

**Grow ... Go ... Gather**  
**January 23, 2022**



## Lutheran Schools Week

**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

## The Order of Service

### Music prelude, Call to Worship and Welcome

### The Opening Hymn: LSB 861 "Christ be My Leader"



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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### Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

### 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 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.**

## The Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 154*



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,  
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## The Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray....

C **Amen.**

## The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the LORD

are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**A Hymn:** "10,000 Reasons"

**Chorus**

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

**Verse 1**

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

**(Chorus)**

**Verse 2**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find **(Chorus)**

### **Verse 3**

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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### **The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a**

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 unrepresentable 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.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Alleluia Verse**

*LSB 156*

C **Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**The Gospel Lesson:** Luke 4:16–30



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

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

[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the

Syrian." When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon Hymn: LSB 644, "The Church's One Foundation"**



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more  
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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**KIDZ TIME (Pre-K to Grade 2)/The Sermon**

**The Apostles' Creed** (on the back cover of the hymnal)

**The Offering** (During the Offering we will sing LSB 866, "Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend," Sung to the tune of LSB 461)

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, the children's friend,  
To each of them Your presence send;  
Call them by name and keep them true  
In loving faith, dear Lord, to You.
- 2 In Christian homes, Lord, let them be  
Your blessing to their family;  
Let Christian schools Your work extend  
In living truth as You intend.
- 3 That caring parents, gracious Lord,  
And faithful teachers find reward  
In leading these, to whom You call,  
To find in Christ their all in all.
- 4 For by Your Word we clearly see  
That we have sinned continually;  
But show us too, forgiving Lord,  
Your saving Gospel's great reward.
- 5 That all of us, Your children dear,  
By Christ redeemed, may Christ revere;  
Lead us in joy that all we do  
Will witness to our love for You.
- 6 Then guard and keep us to the end,  
Secure in You, our gracious friend,  
That in Your heav'nly family  
We sing Your praise eternally.

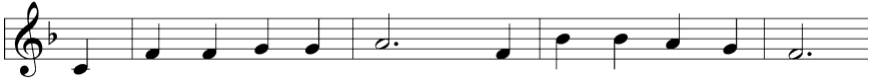
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**The Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer**

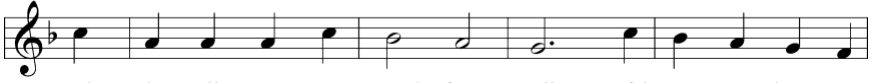
**A Hymn: LSB 863, "Our Father, by Whose Name"**



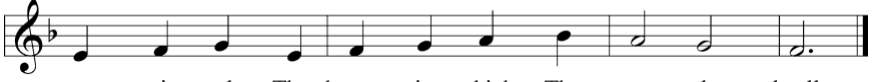
1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name      All fa - ther-hood is known,  
 2 O Christ, Thy - self a child      With - in an earth - ly home,  
 3 O Spir - it, who dost bind      Our hearts in u - ni - ty,



Who dost in love pro - claim      Each fam - i - ly Thine own,  
 With heart still un - de - filed,      Thou didst to man-hood come;  
 Who teach - est us to find      The love from self set free,



Bless Thou all par - ents, guard - ing well,      With con - stant love as  
 Our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place      That they may all be-  
 In all our hearts such love in - crease      That ev - 'ry home by



sen - ti - nel, The homes in which Thy peo - ple dwell.  
 hold Thy face, And know - ing Thee may grow in grace.  
 this re - lease May be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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**A Concluding Prayer**

**"The Blessing"**

**Verse**

The Lord bless you  
 And keep you  
 Make his face shine upon you  
 And be gracious to you  
 The Lord turn his  
 Face toward you  
 And give you peace

**Chorus**

Amen, Amen, Amen

**Bridge**

May his favor  
 Be upon you  
 And a thousand generations

And your family  
And your children  
And their children  
And their children

**Bridge**

May his presence  
Go before you  
And behind you  
And beside you  
All around you  
And within you  
He is with you  
He is with you

**Bridge**

In the morning  
In the evening  
In your coming  
And your going  
In your weeping  
And rejoicing  
He is for you  
He is for you

**Chorus**

Amen, Amen, Amen

**Verse**

The Lord bless you  
And keep you  
Make his face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his  
Face toward you  
And give you peace

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Events of the Week: January 23 – 30

- TODAY:**    **11:00 a.m.** Coffee Hour  
              **11:00 a.m.** Bible Study  
              **10:45am – 1:00pm** Knit/Crochet  
              **3:00 – 5:00pm** Youth "Indoor Winter Olympics"
- Monday:**   **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship Service w/ Holy Communion  
              **7:30 p.m.** Deacons Meeting
- Tuesday:**  **7:30 p.m.** Bible Study on Zoom
- Wed:**       **10:00 a.m.** Bible Study w/ Darrell
- Friday:**    Pastor's Day off
- Sunday:**   **8:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB  
              **9:30 a.m.** COMMUNION WORSHIP at St James & FBL.  
              **KIDZ TIME** during the sermon, pre-2nd  
              **11:00 a.m.** Bible Study

### Those who serve Today:

**Deacon:** Craig Popma

**Ushers:** Orlin Bowman, Dale and Grace Rosema

**Lector:** Craig Popma

### Those who serve January 30:

**Deacons:** Craig Popma and Bryan Ensing

**Ushers:** Walt & Karen Kryzanowski

**Lector:** Nancy Spears

**January Altar Guild:** Cindy McAuliffe

**Phone number change:** Sherry Schmidt has removed her land line and is only using a cellphone. The number you can reach her at is: 616-201-5639. Please note this in your church directory.

**FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP:** January 16, 2022

General Fund	\$5,205.00
Plate Collections	689.00
ISJ Academy	50.00
Memorials (Betty Mosies)	115.00
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	Total: \$6,059.00
On-line giving	340.00
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	Total: \$ 6,399.00

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Hartland MI, Life Team, Protect Young Eyes, and LFL of MI are sponsoring a **Mental Health & Children Seminar** on **Saturday, February 12**, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 and can only be purchased online at:  
<https://oursaviorlifeteam0222.eventbrite.com/>.

**The last day to purchase tickets is  
January 29, 2022.**

Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. Speakers are Chris McKenna, Founder & CEO of Protect Young Eyes, Pastor Michael Saleminck, LFL Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, and Eric Hipple, former quarterback of the Detroit Lions and a member of Our Savior, Hartland. Go to the link above for more information.  
A printed ticket and photo ID will be required to enter.



# **"Knit/Crocheted Together in Love"**

*sponsored by LWML*



## **Where:**

***St. James Lutheran Church First Floor  
Classroom***

## **When:**

***After Church TODAY  
10:45 am to 1:00 pm***

## **Who:**

***Anyone, male or female, ages 13 and up  
interested in:***

- learning the basics of knitting/crocheting
- advancing knitting/crocheting skills
- sharing knitting/crocheting skills and patterns
- visiting with others while working on own project
- fun and Christian fellowship

## **What to bring:**

- ***Your own snacks/lunch***
- ***Knitting needles or Crochet hook if you have them/one.*** If not, no problem, we will have some for you to borrow.
- ***Yarn, if you have some.*** If not, we will have some for you.
- ***Enthusiasm*** to learn



*“May the Lord make your  
love increase and overflow for each other and for  
everyone else...” 1 Thessalonians 3:12*

You are invited to let your love overflow! For Valentine’s Day St. James’ LWML will be assembling trays of cookies to show St. James love to first responders, care staff at congregate settings, neighborhood school staffs, and other care givers in our community. Everyone can help share the love of our Lord by getting involved!

*You can use your hands to embrace our neighbors by doing one of the following...*

**Bake** some cookies with love!

**Assemble** trays of delicious cookies at the February 6<sup>th</sup> LWML meeting!

**Carry** the love into the community by delivering a tray!

Wrap individual baked goods with plastic wrap or small snack bags. Deliver your goodies to church on or before **Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to write cards of encouragement for the organizations that receive the treats, or if you would like to help deliver trays, speak to Sandra before February 6.



## **Beyond the Walls with Jesus – 1 Peter 2:12** **A Conference for Laity and Church Workers Together**

St. Peter says in 1 Peter 2:12, *“Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.”* It is difficult to live honorably as a child of God when the Church is increasingly marginalized and ridiculed. At this conference, our keynote speakers will help us consider how our faith can shine as we engage with the culture outside the walls of the church

**Where is the conference?** Our Savior, Lansing

**When is the conference?** February 5, 2022

**Keynote speakers include:** Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer; Rev. Dr. Joel Lehenbauer; Rev. Dr. Theodore Hopkins; and Mr. Greg Baylor.

**Registration Fee?** \$20.00 General and \$15.00 for a student.

For Livestream details see the event page.

For more information visit:

[www.michigandistrict.org/theological22](http://www.michigandistrict.org/theological22).

*If you are interested attending in person, please speak to Pastor Schaeffer **ASAP** so that we can register together and arrange for transportation.*



**VBS CO-COORDINATOR NEEDED!**  
We have a volunteer to co-chair VBS but we are looking for **one more person** to help out! If you are willing to co-chair VBS, please contact Pastor Schaeffer ASAP!



## **National Lutheran Schools Week: January 23–29, 2022**

Did you know that there are more than 1,800 preschools, elementary schools, and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God’s work among us in schools of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod? Each Lutheran school is an incubator for faithful witness of God’s love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.

We thank God for our own ISJ Academy! Thank God for our principal, Mr. Alexander, the teachers, the support staff, and the Board members. Pray for the children and their families to grow in their faith in the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – through their association with ISJ Academy. Praise God for the partnership we share with our sister congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church. Consider making a financial donation, separate and apart from your regular congregational offering to ISJ Academy, to support ISJ’s ministry and mission. And, if you have a child or grandchild, please consider enrolling them as a student at ISJ!

To learn more about ISJ Academy, visit their website: [mychristianschool.com](http://mychristianschool.com) or call the office at 616-363-0505.

