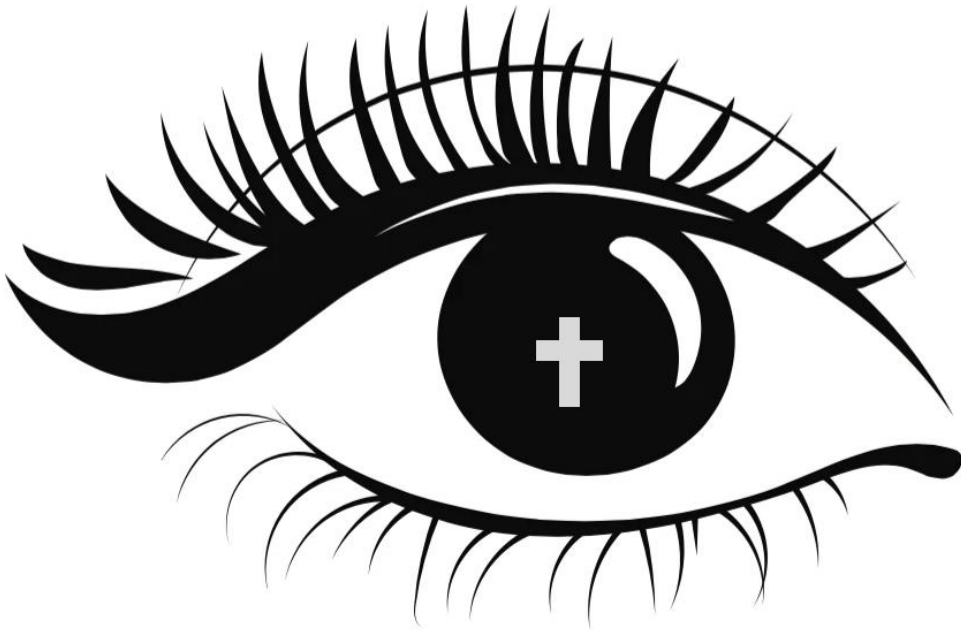


St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

WELCOME

Sight MARCHES VICTORIOUS over blindness


**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:


Jesus Strong and Kind

CCLI Song #75850


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Verse 1  **Kids Choir:** Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
No one else can satisfy I should come to Him.

Verse 2  **Messengers:** Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength I should come to Him.


CHORUS  **Messengers:** For the Lord is Good and Faithful.
He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind.

Verse 3

 **Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.**
No one else can be my shield. I should come to Him.

 CHORUS  **For the Lord is Good and Faithful.**
He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind.

Verse 4

 **Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me,**
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me.

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C CHORUS 

**For the Lord is Good and Faithful.
He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind. *(repeat whole Chorus)*
Jesus, strong and kind.**

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 #5174122



My Worth Is Not in What I Own



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Verse 1  Kids Choir: My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love
At the cross

Verse 2  Kids Choir: My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
At the cross


CHORUS  Messengers: I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone


 Verse 3  **As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us
At the cross**

 Verse 4  **I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ
At the cross**

 CHORUS  **I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 5  **Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid
At the cross**

C CHORUS  **I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; 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 9:1-22

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"
⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. ⁶ “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord,” he answered.

¹¹ The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

¹³ “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹ All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” ²² Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

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.

Epistle Lesson

Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Hymn of the Day:



Praise Charts Song #7096627

O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer

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Verse 1 Messengers:

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer Greatest Treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other True delight is found in You alone
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom, My highest good and my unending need.

 Verse 2  **O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer**
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding,
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

CHORUS 3

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered, bled and died.
You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

John 21:1-14

“The Lord Shows Himself in Many Ways”

21 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³“I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

⁶He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.


¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Sermon Response:

CCLI Song #7177990

He Will Hold Me Fast

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Verse 1  Duet:


When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast

Kids Choir:

I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast.

CHORUS  Messengers:

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Verse 2  Duet:

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast

Kids Choir:

He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He must hold me fast.



CHORUS 

**He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)



CHORUS 

**He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast** *(repeat CHORUS)*

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



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.



