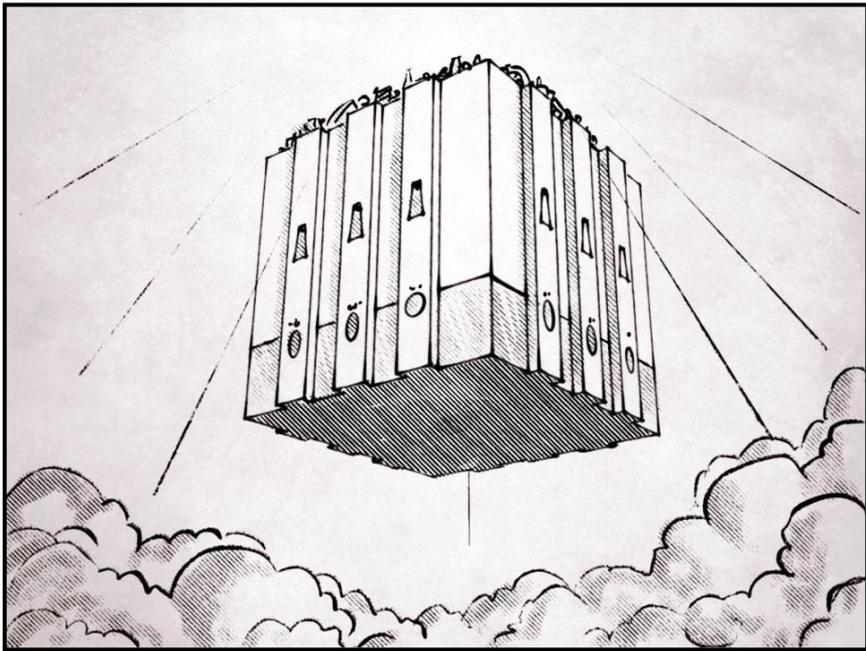


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WELCOME

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Opening Hymn:

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Christian Worship, Hymn # 881

© Verse 1 🎵 **Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease,
In God's likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.**

© Verse 2 🎵 **Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed th' eternal gates.**

(Our hymn continues on next page.)

G Verse 3 **J** **Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amid earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!**

INVOCATION

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

G **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

G **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

G **Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

M God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

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 ♪ **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace,
Good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
We glorify you, we give thanks to you,
For your great glory,
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.**

(Our Hymn Response continues on the next page)

**O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world;
Receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father;
Have mercy on us.
For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
Are most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray. O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Lesson

Acts 14:8-22

⁸ In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰ and called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

¹¹ When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵ “Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. ¹⁶ In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷ Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” ¹⁸ Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

¹⁹ Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. ²⁰ But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

²¹ They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, ²² strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said.

 The Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Epistle Lesson

Revelation 21:21-27

²¹The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass. ²²I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 16:16-24

¹⁶ Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

¹⁷ At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸ They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

¹⁹ Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’?” ²⁰ Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

²¹ A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. ²² So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. ²³ In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

M The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**



Hymn of the Day:

