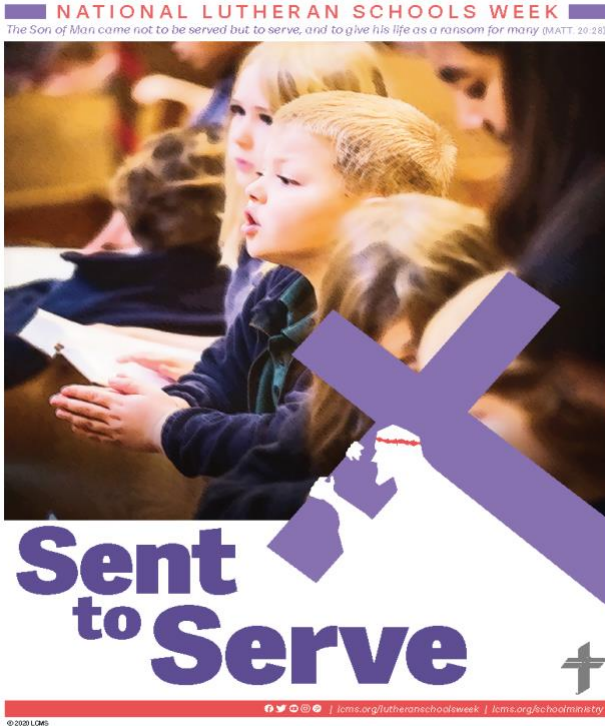


Grow ... Go ... Gather January 31, 2021



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The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Order of Service (DS 1)

(Please turn off your wifi and wear your masks.)

Preservice Music, Call to Worship & Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 507, "Holy, Holy, Holy"



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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The Invocation

LSB 151

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The Exhortation

LSB 151

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

LSB 151

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

The Psalm for the Day: Psalm 111

P: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

C: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

P: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

C: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

P: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

C: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

P: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

C: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

P: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

C: Holy and awesome is his name!

P: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

C: His praise endures forever!

The Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

This is the Feast

LSB 155


Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Salutation and Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: *Deuteronomy 18:15–20*

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you

desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: "Holy is the Lord" (Chris Tomlin)

Verse

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Verse

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
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And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Bridge

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

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The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 1:21–28*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Hymn of the Day: "My Dwelling Place" (Getty)

Verse 1

My dwelling place is God Most High
My refuge and my fortress
When plague and pestilence draw nigh
I'm hidden in His presence
When terrors fall and arrows fly
His shield will be my safety
When stones across my pathway lie
On angels' wings I'm carried

Verse 2

My dwelling place is God Most High
A present help in danger

I rest secure in Love's pure light
Beneath My Master's favor
He freed me from the fowler's snare
Where sin and shame had bound me
Deceived I made my refuge there
Till fearless He came for me

Chorus

***Wonderful powerful my hope and my defender
Mighty God Emmanuel my dwelling place forever***

Verse 3

My dwelling place is God Most High
I'll never seek another
For I am His and He is mine
My heart He'll keep forever
I know the Name on Whom I call
He promises to answer
With life he satisfies my soul
And crowns me with his pleasure **(Chorus 2Xs)**

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The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

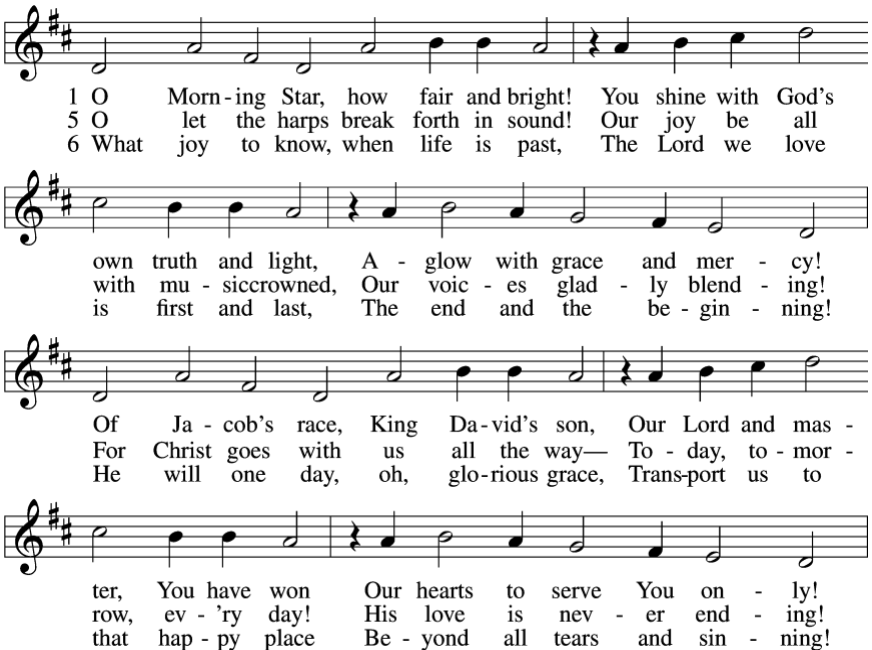
**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty. From thence 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
 T everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayer of the Church & The 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.**

**Hymn: LSB 395, "O Morning Star, How Fair and
 Bright"**



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all
 6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love
 own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 with mu - sic crowned, Our voic - es glad - ly blend - ing!
 is first and last, The end and the be - gin - ning!
 Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
 For Christ goes with us all the way— To - day, to - mor -
 He will one day, oh, glo - rious grace, Trans - port us to
 ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
 row, ev - 'ry day! His love is nev - er end - ing!
 that hap - py place Be - yond all tears and sin - ning!