Lord, forgive us for the times we do not see what you show us.



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.



Lord, show us the value of seeing what you show us.



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.



Lord, help us to trust in you so that we might always see what you show us.

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.

G **Lord, use us for your good purposes as we see what you show us. It is in your name we ask, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

G **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.


G **Amen.**

Closing Hymn


CCLI Song #518443


Jerusalem


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G Verse 1  **See Him in Jerusalem**
Walking where the crowds are
Once these streets had sung to Him
Now they cry for murder


(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C CHORUS 1  **Such a frail and lonely man
Holding up the heavy cross
See Him walking in Jerusalem
On the road to save us**

C Verse 2  **See him there upon the hill
Hear the scorn and laughter
Silent as a lamb he waits
Praying to the Father**

C CHORUS 2  **See the King who made the sun
And the moon and shining stars
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down
So that He could save them**

C Verse 3  **See Him there upon the cross
Now no longer breathing
Dust that formed the watching crowds
Takes the blood of Jesus**

C CHORUS 3  **Feel the earth is shaking now
See the veil is split in two
And he stood before the wrath of God
Shielding sinners with his blood**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)



Verse 4



**See the empty tomb today
Death could not contain Him
Once the servant of the world
Now in vict'ry reigning**



CHORUS 4



**Lift your voices to the One
Who is seated on the throne
See Him in the new Jerusalem
Praise the One who saved us
Lift your voices to the One
Who is seated on the throne
See Him in the new Jerusalem
Praise the One who saved us
Praise the One who saved us**

POST SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Congratulations SJSJ

Confirmation Class of 2022

Confirmation/Examination was held on Saturday, April 30th.
Confirmation Class participants are as follows:

Josee Lynn Busse

Parents—*Fredrick & Laura Busse*

Mercedes Marie Grimm

Parents—*Travis & Becky Grimm*

Isabell Ann Kocian

Parents—*Jason Kocian, Deidre Kocian*
Justin & Jessica Loose

Rebecca Ann Krepline

Parents—*Robert & Krista Krepline*

Elsianna Joy Pautz

Parents—*Michael & Jessica Pautz*

Benjamin Michael Prochnow

Parents—*Ronald & Alison Prochnow*

Jonathan Ray Schrubbe

Parents—*Nicholas & Amanda Schrubbe*

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden
Music Today—MESSENGERS

Sat. 5/7

Softball Tournament @Luxemburg 8:00 – 9:00am

Sunday, May 1, 2022

SERVING YOU THIS WEEK—8:00 am Ushers—Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Randy/Sandy Waack, Todd Hickmann ■ **Church Cleaners**—Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon ■ **Flower Committee**—Carol Bubolz, Ida May Krepline.

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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.

DIVINE CALL—Pastor Jonathan Learman continues to deliberate the call we extended to him to serve as our Youth & Outreach Pastor. Pastor Learman is currently serving at St. Peter & Zion Lutheran Churches in Theresa, WI. Our voters also extended a call to Pastor Learman's wife, Jamie, to teach Grades 6-8 parttime to allow Mr. Zimmerman time for his principal administrative duties. Please keep Pastor & Mrs. Learman and their family in your prayers as they deliberate where the Lord can best use their talents and abilities. Feel free to contact them with words of encouragement at (920) 238-1699

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.

LWMS BEFRIEND A MISSION—The Befriend A Mission door collection will be held Sunday, May 15. Our Befriend A Mission assignments are: Native American Missions, Pastor David Bostedt, Canyon Day & East Fork Churches, Apache, AZ; Home Mission -Immanuel Hmong Lutheran Church, Pastor Pheng Moua, St. Paul, MN.

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.

LYA BAKE SALE & SILENT AUCTION—The SJSJ Lutheran Young Adults (LYA) will be holding a Bake Sale & Silent Auction on Sunday, May 15th from 9:00am-noon in the Commons Area. If anyone would like to make a donation for the Silent Auction, please drop it off in the School Office by Friday, May 13th. Please come support our LYA as they raise funds to attend this summer’s WELS International Youth Rally in Knoxville, TN.