By Faith

Christian Worship, Hymn # 868

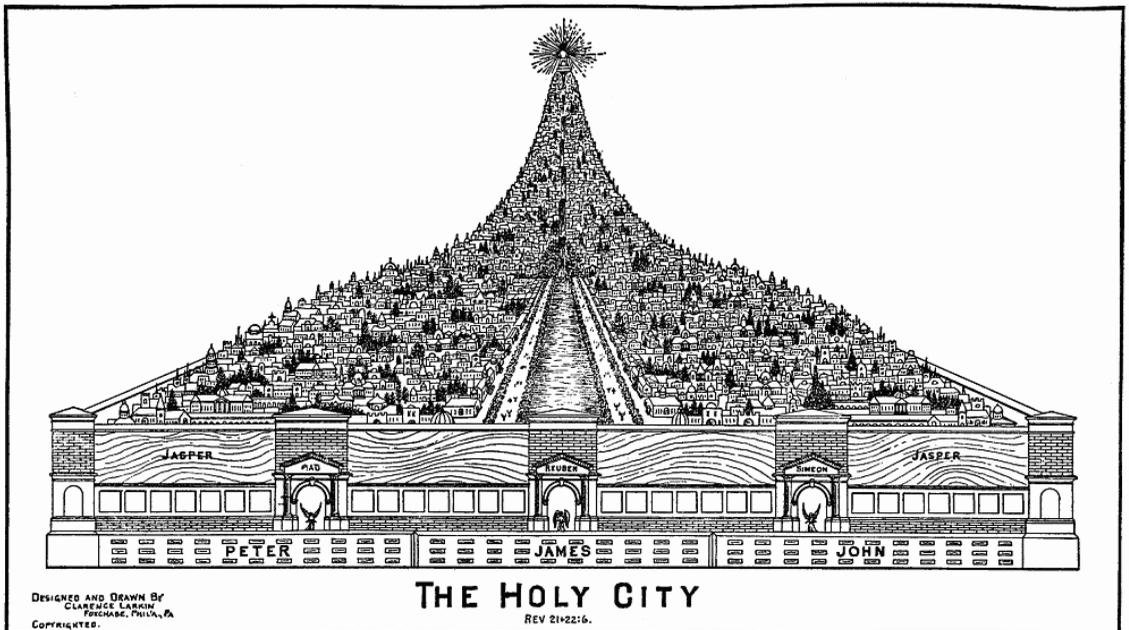
- C** Verse 1 **♫** **By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight.**
- C** Verse 2 **♫** **By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign**
- C** REFRAIN **♫** **We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.**
- C** Verse 3 **♫** **By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.**
- C** Verse 4 **♫** **By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth.**

(Our hymn continues on the next page.)

C REFRAIN **♪** We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

C Verse 5 **♪** By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

C REFRAIN **♪** We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.



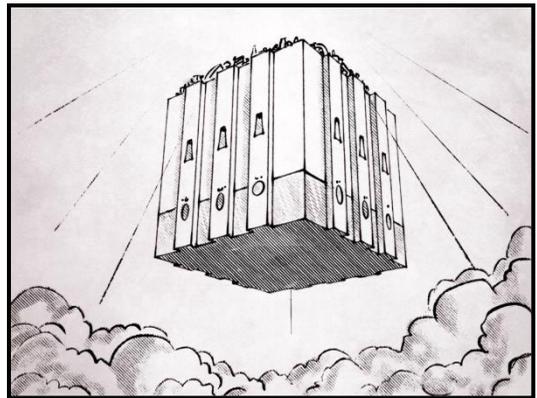
Psalm 27

“Teach Me Your Way, O LORD”

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? ²When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. ³Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

⁴One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my

life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. ⁵For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. ⁶Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I



will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. ⁸My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, LORD, I will seek. ⁹Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior. ¹⁰Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

¹¹Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. ¹²Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations. ¹³I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁴Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Sermon Response:

There Is a Higher Throne

Christian Worship, Hymn # 885

1 There is a high - er throne than all this
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be -

world has known, Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue
fore the throne. We'll hon - or him in per - fect song

will one day come. Be - fore the Son we'll stand,
where we be - long. He'll wipe each tear - stained eye

made fault - less through the Lamb; Be - liev - ing
as thirst and hun - ger die. The Lamb be -

hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

Refrain

Hear heav - en's voic - es sing; their thund - 'rous
an - them rings. Through em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies
their prais - es rise. All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r,
strength, thanks, and hon - or are to God our King who
reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M** Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.
- C** **Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**
- M** Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.
- C** **Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**
- M** Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.
- C** **Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**
- M** Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.
- C** **Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**
- M** Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.
- C** **Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

(Our prayer concludes on the next page.)

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 **Grant them your love, take them into your tender care.**

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

(Silent prayer.)

M We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. *(Special intercessions may be offered here.)* Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

C **Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

M Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

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.**

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:

Jerusalem the Golden

Christian Worship, Hymn # 889

Verse 1  **Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest-
The sight of it refreshes
The weary and oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not
What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory,
What bliss beyond compare:
To sing the hymn unending
With all the martyr throng,
Amidst the halls of Zion
Resounding full with song.**

(Our hymn continues on the next page.)

