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WELCOME

FOCUSED living properly values heavenly treasures

**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:

CCLI Song #7068424

What a Beautiful Name

CCLI License #20031593

🎵 Verse 1: (vocalist)

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord most high
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in you our Christ

🎵 Chorus: (congregation with vocalists)

🎵 **What a beautiful name it is,
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful name it is,
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is,
The name of Jesus.**

🎵 Verse 2: (congregation with vocalists)

**You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus you brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now?**

(Hymn continues on the next page with congregation joining the vocalists.)

C Chorus: (congregation with vocalists)

♪ **What a wonderful name it is,
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful name it is,
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful name it is,
The name of Jesus.** *(repeat last line)*

♪ Bridge: (vocalist)

Death could not hold you The veil torn before you
You silenced the boast of sin and grave The heavens are roaring
The praise of your glory For you are raised to life again
You have no rival You have no equal Now and forever God you reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the name above all names.

C Chorus: (congregation with vocalists)

♪ **What a powerful name it is,
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful name it is,
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful name it is, The name of Jesus.**

C ♪ Bridge: (congregation with vocalists)

**You have no rival You have no equal
Now and forever God you reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
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(Hymn continues on the following page)

C Chorus: (congregation with vocalists)

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The name of Jesus Christ my King
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Nothing can stand against
What a powerful name it is, The name of Jesus.**

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 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 found in God's grace alone.

Gloria:

CCLI Song #5174122

All I Have Is Christ

CCLI License #20031593

Verse 1  **Messengers:**

I once was lost in darkest night Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

CHORUS  **Messengers:**

Halle-lu-jah, all I have is Christ
Halle-lu-jah, Jesus is my life

C Verse 2 

**But as I ran my hellbound race
Indiff'rent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace**

C CHORUS 

**Halle-lu-jah, all I have is Christ
Halle-lu-jah, Jesus is my life**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 3 

**Now Lord I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You**

C CHORUS 

**Halle-lu-jah, all I have is Christ
Halle-lu-jah, Jesus is my life
Halle-lu-jah, all I have is Christ
Halle-lu-jah, Jesus is my life**

bridge 

O halle-lu-jah, halle-lu-jah
Praise the one risen Son of God

C bridge 

**O halle-lu-jah, halle-lu-jah
Praise the one risen Son of God
O halle-lu-jah, halle-lu-jah
Praise the one risen Son of God**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits of 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

Genesis 15:1-6

15 After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

² But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”

³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” ⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Rely on

Ease up

Seek

Treasure

in God’s Promises



Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for. ³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. ⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. ¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Hymn of the Day:

Psalm 34 (Taste and See)

CCLI Song #5174122

CCLI License #20031593

Verse 1  **Messengers:**

I sought the Lord And He answered me
And delivered me from every fear
Those who look on Him Are Radiant
They'll never be ashamed They'll never be ashamed

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 2 

**This poor man cried And the Lord heard me
And saved me from my enemies
The Son of God Surrounds His saints
He will deliver them He will deliver them**

C CHORUS 

**Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever**

C Verse 3 

**Taste and see That the Lord is good
Oh blessed is he Who hides in Him
Of fear the Lord Oh all you saints
He'll give you everything
He'll give you everything**

C CHORUS 

**Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever**

bridge  Messengers:

Let us bless the Lord Every day and night
Never ending praise May our incense rise (4x—congregation join)

C CHORUS 

**Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever (repeat CHORUS)**

Luke 12:22-34

“Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff”

1. Everything is Small Stuff to God

2. God points you to the Big Stuff

²² Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? ²⁶ Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷ “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Contemporary Creed

- 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.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M** 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.
- C** Lord, forgive us for the times we do not find rest in you.

M 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.

C **Lord, show us the value of finding rest in you.**

M 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.

C **Lord, help us to trust in you so that we might always find rest in you.**

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.

C **Lord, use us for your good purposes as we find rest in you. It is in your name we ask, Lord Jesus. 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

CCLI Song #6460220

Great Are You Lord

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C Verse 1 

**You give life; You are love;
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope; You restore
Every heart that is broken.
Great are you, Lord**

C REFRAIN 

**It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise.
We pour out our praise.
It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise
To you only.**

C Verse 2 

**You give life; You are love;
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope; You restore
Every heart that is broken.
Great are you, Lord**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C REFRAIN  **It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise.
We pour out our praise.
It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise
To you only.**

C bridge 
**And all the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing:
Great are you Lord. *(repeat 3X)***

C REFRAIN  **It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise.
We pour out our praise.
It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise
To you only.**

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

We extend our appreciation to the Messengers for leading worship today:

Gene Rosera (electric guitar); Deb Bernhardt (vocals & technology);

Gary Bernhardt (percussion & vocals); Abby Stuebs (vocals & keyboard);

Phil Stuebs (vocals & acoustic guitar) and Pastor Aden (bass guitar).

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Today

Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden

Music Today—MESSENGERS

Mon. 8/8

Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

Thur. 8/11

Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Thursday, August 4 & Sunday, August 7

SERVING YOU THIS WEEK—Thursday, August 4, 6:30 pm Ushers—Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susan Bubolz, Bill Voeltz ■ **Sunday, August 7, 9:00 am Ushers—**Andy/Zac Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann, Nick/Jonathan Schrubbe ■ **8/8-20 Church Cleaners—** Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon ■ **Flower Committee—**Kay Pantzlaff & Ida May Krepline.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—Thursday, August 11—6:30 pm Ushers—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp **Sunday, August 14—9:00 am Ushers—**Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack ■ **8/8-20 Church Cleaners—** Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon ■ **Flower Committee—**Kay Pantzlaff & Ida May Krepline ■ **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.