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
 Sing out! Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion!
 A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness!



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 Tell the sto - ry! Great is He, the King of Glo - ry!
 We are yearn - ing For the day of Your re - turn - ing!

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Announcements/Blessing for Online Worshippers

T The Service of the Sacrament T

The Preface

LSB 160

- P The Lord be with you.
 C **And also with you.**
 P Lift up your hearts.
 C **We lift them to the Lord.**
 P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

The Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

LSB 161

- P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . .
 evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus

LSB 161



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour— In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
 Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me,
 With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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The Post-Communion Canticle

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

The Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: LSB 401, "From God the Father, Virgin Born"

1 From God the Fa - ther, vir - gin - born To us the
 2 Be - gin - ning from His home on high, In hu - man
 3 Glide on, O glo - rious Sun, and bring The gift of
 4 A - bide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of

on - ly Son came down; By death the font to con - se -
 flesh He came to die; Cre - a - tion by His death re -
 heal - ing on Your wing; To ev - 'ry dull and cloud - ed
 dark - ness chase a - way; Your work of heal - ing, Lord, be -

crate, The faith - ful to re - gen - er - ate.
 stored, And shed new joys of life a - broad.
 sense The clear - ness of Your light dis - pense.
 gin, And take a - way the stain of sin.

5 Lord, once You came to earth's domain
 And, we believe, shall come again;
 Be with us on the battlefield,
 From ev'ry harm Your people shield.

D 6 To You, O Lord, all glory be
 For this Your blest epiphany;
 To God, whom all His hosts adore,
 And Holy Spirit evermore.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worshippers will be ushered out. Please wait for the usher to come to your pew. If you prefer to leave by the front entrance, please use the middle aisle. If you prefer to leave by the back entrance, please use the outside aisles. Please make every effort to maintain proper social distancing as you leave the church building. Thank you!

Please put your kneeler down before exiting the pew.



NOTE: Pastor Schaeffer will be out-of-town (Plymouth, IN) attending a Pastor's Conference February 3-5. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact one of our Deacons.

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Events of the Week: January 31 – February 7, 2021

- TODAY:** 11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook
- Monday:** 10:00 a.m. Registration for February 7
Worship begins
6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion
7:30 p.m. **Council Meeting**
- 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
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 FB

Today's Deacons: Craig Popma and John Weiss
Ushers: Walt & Karen Kryzanowski
January Altar Guild: Cindy McAuliffe

Those who serve February 7:

Deacons: Bryan Ensing and Craig Popma

Ushers: available if anyone is interested

February Altar Guild: Lois DeLano and Mary Ward

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP January 24, 2021

General Fund	\$2,907.00
Roof Repair Fund	20.00
Plate Collection	30.00
ISJ Academy/Tuition	200.00
Lutherans for Life	50.00
<u>Tessaro Ministry Nigeria</u>	<u>15.00</u>
Total:	\$3,222.00



LWML will meet for a Bible study led by Pastor Schaeffer and a short meeting on

Sunday, February 7th at 6:00pm in the church basement and on Zoom. If you would like to attend using Zoom, please let Marjie Weiss or Grace Rosema know and we will make sure you receive the link. Mites: We thank you for your continued support.

“Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis” –

\$100,000 – is one of our mission grant recipients. Across the country there are passionately devoted first-generation immigrants serving in full-time ministry positions who share the Gospel among their immigrant/ethnic communities. A number of these dedicated church workers are students enrolled in two Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, programs: the Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS) and the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT). This grant will give financial assistance to meet their tuition needs. Check out this grant at www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-19.

Please keep saving your mites. Please put them in the mite box located in the church entryway when you attend church on Sunday, or mail a check to Rie Wiles, our St. James LWML treasurer. **Thank you.**



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 9th**. 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.

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.

To **register for worship**, please go to bit.ly/stjamesgr and follow the prompts. If you are unable to sign-up for worship, please contact the office at 363-7718.



January 31

On the March for Life: "We've shown up to celebrate and safeguard each one from the unborn to the elderly and everywhere in between ... We're leaning in to bring joy to the desperate and hope to the endangered. We're reaching out to take community and opportunity even amid adversity. We're marching forth to give courage and compassion. We've united today not simply to leave a sordid past behind but to leap ahead into a splendid future."

Pastor Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



ISJ Academy is looking for a Preschool Teacher. If interested, or know of someone who is, please call the school office at 363-0505.