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Good and gracious God, in Your mercy You have gathered us together to worship and praise You. We give thanks to You, O Lord, that You continue to deal with us in love and compassion, that You are slow to anger, and abounding in love. You do not treat us as our sins deserve, or repay us according to our iniquities. May all that we do and say reflect Your love and bring honor and glory to You. Amen.

WELCOME

In God We Trust

Opening Hymn:

God Bless Our Native Land

Christian Worship, Hymn # 774



1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may she ev - er stand
2 For her our prayers shall rise to God a - bove the skies;



thro' storm and night! When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
on him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with



wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION



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



And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**

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



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
4 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice, your great Re - deem - er own; be -
5 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may our na - tive land from



rules the world be - low in bound - less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship him a - lone. Cast down your
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise to you, our King!
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high King, sal - va - tion's song!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Lord, keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve you faithfully in our generation to the honor of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BE SEATED

Epistle Lesson

Romans 13:1-10

13 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. ⁶This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. *(Epistle Lesson continues on the next page.)*

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

☩ 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.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 17:13-17

¹³ Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. ¹⁴ They came to him and said, “Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax^[b] to Caesar or not? ¹⁵ Should we pay or shouldn’t we?”

But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. “Why are you trying to trap me?” he asked. “Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.” ¹⁶ They brought the coin, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” “Caesar’s,” they replied.

¹⁷ Then Jesus said to them, “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.”

And they were amazed at him.

Hymn of the Day:

O God Most High, Your Saints Below

Christian Worship, Hymn # 772



1 O God Most High, your saints be - low
2 Each rul - er you have put in place
3 As na - tions rise and na - tions fall,

ap - pear be - fore your throne. We pray, good Lord, your
en - dow with zeal and might to gov - ern well with -
in you our hope shall stand, for Je - sus Christ is

(Our Hymn continues on the next page.)



fa - vor show and let your mer - cy o - ver - flow
out dis - grace, while we as cit - i - zens em - brace
King of all and in his name we hum - bly call:



this land we call our own, up - held by you a - lone.
en - deav - ors good and right, and live as salt and light.
Lord, o - pen wide your hand and bless our na - tive land.

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MESSAGE

Pastor Darin Aden

Deuteronomy 4:32-36

“One Nation under God”

- 1. We live in a nation under God**
- 2. We are a nation under God**

³² Ask now about the former days, long before your time, from the day God created human beings on the earth; ask from one end of the heavens to the other. Has anything so great as this ever happened, or has anything like it ever been heard of? ³³ Has any other people heard the voice of God speaking out of fire, as you have, and lived? ³⁴ Has any god ever tried to take for himself one nation out of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, or by great and awesome deeds, like all the things the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes?

³⁵ You were shown these things so that you might know that the LORD is God; besides him there is no other. ³⁶ From heaven he made you hear his voice to discipline you.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M** Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.
- C** **We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.**
- M** You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.
- C** **For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.**
- M** Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.
- C** **Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good**
- M** Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.
- C** **Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.**
- M** Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

(Special prayers and intercessions may follow. Our prayer concludes on the next page.)



for moun - tain sun - set, lake at dawn, for wood - land bloom and
for lei - sure time and work to do—Lord, all these bless-ings
We gath - er here to speak your name, then leave this place to
then may we join that shin - ing band of saints from ev - 'ry



rob - in song, for stars that lace the night,
come from you, signs of your lov - ing care.
spread your fame that all may know your love.
tribe and land and make our home with you.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—United States of America

☐ I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—Christian Flag

☐ I pledge allegiance to the flag of the Holy Christian Church on earth and to the mission for which it stands, witnessing everywhere that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of living God, my Savior.

BE SEATED

CAMPFIRES



THE CROSS

Wednesdays: June 22-August 17 (July 6 off)

We'll meet around the firepit at 6:30 pm.

(In case of bad weather, we'll meet in the Commons)

- **Bible Story**
- **Games for kids**
- **Snacks**
- **FELLOWSHIP**

Bring chairs and bring friends! (It's for all ages.)

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden

Music Today—Judy Mangin

Mon. 7/4

Happy Independence Day!

Thur. 7/7

Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Thursday, June 30 & Sunday, July 3

SERVING YOU THIS WEEK—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner ■ **SUNDAY—9:00 am Ushers—**Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners—**Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau ■ **Flower Committee—**Sandra Reinemann, Nicole Kiesow

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—Thursday July 7—6:30 pm Ushers—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner **Sunday, July 10—9:00 am Ushers—**Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners—**Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee—**Sandra Reinemann, Nicole Kiesow ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—**Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz.

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.

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 the service. If you'd like to serve in this way, a sign up sheet is in the west office. Thank you!

