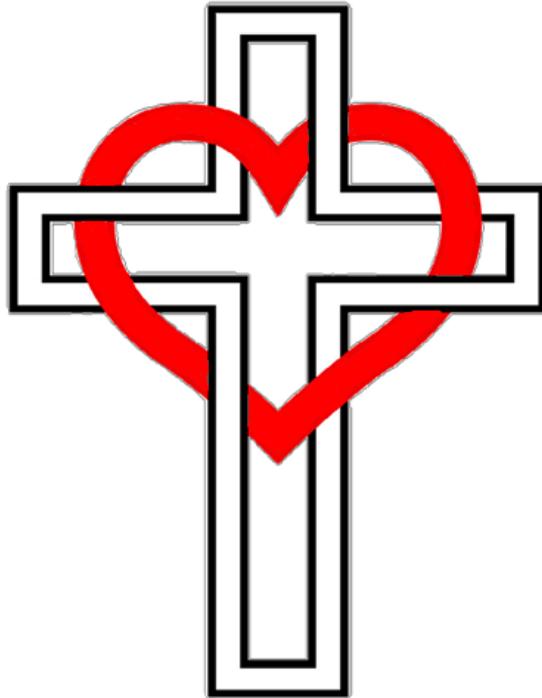


# **St. John-St. James**

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WELCOME

*Selfless love MARCHES VICTORIOUSLY over self-glorification*

**Opening Hymn:**

Come, Thou Almighty King

Christian Worship, Hymn # 921

**🎵 Verse 1 🎵 Come, thou, almighty King;  
Help us thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise.  
Father all-glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.**

**🎵 Verse 2 🎵 Come, thou, incarnate Word;  
Gird on thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend.  
Come and thy people bless,  
And give thy Word success;  
And let thy righteousness  
On us descend.**

*(Our hymn continues on the next page.)*

**C** Verse 3  **Come, holy Comforter;  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour!  
Thou, who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart;  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of Pow'r.**

**C** Verse 4  **To thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be  
Hence evermore!  
Thy sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see  
And to eternity  
Love and adore.**

## INVOCATION

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

**C** **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

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

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

**M** Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

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

*(Silence for meditation and reflection)*

## ABSOLUTION

**M** Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY--*Kyrie*

**M** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

**G** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**G** **Amen.**

**G** Verse 1  **Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**G** Verse 2  **Eternal is the gift he brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life  
And by his presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *(CW #471)***

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**M** Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; 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*

### ***First Lesson***

Acts 11:1-18

**11** The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him <sup>3</sup> and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

<sup>4</sup> Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: <sup>5</sup> “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. <sup>6</sup> I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. <sup>7</sup> Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

<sup>8</sup> “I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

<sup>9</sup> “The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

*(Our lesson continues on the next page.)*

<sup>11</sup> “Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. <sup>14</sup> He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’

<sup>15</sup> “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup> So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

<sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

 The Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

### ***Gospel Lesson***

John 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup> When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup> “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

 The Gospel of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

## ***Hymn of the Day:***

Son of God, Eternal Savior

Christian Worship, Hymn # 729

** Verse 1  Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us,  
Hallows all our human race,  
You our head, who, throned in glory,  
For your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with your love and pity;  
Heal our wrongs and help our need.**

** Verse 2  As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
So may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted;  
Freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of your bounty  
Held in solemn trust will be.**

** Verse 4  Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us,  
Hallows all our human race,  
By your praying, by your willing  
That your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:  
Here on earth your will be done.**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**“Love Never Fails”**

**13** If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.



**C** I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

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

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

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

*(Our prayer concludes on the next page.)*

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

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

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

*(Silent prayer.)*

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

**C** **Hear us for Jesus' sake, in whose name we also pray:**

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

**M** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:**

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

Christian Worship, Hymn # 726

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

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

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

*BE SEATED*

**L**OVE is patient  
is kind  
it does not envy  
it does not boast  
it is not proud  
it is not rude  
it is not self seeking  
it is not easily angered  
it keeps no record of wrongs  
*never fails*

## OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Today Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden  
Music Today—Kristen Hillmann  
Spring Concert at MLHS at 3:00 pm  
5/16 Monday CEC Meeting at 7:00 pm  
5/20 Friday Spring Spotlight at 6:00 pm

### Sunday, May 15, 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.

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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 & Mrs. Learman have returned the calls we extended to them to serve as our Youth & Outreach Pastor and to teach Grades 6-8 part-time. We pray that God will continue to bless Pastor & Mrs. Learman & their family as they continue their ministry in Theresa, WI. A voters meeting is scheduled to continue the call process.

**SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING**—We will have a special voter's meeting next 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](http://stjohnstjames.com) to register.

**SAVE THE DATE**—Pastor Aden's 25<sup>th</sup> 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 this Sunday, May 15. Our Befriend A Mission assignments are: Immanuel Hmong Lutheran Church, Pastor Pheng Moua, 765 Margaret Street, St. Paul, MN 55106-4404 and Canyon Day Lutheran Church & East Fork Lutheran Church and School, Pastor Dave Bostedt, PO Box 894, Ft. Apache, AZ. 85926. Members may send cards with words of encouragement throughout the year, and please remember our Befriend A Missions in your prayers.