Verse 2

♪ **Oh, sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect!
Where they who with their leader
Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white:
In mercy, Jesus, bring us
To that dear land of rest;
Where sings the host of heaven
Your glorious name to bless.**

Verse 3

♪ **The Christ is ever with them,
The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the bless-ed
Are ever rich and green.
There is the throne of David,
And there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph,
The song of them that feast.
To God enthroned in glory
The Church's voices blend,
The Lamb forever bless-ed,
The Light that knows no end.**

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden

Music Today—Charmaine Wagner

Thur. 5/26

Ascension Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Sunday, May 22, 2022

SERVING YOU THIS WEEK—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—**Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida ■ **Flower Committee—**Carol Bubolz, Ida May Krepline.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—Ascension Day (Thursday) 6:30 Ushers - Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susan Bubolz, William Voeltz ■ **Church Cleaners—**(Thursday) Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—** Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan. **Ascension Day (Sunday) 9:00 am Ushers—**Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners—**(Sunday) Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor ■ **Flower Committee—**Carol Bubolz, Ida May Krepline ■ **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.

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING—We will have a special voter's meeting **today**, Sunday May 22nd at 9:15 in the commons Items on the agenda include: 1. Call a part time teacher for Principal Administration Time. 2. Discuss and vote on the proposed new heating system in the 1961 addition. We will also discuss the funding for this project. The present heating system is 61 years old and is giving us problems

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.

SAVE THE DATE—Pastor Aden's 25th Anniversary celebration will be on Sun. July 31st. More details to follow.

SJSJ CAMP OUTING—The annual church/school camp outing held at Devil's River Campground is being planned for July 8th—10th. If you would like a campsite for this year's SJSJ Camp Outing, please contact Karie Robley at 920-772-4959 or email her at

robley@tds.net.

ASCENSION SERVICES—Ascension Service is on this Thursday, May 26th at 6:30 pm and Sunday, May 29th at 9 am.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE—Our Summer Worship Schedule will begin on Thursday, May 26th & Sunday, May 29th with a special service for Ascension. All Thursday evening services will be held @ 6:30pm inside the sanctuary. One service will be held on Sunday mornings @ 9:00am. The service on May 29th will be held inside the sanctuary. Beginning Sunday, June 5th all Sunday worship services will be held OUTSIDE in the parking lot. Please bring your own lawn chair. This summer schedule will continue through Labor Day weekend.

8th GRADE GRADUATION—A graduation ceremony will be held for our 8th grade graduates on Thursday, May 26th during the 6:30pm worship service in church. Congratulations to the 2022 graduating class of St. John—St. James: Josee Busse, Rebecca Krepline & Jonathan Schrubbe! Students in grades K-7 will be singing during the ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony and is also invited to a reception immediately following the ceremony in the Commons Area.

HOME BOUND MEMBERS LIST—On the table in the West Church Office you will find a copy of our home-bound members. Please pick one up, our home-bound members would love a card, letter or phone call from you!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SET UP / TAKE DOWN—The Worship committee is looking for volunteers to set up and take down for the outdoor services starting June 5. Set up and take down will take approximately 20-30 minutes before and after service. If you'd like to serve in this way, a sign up sheet is in west office. Thank you!

HIRING—Trinity Lutheran School is hiring an afternoon lead teacher/childcare position (Monday-Friday, approx 28 hrs/wk) for the upcoming 2022-23 school year in Early Childhood Education Program. Trinity is looking for applicants who are at least 18 years old and eager to work with children ranging in age from 3 to 12 years old. Experience is preferred but not required. Pay rate is \$13 - \$16.50, dependent on experience. Applications and job description are available by emailing tlc@trinitybrillion.org. For more information, please contact the Early Childhood Director Mrs. Kelli Baas at k.baas@trinitybrillion.org or Principal Dave Knittel at d.knittel@trinitybrillion.org.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS—The Church & School Offices will be open from 8:00am—12:00pm daily during the months of June, July & August. Scrip will be available to purchase during these hours.

FUNERAL HELP NEEDED—Our Ladies Aid needs a little help for funeral set-up/take-down and to help serve and clean up after meals. If you would be interested in helping out please place your name on the list provided in the West Church office. Thank you!