VOTERS' BUDGET MEETING—2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget was approved at the Voters' Meeting on Sunday, June 19th. The 2022-2023 Budget was emailed on Friday, June 17th.

2ND PASTOR—Our congregation did not receive a Seminary graduate from the assignment committee. There were 80 requests for graduates, and only 27 graduates available for assignment. Our district President, Pastor Joel Zank is very busy preparing call lists. We will have a call meeting on **tonight Thursday, June 30th at 7:30pm after the service.**

PASTOR'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY—On Sunday, July 31st, we will be celebrating the 25th anniversary in the pastoral ministry for Pastor Aden in the 9:00 am outdoor service (weather permitting). Pastor Jon Zabel from St. Paul, Green Bay, will be the guest preacher. A time of fellowship will be held following the service until the meal is served at approximately 10:45 am in the Commons. A short program will follow the meal. Sign-up sheets for food donations, attendance, and kitchen helpers are in the west office after the Thursday night services. The sign-up sheets will be on clip boards on the table outside for the Sunday morning outdoor worship. Help will also be needed in set up on Saturday, July 30th. The committee asks that everyone please sign the sheets by July 17th. We will be holding our usual Thursday night service on July 28th. Chicken and ham will be served for Pastor Aden's anniversary celebration. The Church Council has decided to ask for donations to cover the cost of the meat. Please drop off monetary gifts in the container marked “Donations for Chicken and Ham” on the back table.

CAMPFIRES AROUND THE CROSS—There will be no Campfires around the Cross on Wednesday, July 6th. Please join us for our first Campfire around the Cross on July 13th at 6:30 pm. Weather permitting we will meet around the firepit behind church. There is limited bench seating--bring a lawn/camp chair if you are able. The evening will include a Bible story, games for kids, snacks, and the enjoyment of each other's company. If the weather does not cooperate, we will meet in the Commons. This event is for all ages--feel free to invite a friend or neighbor.

OUR SYMPATHIES—Karen M. Grall, age 76, went home to be with Jesus and her passed loved ones on Saturday, June 25, 2022. Our most sincere condolences to husband, Marvin Grall, children, Timothy (Mary) Grall and Stacie (Jeffrey) Hojnacki, one grandson, Kadin Hojnacki, one brother and sister-in-law, Daniel (Margaret) Berkholtz and 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 a.m. until the Funeral Services at 12:00 pm on Thursday, June 30, 2022. We pray for peace in your hearts!

WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY—There will again be two sessions offered, one at Linda Loves Cheesecake from 7:30 – 9 AM and the second at St Peter's Lutheran church from 10-11:30 am in the upstairs education room. Both sessions will be a combination phone conference and face to face. To be part of the study by phone conference call 602-580-9676 and access code 1557876# when prompted. Woman's Bible Study resumes this week Thursday, July 7th with a study of Psalm 84. The study will continue on Thursdays through Thursday, August 18th. If interested, contact Kathie Wendland at 920-682-5694 or

email ehwend@lakefield.net so information about the Psalms can be sent in advance of the summer study. All WELS/ELS women confirmation age and older are welcome to join. If there is someone who is not in fellowship with WELS please contact Kathie Wendland at the above contact information. Thank you!

CRADLE ROLL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!—We are looking for a few members willing to help distribute cradle roll materials to our families with young children. Materials and organization will be provided. Volunteers only need a friendly and encouraging attitude. Depending on the number of volunteers, one would be asked to distribute about five packets per year. Packets can be mailed, handed off at church services/events, or delivered to homes.

If this is a way you would like to serve your Savior, please contact the church or school office or Karla Aden at kaden@stjohnstjames.com.

MLC/MLHS Scholarship Assistance

- SJSJ has set a goal of \$5,600 for the MLC Scholarship Fund. We presently have \$10,300. We have met our goal, we thank you very much. Each of our students will receive \$2,575.00.
- We have set a goal of \$4,600 for the MLHS Scholarship Fund. We presently have \$ 6,900. We have met our goal, we thank you very much. Each of our students will receive \$ 1,725.00.

HEATING SYSTEM

On Sunday May 22nd 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

- Needed \$25,000.00. We presently have \$ 7,145.00 still needed \$ 17,855.00.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—JUNE 20-26, 2022

Church Attendance:

Thursday—65, Sunday—9:00 am Service—138, Total: 203

Offerings:

General Fund: \$ 5,904.75, Synod \$ 151.00, MLHS \$ 127.00—Total \$ 6,182.75

Special Offerings:

Building Fund: \$ 845.00, (needed each week \$2,312)

MLC Scholarship—\$ 33.00

MLHS Scholarship Fund—\$ 15.00

Ministry Reserve—\$ 50.00