Part of the Whole?
Luke 23:13-16

Darin Aden

April 6

What to Remember When you
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Matthew 27:3,4

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Today	Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden Music Today—MESSENGERS
Wed. 3/9	Sunday School, CREW & Adult Bible Class at 9:15am Wednesday Lenten Worship Services at 3:15pm & 6:30pm Lenten Meal 4:30-6:00pm *No* Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30pm
Thurs. 3/10	Praise Choir Practice at 5:30pm
Fri. 3/11	LYA Fun Night 4:00-9:00pm

Sunday, March 6, 2022

SERVING YOU TODAY—8:00 am Ushers—Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Roger/Judy Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline ■ **Church Cleaners** - Dr. Buchner, Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower Committee**—Joann Fischer & Sharie Mack.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—WEDNESDAY—3:15—Volunteers ■ 6:30 pm Ushers—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers**—Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Roger/Judy Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline ■ **Church Cleaners**—Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau ■ **Flower Committee**—Joann Fischer & Sharie Mack ■ **Sunday Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan.

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. **Please pick up your statement if you have not as of yet, otherwise we will have to spend money on postage to mail them to you!**

LENTEN MEALS—Thank you to the SJSJ PTO for serving our Lenten meal this past Wednesday! **This coming Wednesday, March 9th, our EC Staff will serve sub sandwiches.** If you have a committee or group of church members who would like to

serve a Lenten meal, please sign up on the sheet in the West Office in the back of church. (March 23rd is still open.)

DIVINE CALL—At a recent Call Meeting, our voters extended a call to Pastor Caleb Kurbis to serve as our Youth & Outreach Pastor. Pastor Kurbis is currently serving at Living Savior Lutheran Church in Asheville, NC. Our voters also extended a call to Pastor Kurbis' wife, Sarah, to teach Grades 6-8 part-time to allow Mr. Zimmerman time for his principal administrative duties. Please keep Pastor & Mrs. Kurbis and their family in your prayers as they deliberate where the Lord can best use their talents and abilities.

EASTER BREAKFAST—Thank you to Gary Bernhardt for volunteering to serve as this year's Easter Breakfast Chairman. We are in need of volunteers to help setup, cook & serve for our Easter Breakfast. If interested in helping, please put your name on the list provided on the table in the West Church Office.

EASTER LILIES—Easter Lilies will be available again this year. The cost is \$10.00/plant. You're welcome to take your plants home after the 10:15 am Easter Worship service on Sunday, April 17, 2022. Please print clearly and place your order in the box provided on the table in the West church office. Orders due by March 27, 2022.

WELS/ELS SINGLES GROUP—If you're single (unmarried, divorced, widowed) and looking to socialize, make friends, or enjoy fellowship with other singles who share your faith, we encourage you to join our Facebook group! Our group consists of over 500 members from around the world with ages ranging from 18-65+. We are an active group sharing Biblical encouragement, prayers, Lutheran memes, personal victories, and food. Our page is full of discussion posts and we typically have a weekly video hangout on Sunday evenings. We'd love to have you join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wels.els.singles>.

SJSJ SCRIP NEWS—The SJSJ SCRIP Program is offering the following gift cards at a promotional rate for a limited time: Fleet Farm \$50 and \$100 at 10%! Also, Kwik Trip \$50 and \$100 at 10%!

PRAISE CHOIR PRACTICE—The Praise Choir will practice this Thursday, March 10th at 5:30pm.

BULLETIN USAGE—Due to the cost of supplies incurred for printing weekly bulletin announcements and worship folders, we have been tracking usage numbers needed each week. We are trying to come up with a consistent amount needed each week so we are not printing unnecessary copies. We are asking if you are a user of the worship screen to only take the printed announcement page when offered that way. We are hoping to arrive at an accurate number as well as to save paper in the process. Respectfully, Worship Committee.

USHERS/CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS—*Reminder:* Doors into the front and the back of the church should be closed at the end of service times. This is to help on heating costs as well as control heat and humidity for the pipe organ. Thank you!

ELDERS MEETING—There will be an Elders Meeting on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm. Please let Brian Bubolz or Pastor Aden know if you cannot attend. Thank you!

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES—Lenten Worship Services will be held at 3:15pm & 6:30pm every Wednesday through April 6th. This coming Wednesday, March 9th, we welcome Pastor Ross Henzi from Trinity in Brillion.

USHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Usher volunteers are needed for our 3:15pm worship services. If you are willing to help, please sign up on the sheet in the West Office in the back of church.

LYA FUN NIGHT—All SJSJ 7th-12th graders are invited to a LYA FUN NIGHT this Friday, March 11th from 4:00-9:00pm here at St. John—St. James. There will be basketball & volleyball in the gym (bring your gym shoes) and other games in the commons area. Snacks & water will be provided. Please join us for some fun!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME—Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 13th. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday night. We don't want you to be late to church!

SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED—The School Office will be closed this Friday, March 11th from 8:15am-12:15pm.

2022-2023 SCHOOL REGISTRATION—Registration is now open for all students entering grades 3K-8 for the 2022-2023 school year. Please visit the “Our School” page of our website at stjohnstjames.com to register.

PASTOR RETREAT—Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards our Pastor Retreat Fund. \$1,983 has been collected so far which should cover the cost of the retreat. Anyone who still wishes to contribute is welcome to do so. Additional funds will be given to Pastor & Mrs. Aden to help cover other travel expenses & meals.

MLHS ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING MUSICAL—The Drama Club from Manitowoc Lutheran High School proudly presents *Fiddler on the Roof*. Rich with musical hits you know and love, including “Tradition,” “Sunrise, Sunset,” “If I Were a Rich Man,” “Matchmaker, Matchmaker,” plus many more. *Fiddler on the Roof* tells the heartwarming story of father and daughters, husbands and wives, and the timeless traditions that define faith and family. A wonderful cast of forty-nine and a live pit orchestra will entertain you as they bring this story to life

on the MLHS stage. Please join us in this family friendly production March 11-13 at MLHS. Production times: Friday and Saturday evening at 7:00 P.M. and Sunday at 2:00 P.M. You can reserve your seat/purchase your tickets online at www.mlhslancers.org/drama.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

Church Attendance (2/27/22)—8:00 am—107, 10:15 am—107 Total Attendance—214

Church Attendance (Ash Wednesday) (3/2/22)—3:15pm—157, 6:30pm—57 Total Attendance—214

Total Offerings (2/27/22): General Fund—\$16,228.25, Synod—\$624, MLHS—\$639, Total—\$17,491.25

- Special Offerings—Building Fund—\$3,730 (needed each week \$2,312) ■ Ministry Reserve Fund—\$832
- Pastor Retreat Fund—\$150