

**Grow ... Go ... Gather**  
**January 24, 2021**



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# Life Sunday January 24, 2020

## The Order of Service

### Preservice Music, Call to Worship, & Welcome

#### The Opening Hymn: LSB 409, "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing" (verses 1, 3)

1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our  
3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their  
hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, In Your  
of - f'ings bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus  
courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore You,  
Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,  
In Your Church re - joice to live, See Your glo - ry  
Live de - vot - ed to Your praise, Glo - rious realms of  
and a - dore You, Thank - ful for the grace You give.  
bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

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### A Prolife Litany

P: For all the unborn children:

**C: That our love and concern for them may  
move us to action in order to keep them safe  
until the joyous day of their birth.**

P: For the children of our country, especially for  
those who are neglected, forgotten, abused:

**C: That our love and concern for them would move us to advocate for laws to protect them and that we would take steps to remind them and us that all children are of infinite value in God's eyes.**

P: For parents:

**C: That they may rejoice in the splendor and beauty of their God-given children and that they would take responsibility for the children they have birthed.**

P: For our legislators:

**C: That they may pass laws and support agencies that protect the life of all people from the moment of conception to natural death.**

P: For a growing love and concern for the weak and vulnerable:

**C: That in the model of Christ Jesus, our Lord, we might use our gifts, talents, and time to sustain and protect the lives of all who are in need.**

P: In Jesus' name:

**C: Amen.**

**A Hymn:** "Lord, I Need You" (Matt Maher)

### **Verse 1**

Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

### **Chorus 1**

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

## Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me **(Chorus 1)**

## Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

## Chorus 2

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

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## The Introit: Psalm 113:1–4, 7–8

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: The name of the Lord is to be praised!**

P: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,

**C: Praise the name of the Lord!**

P: Blessed be the name of the Lord

**C: from this time forth and forevermore!**

P: The Lord is high above all nations,

**C: and his glory above the heavens!**

P: He raises the poor from the dust

**C: and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to  
make them sit with princes, with the princes  
of his people.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: The name of the Lord is to be praised!**

P: Almighty God, open our eyes to behold Your great love toward all people in the humility of Your Son and to know Him in the ones who are considered least among us, that we may serve You by serving our neighbors, until You gather us together to rejoice as brothers and sisters in Your everlasting kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**The Old Testament Lesson:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**A Hymn:** LSB 411, "I Want to Walk as a Child of Life" (verses 1-2)



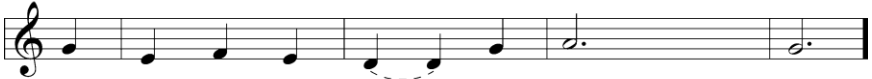
1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.

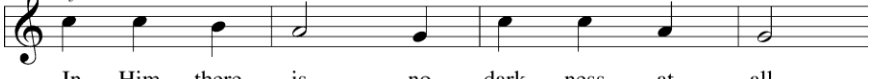


God set the stars to give light to the world.  
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,



The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.

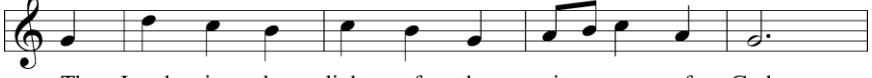
*Refrain*



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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**The Epistle Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one

Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**A Hymn:** LSB 847, "Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing" (verses 1-2)

1 Christ, our hu - man like - ness shar - ing, Heav - en's love on  
 2 Hear the word that Christ has spo - ken, Help the weak, the

earth por - trayed; Christ the Shep - herd, tend - ing, car - ing,  
 hun - gry feed; See the pow'rs of dark - ness bro - ken,

In His death our ran - som paid: Christ the Sav - ior,  
 Sin - ners par - doned, cap - tives freed: Christ the Sav - ior,

Christ the Ser - vant, Be Your life in us dis - played.  
 Christ the Ser - vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need.

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**The Gospel Lesson:** Mark 1:14-20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left



their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

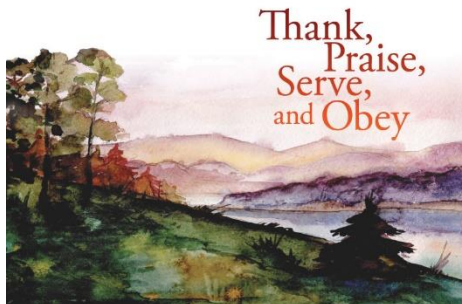
## **Our Confession of Faith**

P: What is the First Article of the Apostles' Creed?

