

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



Graduation Service

May 26 & 29, 2022



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PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

Heavenly Father, we have come to celebrate the great blessings you have bestowed upon these young people. You have generously provided them with personal gifts, a loving family, a supportive congregation, and a caring staff. Be with us as we remember your great gifts and offer our thanks for your goodness. Hear our prayers as we also ask for your continued blessings upon all of your children. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WELCOME

Christ Has Ascended to Heaven

INVOCATION

M The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C Amen.

Opening Hymn:

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Christian Worship, Hymn # 472

C Verse 1  **A hymn of glory let us sing!**


New songs throughout the world shall ring:


Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,

Ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

C Verse 5  **Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Then, throned with you forever, we
Shall praise your name eternally.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

C Verse 6  **O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to you let earth accord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Dear friends, God promises that whenever a sinner approaches Him in honest and humble repentance, He will hear and answer them. Therefore I invite you to join with me in prayer as we confess our sins to our merciful Father in heaven.

C **Holy Father, I am a sinner. I have not perfectly kept your will. I make mistakes daily and fall far short of your expectations. I realize that I need your forgiveness and grace each day. Assure me once again of your boundless mercy. I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

M God's promises are awesome and they are absolute. What God says, He does. The Bible explains, "*If we are faithless, He will remain faithful, for He cannot disown Himself.*" (2 Timothy 2:13) God will not change, even when we do. Thus our comfort is not in ourselves, nor in our works, but in our faithful and loving God. It is our God who sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under the law. You may be confident of His forgiveness, for God's Word declares it and His faithfulness has accomplished it.

C **Amen.**

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C Verse 1

♪ **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

C REFRAIN ♪ **Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.**

C Verse 3

♪ **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

C REFRAIN ♪ cf. above

(CW, #602)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Lord Jesus, King of glory on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God’s right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Musical Offering:

Jesus, Strong and Kind

SJSJ students grades 1-7

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:45-53

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Epistle Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”


⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.


¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”


Hymn of the Day:


Christ High-Ascended

Christian Worship, Hymn # 747

Verse 1  **Christ high-ascended, now in glory seated,
Throned and exalted, victory completed,
Death's dread dominion finally defeated,
We are his witnesses.**

Verse 2  **Christ, from the Father ev'ry pow'r possessing,
Who on his chosen lifted hands in blessing,
Sends forth his servants, still in faith confessing,
We are his witnesses.**

Verse 3  **Christ, who in dying won for us salvation,
Lives now the firstborn of the new creation;
To win disciples out of ev'ry nation,
We are his witnesses.**

Verse 5  **As at his parting, joy shall banish grieving,
Faith in his presence strengthen our believing;
Filled with his Spirit, love and pow'r receiving,
We are his witnesses.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Darin D. Aden

Joshua 1:5-9

“He left, but we are never alone!”

⁵No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁶Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.


⁷“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.**”





Sermon Response:

On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

Christian Worship, Hymn # 476

C Verse 1  **On Christ's ascension I now build
The hope of my ascension.
This hope alone has always stilled
All doubt and apprehension;
For where the head is, there as well
I know his members are to dwell
When Christ shall come and call them.**

C Verse 2  **Since Christ returned to claim his throne,
Great gifts for me obtaining,
My heart shall rest in him alone,
No other rest remaining,
For where my treasure went before,
There all my thoughts will ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.**

C Verse 3  **Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,
Recalling your ascension,
That I may serve you faithfully,
In thanks for my redemption;
And then, when all my days will cease,
Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading.**

THE GRADUATION OF THE SJSJ CLASS OF 2022

Josee Lynn Busse (*Fredrick & Laura Busse*)

REV 2:10 Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Rebecca Ann Krepline (*Robert & Krista Krepline*)

ZEP 3:17 The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”

Jonathan Ray Schrubbe (*Nicholas & Amanda Schrubbe*)

PS 23:6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2022!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M** Blessed Jesus, you ascended to the right hand of your Father’s majesty, power, and glory and now reign as eternal King of kings and Lord of lords.
- G** **We praise you for your victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell.**
- M** O ascended Prophet, equip your Church to proclaim the precious gospel message of God’s love for all the world.
- G** **Give courage to our hearts, power to our words, and success to our efforts.**
- M** O ascended High Priest, represent us before the Father as his own dear children and heirs. Defend us against Satan’s every accusation. Ask for the Father’s rich blessings in our everyday lives.
- G** **Plead for his mercy and grace on our behalf.**

(Our prayer continues on the next page.)