**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](mailto:robley@tds.net).

**LYA BAKE SALE & SILENT AUCTION**—The SJSJ Lutheran Young Adults (LYA) will be holding a Bake Sale & Silent Auction today, Sunday, May 15th from 9:00am-noon in the Commons Area. Please come support our LYA as they raise funds to attend this summer’s WELS International Youth Rally in Knoxville, TN.

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

**SUMMER SERVICE HOURS**—Sunday Summer Worship Services will begin on Thursday May 26th at 6:30 pm and 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. Summer worship will begin on May 26.

**MLHS CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT**—Today, Sunday, May 15th MLHS will be having a FREE Christian Music Concert at 3:00 pm. 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!

**MEMORIALS GIVEN**—Dan & Audrey Duchow and anonymous donors gave gifts to the Building Fund in memory of Jim Meidl. Harold & Faye Krueger gave a gift to the Building Fund in memory of Lorraine Dickert. Thank you!

**GRADUATION**—Graduation this year will be on Thursday, May 26th at 6:30 pm during the church service. Graduates this year are Jonathan Schrubbe, Rebecca Krepline, Josee Busse.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL, CREW AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—Thank you to all who attended Sunday School, CREW and Bible Study classes. All classes and studies are finished until September. See you then!

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

**SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE**—SJSJ students in grades 3K-4 will have NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, May 18th. Please join us that day at Municipal Field in Manitowoc to cheer on our 5th-8th grade students as they compete in the LLL Track Meet.

**LADIES AID MEETING**—There will be a Ladies Aid Meeting on May 16 at 4:00 pm in Commons.

**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!

**SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSING EARLY**—The School Office will be closing from 1 pm to 2:30 pm on May 17th .

**OFFICE ADM POSITION- GRACE MANITOWOC**—This position will be around 20 hours a week. The breakdown of the 20 hours is quite flexible. Applicants should have experience in Microsoft Word & Outlook. Experience with Publisher & Power Point is also helpful, but could be learned on the job. Applications can be picked up in our office and should be completed and returned to Grace by Friday, May 20. We would like to have this position filled by early - mid June. If you have any questions, please call Ann or Heidi in the Grace church office at 920-682-7377.

**SPRING SPOTLIGHT**—Our SJSJ “Spring Spotlight” will be held on Friday, May 20th beginning at 6:00pm in the school gym. The students are busy preparing their plays for your entertainment that evening. A dress rehearsal will be held that Friday morning beginning at 9:00am (during Grandparents’ Day). Everyone is welcome to attend either performance.

**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!

**TRINITY BRILLION**—Now accepting applications for the newly created School Programs / Communications Coordinator position. Those interested in applying for the position should email a cover letter and resume to [tlc@trinitybrillion.org](mailto:tlc@trinitybrillion.org) by Wednesday, May 18. For full job discription: <https://www.trinitybrillion.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Job-Description-School-Programs-Communications-Coordinator.pdf>

**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 our 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](mailto:tlc@trinitybrillion.org). For more information, please contact our Early Childhood Director Mrs. Kelli Baas at [k.baas@trinitybrillion.org](mailto:k.baas@trinitybrillion.org) or Principal Dave Knittel at [d.knittel@trinitybrillion.org](mailto:d.knittel@trinitybrillion.org).

## **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 \$ 757.00. Still needed, \$4,843.

We have set a goal of \$4600 for the MLHS Scholarship. We presently have \$325. Still needed, \$4,275.

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.

***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.

<b>SJSJ Building Fund Account</b>		
<b>April 2022</b>		
04/01/2022		\$30,430.86
<b>Deposits</b>		
In Honor Of/Memorials	\$595.00	
4/5/2022	\$2,091.00	
4/12/2022	\$2,080.00	
4/19/2022	\$1,515.00	
4/27/2022	\$1,305.00	
Electronic Offerings	\$1,060.00	
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$8,646.00</b>	
<b>Withdrawals</b>		
Member Loan Interest Payments	\$0.00	
Transfer to Loan (April Payment)	\$4,685.00	
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<b>Total Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$9,370.00</b>	
Ending Balance		\$29,706.86
<b>Outstanding DSB Loan Balance for Building Project</b>		
<b>\$871,921.05</b>		
<b>Outstanding MEMBER Loan Balance for Building Project</b>		
<b>\$380,000.00</b>		

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—MAY 2-8, 2022

### Church Attendance:

Sunday—8:00 am Service—123, 10:15 am Service—102 Total: 225

### Offerings:

General Fund: \$ 6,237.75, Synod: \$ 50.00, MLHS: \$ 156.00—Total \$ 6,443.75

Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 1,000.00 (needed each week \$2,312)

Ministry Reserve Fund—\$ 120.00