KITCHEN DONATIONS—The SJSJ kitchen could use a few donations! If you would like to donate please drop off your donations in the kitchen. The following is needed: 8oz. styrofoam cups, paper towels, medium sized plates for funeral desserts and strong sectioned plates for funerals. Thanks you so much!

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—The last day of school is fast approaching! The last day of school for our 3K & 4K students will be Wednesday, May 25th. Students in grades K-8 will be dismissed at 11:50am on Friday, May 27th. *Bussing will NOT be available at dismissal on this day.*

OUR SYMPATHIES—Lawrence R. “Sonny” Bratz, age 90, formerly of Reedsville, died Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at Brillion West Haven. Our most sincere condolences to wife, Sarah Bratz and Son, Daniel(Camille) Bratz all other family members and close friends. The family will greet relatives and friends at St. John St. James Lutheran Church, Reedsville, from 9:00 am Monday, May 23, 2022 until 10:45 am. The Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. We pray for peace in your hearts!

MLC JOB OPENING—Martin Luther College is accepting applications for Early Childhood Assistant Teacher, Early Childhood Administrative Assistant, Education Office Administrative Assistant, and Resource Development Manager. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/. Thank you.

MLC/MLHS Scholarship Assistance

This fall Maya Aden, Lynsey Marohn, Josh Aden and Michaela Bubolz will be attending MLC in New Ulm, MN. They plan on being Called Workers in our Synod. Next school year the cost of attending MLC will be \$29,400. We have established a Scholarship Fund to help fund their education. If the **student's home congregation gives each student \$1200,MLC will match it.**

We will have either 10 or 11 students at MLHS this fall. Some of them don't receive financial assistance. Tuition at MLHS is \$6000.

This special offering will end on June 5th.

SJSJ set a goal of \$5600 for the MLC Scholarship. We presently have \$2457.00. Still needed \$3143.00

We have set a goal of \$4600 for the MLHS Scholarship. We presently have

\$1525.00 Still needed

\$3075.00

If you wish to make a contribution, please mark your envelope, either MLC Scholarship. or MLHS Scholarship. If you wish to contribute to both funds mark your envelope MLC/MLHS Scholarship. Please make out checks to St. John-St. James. We can't cash checks made out to MLC or MLHS Scholarship Fund.

St. John – St. James Church Council Meeting Highlights - May 9, 2022

Jeff Doemel reported on income for the month of April was \$54,956 and expenses were \$62,803. Total debt balance at the end of April is \$3,410.

The Charities balance at the end of April was \$26,546.09. Total monies in the Building Project Fund are \$29,706.86.

Membership Action

Transfers in:

Josee Busse---communicant: Change to Communicant status by Child Confirmation

Mercedes Grimm ---communicant: Change to Communicant status by Child Confirmation

Isabella Kocian---communicant: Change to Communicant status by Child Confirmation

Rebecca Krepline---communicant: Change to Communicant status by Child Confirmation

Elsianna Pautz---communicant: Change to Communicant status by Child Confirmation

Benjamin Prochnow---communicant: Change to Communicant status by Child Confirmation

Jonathan Schrubbe---communicant: Change to Communicant status by Child Confirmation

Aden-Bleskey Wedding

Lydia Aden (daughter of Pastor and Karla Aden) will marry Jordan Bleskey at St. John-St. James on June 18, 2022, at 2:00 PM. The congregation is invited to a 'Sweet' Reception in the Commons immediately following the ceremony.

Please RSVP by signing up on the sheet in the west office before June 5.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—MAY 9-15, 2022

9-15 Church Attendance:

Sunday—8:00 am Service—94, 10:15 am Service—89 Total: 183

Offerings

General Fund: \$ 8,734.00*, Synod: \$ 646.50*, MLHS: \$ 238.50*—Total \$ 9,619.00

Special Offerings

Building Fund: \$ 4,105.00* (needed each week \$2,312)

MLC Scholarship \$ 1,600.00

MLHS Scholarship Fund—\$ 1,200.00

Ministry Reserve Fund—\$ 45.00*

Befriend A Mission—\$ 386.00

* Electronic Offerings Included.