- M O ascended King, direct the affairs of governments and nations that they may serve the best interest of your Church.
- C **You are our Lord, Master, and King.**
- M As the disciples lifted their eyes to watch your ascension, so lift our eyes daily to look for your coming again in glory.
- C **Lord Jesus, come quickly. 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.**

OUR CLOSE FELLOWSHIP IN COMMUNION

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship as believers, and we proclaim his death until he returns. As we celebrate the Lord's Supper, **St. John-St. James members** are asked to register with the communion cards before or after the service.*

***Guests and visitors** wishing to commune with us for the first time are asked to speak with our pastor prior to the start of the worship service. We make this request out of a love for our Savior's teaching concerning the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 10,11), and out of love for our guests, seeking only their spiritual good and blessing. We humbly ask for your respectful cooperation. May the Lord bless each of our communicants today with peace-filled hearts and a renewed spirit to serve and love their Lord Jesus.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution Song:

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

(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 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.

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.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION *(All stand.)*

(After all those communing have received Lord's Supper, we conclude our celebration...)

M Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Be assured, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

M Father, we have come to the Lord's Supper to be reminded of our Savior's sacrifice by receiving here in true faith the evidence of it: his body once offered, now given in bread; his blood once shed, now given in wine. Send the Holy Spirit to impart joy to our hearts, strengthening to our faith and renewed life to our souls. And may he teach us to ever walk in the way of your commands. In Jesus' name.

C Amen.

Closing Blessing:

May the Peace of God

Christian Worship, Hymn # 929

C Verse 1 

**May the peace of God our heavenly Father,
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.
And to him be praise for his glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.**

(Our hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 2 

**May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And the fellowship of his Communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart.
And to him be praise for his glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.**

Class Verse of 2022

**“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid;
do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God
will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9**

Class Hymn of 2022

“By Faith”

Class Colors: Blue & Yellow

Class Flowers:

Graham Thomas Rose & Scorpion Grasses



St. John-St. James Lutheran Teachers and Staff

Mr. Rick Zimmerman—Principal, Grades 6-8 Teacher

Mr. Phil Stuebs—Athletic Director, Grades 3-5 Teacher

Mrs. Sarah Marohn—Grades 1-2 Teacher

Mrs. Karla Aden—EC Director, Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Sarah Zimmerman—3K-4K Teacher, guided studies

Mrs. Kristen Hillmann—Music Teacher

Mr. Tom Schwartz—Principal release time

Mrs. Katie Jansen—Classroom Aide

Mrs. Bekah Bubolz—Classroom Aide

Mrs. Mary Busse—Classroom Aide

Mrs. Rose Behnke—Classroom Aide



Mrs. Amanda Schrubbe—Office Manager

Mrs. Cindy Bubolz—Office Assistant

SJSJ Christian Education Committee

Shawn Behnke

Brad Busse

Dave Robley

Nick Schrubbe

Brad Lau

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Today Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden
Music Today—Kristen Hillmann
6/2 Thur. Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 26 & Sunday, May 29, 2022

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

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—Thursday—6:30 pm Ushers—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp ■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers**— Dan/Jacob Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel ■ **Church Cleaners**—Sarah Zimmerman, Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower Committee**—Judy Mangin, Jennifer Janke.

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.

FREE T-SHIRTS—There are free t-shirts on the back table in the West office. Please help yourself!