2ND PASTOR—There will be call meeting for our Youth and Outreach Pastor on Thursday, August 18th at 7:30 pm following the Thursday evening service.

CAMPFIRES AROUND THE CROSS—Please join us for the next Campfire around the Cross on **August 10th 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.

ANNUAL REPORTS—Our fiscal budget year has ended on June 30, 2022. Our annual meeting will be held sometime in September, the actual date has not been determined at this time. We ask all committee chairmen to turn in your annual reports by Monday, August 8, 2022. This will give our secretary time to format the report and get it back to the congregation in a timely manner.

CRADLE ROLL VOLUNTEERS—We are looking for a few members willing to help distribute cradle roll materials to 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/school office or Karla Aden at kaden@stjohnstjames.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Sunday School here at SJSJ will begin sometime in September (please watch the Church Bulletin for the exact date.) All of God's children ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome to attend on any Sunday. Please register as soon as possible to help our director & teachers better prepare for the year. Please go to our website (stjohnstjames.com) to register. Click on "OUR CHURCH" in the top menu bar & look for "Sunday School Registration" under the Important Links on the right-hand side.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER—We are looking for Sunday School teachers, if interested in helping out please contact Melissa at (920) 286-2029.

SWEET CORN FEST 2022—The MLHS “Sweet Corn Fest” is coming soon. The corn will be picked and ready for our congregation sometime from August 13th through August 27th. Please watch the bulletin and/or newsletter for the exact timing. To date, the MLHS Academic Voucher Committee has awarded 1689 vouchers to students in grades 5-8 that participate in the MLHS Academic Fair. Each voucher is worth \$100 of tuition to Manitowoc Lutheran High School. This program has been around for 14 years and much of the money raised has been through the “Sweet Corn Fest” each summer. Thanks for your support in the past and we hope you make plans to participate in this great program.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK—Our Sunday worship service today is being held at the Reedsville Fireman’s Park under the pavilion with the MESSENGER’S providing special music. Preservice music will start at 8:15am.

PASTOR’S ANNIVERSARY—Thank you to all the volunteers who helped in any way for Pastor Aden’s 25th Anniversary Celebration. It is greatly appreciated!

WEDDING CELEBRATION—Congratulations to Dan and Paula (Steffes) Bubolz on their recent Wedding celebration on Saturday, July 30th. God’s Blessings on your future together!

COUNCIL MEETING—There will be a Church Council Meeting on Monday, August 8th at 6:30 pm.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SCHEDULE UPDATE—The last outdoor service will be held on Sunday August 14th at 9:00 am. Indoor church service will resume on Sunday, August 21st at 9:00 am. Services on Sundays will remain indoors at 9:00 am thru Sept 4th.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT RESCHEDULED—Due to a scheduling conflict, we are rescheduling our Back to School Night from August 22nd to Sunday, August 21st at 6:00pm. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause your family. Please join us on Sunday, August 21st where we will meet in church at 6:00pm for a brief presentation. Following the presentation you are welcome to visit your child's classroom and drop off their school supplies. Please stop in the Commons Area to pick up some important school handouts. Snacks & refreshments will be served. Please stay and enjoy some fellowship with our school family!

OUR SYMPATHIES—Elroy H. Kalies, age 91, passed away on July 21st while at home surrounded by his loving family. Elroy is a Brother to Virginia (Alfred) Ziemer, Uncle to Dave Ziemer, and Great-Uncle to Matthew and Katelyn Ziemer. Funeral services were at 11 am on Thursday, July 28th, at St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8580 37th Avenue, Fremont, Wisconsin. Visitation was from 9 am to 11 am until the time of service. We pray for peace in your hearts!

25th Anniversary Thank You

Karla and I look back on our trip to San Antonio for my 25th Anniversary in public ministry with deep gratitude. For time away, for your love and for your gifts and best wishes—a heartfelt thank you! Thank you for the special gift of celebrating God’s grace with my church family and other friends on July 31st.

Blessings, Pastor Aden

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. 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. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Duchow at 920-754-4751 or 920-860-9379. Presently given—\$ 27,655.00.

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare is a program to help people who are grieving the loss of a loved one whether recent or in the past. Each session is about 2 hours long. There is a short video on various topics presented by people who have gone through the grieving process and mental health experts. There is then group discussion time. Between each weekly session there is a workbook that has daily exercises that point you to God’s Word and help you work through your grief. We will be having a GriefShare program starting Wednesday August 31 meeting weekly until Wednesday November 23. We will be meeting at Immanuel from 5:30 - 7:30 PM in the church office conference room. The entrance is across the covered area from the church entrance. If you are interested in getting more information or know someone who would we should personally invite please contact Larry Verlinden at 920-323-2297 or verlinden@comcast.net. You also can look at the GriefShare website griefshare.org. You will need to register by August 21, 2022 so we can order the workbooks. We will be charging \$20 per person to cover the cost of workbooks.



Everyone Outreach Workshop

Saturday November 12th 8-noon Sign up at stjohnstjames.com

Sunday November 13th 12-4pm

Click on the Everyone
Outreach link **OR** the sign
up sheet in the west office

▪ Lunch and Childcare will be available

Everyone Outreach is designed to help our congregation build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is thinking about and participating in community outreach

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—JULY 25-31, 2022

Church Attendance: Thursday—74 Sunday—141 Total: 215

Offerings: General Fund—\$5,337.75, Synod—\$132.00, MLHS—\$118.00:
Total \$ 5,587.75

Special Offerings: Building Fund: \$1,740.00, (needed each week \$2,312)