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true!**



# The Sermon Hymn: LSB 844, "Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace  
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide  
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred  
 4 Give me Thy cour - age, Lord, to speak  
 5 With Thine own love may I be filled



To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race;  
 Thy chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.  
 By love - less act and thought - less word.  
 When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.  
 And by Thy Ho - ly Spir - it willed,



And in each per - son may I see  
 My neigh - bor's good let me pur - sue;  
 Make me to see the wrong I do  
 Should I my - self the vic - tim be,  
 That all I touch, wher - e'er I be,



My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by Thee.  
 Let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.  
 Will grieve my wound - ed Lord a - new.  
 Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring Thee.  
 May be di - vine - ly touched by Thee.

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## The Sermon: 1 Corinthians 12:12 "From Invisible to Indispensable!"

### A Hymn: "His Mercy is More" (Matt Boswell)

#### Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
 Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
 Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
 Our sins they are many His mercy is more

## **Chorus**

***Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more***

## **Verse 2**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

**(Chorus)**

## **Verse 3**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

**(Chorus)**

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## **The Offering**

## **The General Prayers**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the Holy Christian Church, gathered here and scattered throughout the world, that by the grace of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we may believe and rejoice that He creates, redeems, and calls every human life as His own precious treasure, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our Christian witness, that this Gospel of Jesus Christ may embolden us to speak His truth and show His love to every neighbor, no matter what age, appearance, or ability, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this land and its authorities, that God grant them wisdom, nobility, and responsibility to safeguard in policy and practice the sanctity of every member of our race, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all medical professionals, that our Savior lend them His own courage and compassion to deliver relief and health, and to reject every temptation to use death as a solution to suffering, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those scheduled for abortion, those experiencing surprise pregnancies, those awaiting adoption, those enduring chronic pain, and those approaching death, that our Heavenly Father sustain them in their distresses and open our hearts and hands to embrace, accompany, and encourage them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who permit, promote, and participate in abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other violence against life, and especially for those whose hearts have been broken by the abortion of their own children, that God forgive them and turn

them from their sin to receive His healing, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our brothers and sisters suffering injuries, illnesses, or disabilities (especially...), that the good Lord visit them in their affliction through the fellowship of His body, preserve their life and their faith, and grant both quick remedy and complete recovery, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For any among us who celebrate gifts of life and family that they exult with us in these blessings as tokens of forgiveness in Christ Jesus and foretastes of resurrection to everlasting life in the new creation, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**☩ 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.**

## The Benediction

P: May God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - who created your inmost being; who knit you together in your mother’s womb; who fearfully and wonderfully made you, grant you the joy of living daily in His light, His love and His mercy through Christ Jesus, the child of the virgin Mary, the eternal Son of God!

**C: Amen!**

## The Closing Hymn: LSB 849, “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Events of the Week: January 24-31, 2021

- TODAY:** 11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook
- Monday:** 10:00 a.m. Registration for **January 31**  
Worship begins  
6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion
- Wed:** 10:00 a.m. "Established in Truth – Marked by Love" Bible Study w/ Pastor  
Noon: Devotional Boost with Pastor
- Thursday:** 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice  
7:30 p.m. "Established in Truth – Marked by Love" Bible Study w/ Pastor
- Saturday** 6:00 p.m. Registration for Sunday Worship is closed
- Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship at St. James (for registered members) and on Facebook Live  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook

**Today's Deacon:** Jerry Talen

**Ushers:** Nate, Kim, Hayden and Heath Urbanski

### Those who serve January 31:

**Deacons:** Craig Popma and John Weiss

**Ushers:** Walt and Karen Kryzanowski



**January Altar Guild:** Cindy McAuliffe

**February Altar Guild:** Lois DeLano and Mary Ward

## **FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP** (January 17, 2021)

General Fund	\$4,405.00
Plate Collection	4,369.00
ISJ Academy	200.00
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Total:	\$8,974.00

### **REGISTRATION TO ATTEND WORSHIP SERVICES IS REQUIRED:**

**To register for worship, please go to:**

1. Go to [bit.ly/stjamesgr](http://bit.ly/stjamesgr)
2. Click on the worship service you wish to attend.
3. Click on the green **"register"** box.
4. Put in the **number attending**.
5. Click on the orange **"register"** box.