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. Deadline for the camp outing is Sunday, June 26th.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE—Our Summer Worship Schedule began 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. **Just a reminder—Next Sunday, June 5th is our first outdoor worship service at 9:00am.**

8th GRADE GRADUATION—Congratulations to the 2022 graduating class of St. John—St. James: Josee Busse, Rebecca Krepline & Jonathan Schrubbe! God's Blessings!

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!

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. Thank you so much!

MEMORIALS GIVEN—Val Jean Link gave a gift to the Building Fund in memory of Sonny Bratz. Jim & Lorna Brach gave a gift to the Building Fund in memory of Lorraine Dickert. Thank you!

OFFICES CLOSING—Church/School offices will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

FREE COVID TESTS—Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order free at-home tests.

Order yours today on line at <https://special.usps.com/testkits> or call [1-800-232-0233](tel:1-800-232-0233).

FROM MLHS

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP REGISTRATION 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!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT MLHS—Do you have a passion for your alma mater? Do you desire to work in a Christ-centered work environment? Mission Advancement is looking for a passionate part-time assistant to enhance our Alumni and donor experience for the coming school year. Contact TJ Schneider at tschneider@mlhslancers.org or go to www.mlhslancers.org/jobs to fill out an application.

MLHS GARAGE SALE—Friday June 17, 8am-5pm and Saturday June 18, 8am-4pm. Hundreds of items that must go! There will be no holds on items, first come first serve. More information and a preview of some of the items can be found at www.mlhslancers.org/garagesale.

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. This is a real blessing with the Called Worker shortage and a lot of vacancies 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 \$6,000.

We will extend this offering to June 12th.

- SJSJ has set a goal of \$5,600 for the MLC Scholarship Fund. We presently have \$3,067.00. Still needed \$2,533.

- We have set a goal of \$4,600 for the MLHS Scholarship Fund. We presently have \$1,535. Still needed \$3,065.

As you can see, we are still quite short of our goal for these two funds, We want to help our MLC students who plan on being Called Workers in our Synod. We also want to help our MLHS students who are receiving a Christian High School education.

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.

HEATING SYSTEM

Last Sunday our voters decided to go ahead with a new heating system for our 1961 addition. The cost is \$49,975.00 plus about \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 for the electrical work. Mark and Lyle will donate some materials and some labor for a savings between \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00. We thank them for this donation. The total cost would then remain at \$49,975.

For funding this project, we will take \$8,500.00 from the LaVerne Treichel estate, \$5,000.00 from Scrip and \$15,000.00 from Fund A in the Endowment Fund. This leaves about \$25,000 for the congregation to take care of. We will have a special offering from June 19th to September 11th. Also, a member and his wife who wish to remain anonymous, have offered to loan whatever we need as a member loan with no interest and no time limit. If we don't have the \$25,000.00 by September, we don't have to borrow it from the bank. We thank this family for their generous offer. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Duchow at 920-754-4751 or 920-860-9379

St. John – St. James Voter's Call Meeting Highlights—May22, 2022

There were 25 voting members and 36 total members present.

There are no candidates available at this time for principal administrative time part-time teacher.

The voters voted to go ahead with the suggested new heating project for the 1961 addition at a cost of \$49,975.00 and the funding proposal of \$8,500 from the LaVerne Treichel Estate, SCRIP \$5,000, Fund A \$15,000, and \$25,000 from the congregation.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE—MAY 16-22, 2022

Church Attendance:

Sunday—8:00 am Service—130, 10:15 am Service—78 Total: 208

Offerings:

General Fund: \$ 5,002.75, Synod \$ 138.00, MLHS \$ 138.00 —Total \$ 5,278.75

Special Offerings:

Building Fund: \$ 610.00 (needed each week \$2,312) ■ MLC Scholarship \$ 610.00 ■
MLHS Scholarship Fund—\$10.00 ■ Ministry Reserve Fund—\$ 50.00 ■ Heating
System—\$ 250.00

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