EASTER LILIES—Just a reminder to please take your Easter Lilies along with you after the service today! Please don’t forget to leave the trays the plants are placed in behind.

NEW MEMBERS—Please welcome our new members Morgan Kiesow wife of Kurt, Jeff & Laura Voeltz who transferred in from Bethany, Manitowoc, Paula Steffes soon to be wife of Dan Bubolz, Jason Reis husband of Deidre Reis, Jordan Bleskey fiancé of Lydia Aden, Beau Baroun husband of Karissa, Nick Wilfert husband of Michelle and Steve Miller husband of Sarah. Welcome to our church family, please pick up your new member packs in the West Church office!

ELDERS’ MEETING—There will be an Elders’ Meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 pm.

THANK YOU—MESSENGERS would like to give a special thanks to the student choir, who did a beautiful job edifying our worship today. Thank you to Jonathan Schrubbe, Ethan Marohn, Ava Stuebs, Elijah Zuberbier, Hadley Bastian, Evelyn Schrubbe, Ryan Zimmerman, Christopher Zuberbier & Shayna Zuberbier for volunteering to serve our Lord & our congregation with your spiritual gifts.

LAST MESSENGERS SERVICE—Today is the last scheduled monthly "MESSENGERS" led worship service at SJSJ until October 2022. MESSENGERS are humbled and thankful for your prayers, support and encouragement over the last year! There will not be an annual Summer Concert this year, as they will be busy preparing to lead a few other churches in their outdoor summer services. Please keep them, and their ministry, in your prayers!

SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSING EARLY—The School Office will be closing at noon on Friday, May 6th.

HELP NEEDED—We will be setting up the gym on Sunday, May 15th following the 10:15am worship service for our upcoming Spring Spotlight. We would greatly appreciate anyone who is willing to help!

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

CONFIRMATION FLOWERS - The flowers in church have been given by the Confirmation Class of 2022.

SUMMER SERVICE HOURS—Sunday Summer Worship Services will begin on Sunday, May 29 at 9:00am. Sunday, June 5 will be the start of our Outdoor Worship services beginning at 9:00 am. Please remember to bring a comfortable chair along. If it's raining services will be held in church. Thursday Summer Worship Services will begin on June 2nd at 6:30 pm in church.

MLHS Christian Music Concert:

Sunday, May 15

3PM in the Gym

MLHS will be having a FREE Christian Music Concert at 3PM. Enjoy the music that comes from a broad base of Christian artists, featuring, "MESSENGERS," the church band from St. John/St. James, Reedsville, an MLHS faculty ensemble and some alumni from MLHS. See you there! Bring your friends!

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.

We are running this special offering from March 27th to June 5th.

We have set a goal of \$5600 for the MLC Scholarship. We presently have \$382. Still needed, \$5,218.

We have set a goal of \$4600 for the MLHS Scholarship. We presently have \$100. Still needed, \$4,500.

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.

Manitowoc Lutheran High School News

Summer Sport Camp Now Open!—Check out the great options we have for summer sports camps for children from grades 1-12. Fundamentals for the younger kids, and skill development for the older ones. MLHS also offers speed and strength training for grades 7-12. Go to: www.mlhslancers.org/kids to sign up today!

Prism Concert: You will not want to miss this concert! The idea of the Prism Concert is that it features a variety of music and talent. We have had singing, dancing, rock bands, international students playing their native instruments, silly musical acts, and many more examples. There are two concerts on this day, one at 4PM and one at 7PM. For any questions contact Joel Ungemach the Fine Arts Director at jungemach@mlhslancers.org.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

Church Attendance: Sunday—8:00 am Service—94, 10:15 am Service—68 Total: 162

Offerings

General Fund: \$ 11,454.00, Synod: \$ 653.00, MLHS: \$ 643.00—Total \$ 12,750.00

Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 1,305.00 (needed each week \$2,312) .

Ministry Reserve Fund—\$ 50.00

Ladies Aid—\$ 400.00