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Service of Prayer and Preaching (p. 260)

The Preservice Music, the Call to Worship, and Welcome

Hymn: 664 “Fight the Good Fight”

Opening Versicles

Common

LSB 260

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

The First Reading:

Acts 16:1-5

☞: The First Reading is Acts 16:1-5

Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

☞: This is the Word of the Lord.

☩: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading:

1 Timothy 6:11-16

☞: The Second Reading is 1 Timothy 6:11-16

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he

will display at the proper time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Third Reading:

Titus 1:1-9

P: The Third Reading is Titus 1:1-9

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior; To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you – if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading:

Matthew 9: 35-38

P: The Gospel Reading is Matthew 9:35-38

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;

therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

Common

LSB 263

Ten Commandments

Apostles' Creed

Hymn: 517 “By All Your Saints in Warfare”

sts. 1, 11, 3

The Sermon

The Offering (Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!)

Hymn: 682 “God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons”

The General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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

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
Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name*

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Prayer of the Day

L Lord Jesus Christ, You have always given to Your Church on earth faithful shepherds such as Timothy and Titus to guide and feed Your flock. Make all pastors diligent to preach Your holy Word and administer Your means of grace, and grant Your people wisdom to follow in the way that leads to life eternal; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

LSB 265

Morning Prayer

LSB 266

Blessing

L Let us bless the Lord.

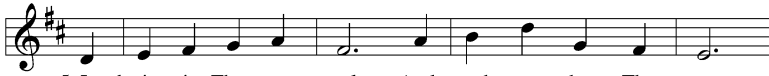
C Thanks be to God.

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Hymn: 410 Within the Father’s House

sts. 5-6



5 Lord, vis - it Thou our souls And teach us by Thy grace
△ 6 Till we be - hold Thy face And know as we are known



Each dim re - veal - ing of Thy - self With lov - ing awe to trace
Thee, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Co - e - qual Three in One.

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This Week at St. James

- Today (1/28) Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM
Worship Service - 9:30 AM
Bible Study – 11:00 AM
- Monday (1/29) **Communion Service - 6:30 PM**
- Wednesday (1/31) Darrell Bible Study – 10:00 AM
- Thursday (2/1) Adult Bells – 6:00 PM
Adult Choir – 7:15 PM
- Sunday (2/4)..... Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM
Communion Service (Mites Sunday) - 9:30 AM
Bible Study – 11:00 AM

Looking Ahead

Serving Today (1/28)

Officiant Pastor Glenn Schaeffer
Lector Irene Talen
Organist Beth McKay
Deacon(s) Jerry Talen
Ushers Open
Video/Sound/Recording Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
January Altar Guild Cindy McAuliffe

Serving Next Sunday (2/4)

Lector Marjie Weiss
Organist Beth McKay
Deacon(s) Craig Popma / Bryan Ensing
Ushers Open
Video/Sound/Recording Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
February Altar Guild Butler Family

Financial Discipleship: January 21 & 22, 2024

General Fund	\$3,710.00
<i>Needed each week for budget \$5,769.00 (-\$2,059.00)</i>	
<u>ISJ Academy</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
TOTAL Contributions	\$3,810.00

Announcements

“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, neighbourhood 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 neighbours by doing one of the following ... Bake some cookies with love! *Assemble* trays of delicious cookies at the February 11th 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 11th. 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 11.

Friends In Faith: Please, remember our ongoing gifts of food for the Creston Neighborhood food pantry. The table is set up in the coat room! Thank you.

Lector and Usher Sign-ups: If you would still like to serve as a lector and or an usher, please see the sign-up sheets in the lobby on the table next to the office. We still have several spots open.

Altar Guild Needs You: We are looking for individuals or families who would be willing to volunteer their time to Altar Guild. If you are interested there is a binder in the Altar Guild room that will have all the information that you will need. Deb or Kelsey will be available to walk through the process with you. If you are interested in serving the church in this way please let the office, Deb, or Kelsey Butler know as soon as possible.

Mark your calendar for the 16th Annual ISJ Golf Outing Fundraiser! Dreaming of warmer days? This year's ISJ Golf Outing Fundraiser will take place on June 1st at Arrowhead Golf Course in Lowell. It's time to assemble your team and get signed up! This will be an 18-hole shotgun start scramble format like in years past. Early bird registration for a foursome runs through April 12th and costs \$375. After April 12th the cost for a foursome cost is \$400. If you are not able to golf but interested in supporting the event you can do so through the same link/QR code. Proceeds from this event support the school by providing additional resources, technology devices, and supplies for the classroom. If you have questions, please reach out to the school office at isjoffice@mychristianschool.com or a school board member from the congregation.