Enter **your first name** and **ALL** the **first names** of those attending with you in the "first name" box.

Enter **only one last name, e-mail address and confirm e-mail address**.

6. Click on the orange **"register"** box.
7. Your ticket(s) will arrive in your e-mail inbox confirming your sign-up.



# ISJ Academy

### **Preschool Teacher Needed!**

Do you enjoy sharing the love of Jesus with his little lambs? The ISJ Early Childhood Center is looking for a qualified Preschool teacher for our 4 year old room. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the position please contact Jen Welch at [ECC@mychristianschool.com](mailto:ECC@mychristianschool.com) or call the ISJ school office at 616-363-0505.





## **St. James' is Celebrating Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday!**

Join in on the fun and games on February 16 on ZOOM. The festivities will begin at 6:15 p.m. and last about one hour. The celebration will include: Pancakes! Games! Prizes! A Craft! Prayer! Each person/family will receive a package of "goodies" prior to the event so please sign up for the Mardi Gras festivities by **February 9<sup>th</sup>**. The more people, the merrier the party will be! To sign up, call the office at 363-7718 or send an email to: [office@stjamesgr.com](mailto:office@stjamesgr.com).

Mardi Gras, "Fat Tuesday" in French, is the celebratory carnival that leads up to the beginning of Lent and so, yes, a part of this ZOOM gathering will be to prepare our hearts for the season of Lent that begins with Ash Wednesday.





*Dear St. James members,  
I thank my church family for the cards and prayers  
I've received. They bring me joy- and add to my  
peace and trust in God's love.*

*Judy Johnson*



It's also not too late to participate in the mid-week Bible study on 1 John, "*Established In Truth; Marked by His Love.*"

This study is offered on **Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at the church and on Zoom** and on **Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.** Contact Pastor for the Zoom links.

West Michigan Lutheran High School is having a **virtual auction** in February and are looking for donation items.

If any St. James group or organization would like to donate an item please contact Kristine Angers at [kangers@wmlhs.org](mailto:kangers@wmlhs.org).

All donation items need to be dropped off at WML by February 18th and all proceeds from the auction are going toward student tuition assistance.

If you look into the possibility of giving a donation, it would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Kristine Angers with any questions.



### **NIKE! A Marathon of Hymns Celebrating Christ's Victory!**

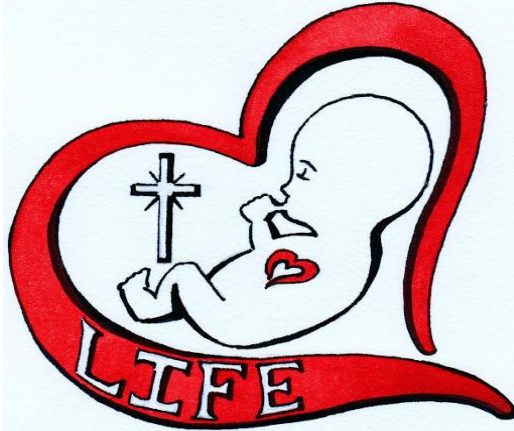
Our Savior Lutheran Church and Our Savior Lutheran School will **sing all the hymns in the Lutheran Service Book**. This is a fund raiser for the Organ Fund of Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Small groups, individuals and school classes will sing at least one stanza of each hymn in the book.....continuously.

The event is on **Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**.

If you would like to help sing, you are invited to go to Our Savior Lutheran Church anytime after 3:30pm and join the singing in progress.

The event will be livestreamed on Facebook beginning at 8:30 a.m. and is expected to last approximately 10 hours. A link is available at **oslsgr.org**.



The title of the Bible study for **TODAY** at **11:00 a.m.** is: "Created in the Image of God." It is an adaptation of a presentation provided by Right to Life of Michigan. Pastor will resume the study of "The Son in the Old Testament" next Sunday.

**Life Quote for Sunday, January 24:**

"Today we don't confess that we are against abortion. We are, of course. But that's not quite it. Today we don't confess that we are pro-life. We are, of course. But that's not quite it, either. Today we confess that God gives life to all things. God makes, and we are made. He makes life, and we leave alive."

*Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia*