

# Welcome to St James Episcopal Church...

## ***We're glad that you chose to worship with us today!***

- Masks are optional for all church activities, including worship. Distancing is still a safer practice.
- When we are unable to celebrate communion with a priest present, we may participate in spiritual communion (*This is appropriate any time receiving bread and/or wine is not a possibility. The bread and wine are the outward and visible signs of the inward and spiritual grace in the communion sacrament.*)

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## **10AM Worship – January 8, 2023**

### **The Baptism of Our Lord**

Sharing  
God's Love  
Through  
Action

**ST JAMES**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

An inviting safe community for all

#### **Today's Worship leadership includes...**

*Ministers*      Members of the Congregation

*Readers*      1 — Pat Hanson  
                      2 — Eleanor Agnew  
                      3 — Mary Green

*Worship Coordinator*      Tony Karl

*Vestry counters/open/close*      Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green

**We are an inclusive community of faith that welcomes and celebrates diversity in age, race, nation of origin, citizenship status, gender identity, sexual orientation, social status, political view, background, ability level, marital status, and anything else that makes us unique. Whatever your reason for coming, we are glad you are here!**

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If you would like to know more about the life, mission, or ministries of St James Episcopal Church, please talk to any member of our Vestry (church council):

*Wardens:* Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green

*Vestrypersons:* Nick Doszkewycz, Joan Estes, & Tony Karl

*Clerk:* Tony Karl      *Treasurer:* Linda Molitor

**All the words you will need are in this bulletin:** Text that the people say is prefaced with "People" or "All" and is in a **bold font**. All song lyrics are also in this bulletin.

**Wi-Fi access:** Look for our networks beginning with **CBCI-77B0** and enter password **build7443guitar**; we encourage you to share pictures and posts on social media.

**Worship/Liturgy Sources:** Our worship is based on the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP--the red hardcover book in the pew rack), the *Book of Occasional Services*, the *Enriching Our Worship series*—the primary liturgical resources authorized by General Convention of The Episcopal Church—supplemented by occasional other resources. You may find additional prayers in the BCP on pages 832-834 helpful for personal devotion before, during, and after worship (especially prayers 64-69 and 57-61). If you'd like a BCP for your own use at home, the church can provide one for you—please talk to Tony Karl.

**Children:** Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Activity bags are available in the back of the church. A changing station is available in the restroom in the atrium just outside the sanctuary.

**Hearing Loop:** Our Hearing Loop system enables people with hearing loss to better hear sounds through our sound system. If you can set your hearing aid to a T or M/T setting, audio from our sound system will be received directly by your device (70% of aids have this feature). If your aid does not have this option, or you do not wear a hearing aid, there are a few portable headsets available in the back of the church.

**Please share your prayer requests with us:** All are invited to share their prayer requests so that the entire congregation may join in lifting up your needs and thanksgivings. Please add requests to the Prayers of the People box (you can simply use first names on requests... God knows our needs). If you'd like a prayer lifted up for multiple weeks, please fill out a prayer request slip found at the back of the church.

**We worship with our bodies:** You'll notice that some of us may sit, stand, and kneel at various points in the service. Some of us may make the sign of the cross or bow now and then. Some may clap, raise their hands, or tap their feet. All of these movements are traditions from various parts of our Christian heritage—none are required, none are frowned upon. All are welcome to express whatever movements they might find meaningful in worship. Some instructions are printed throughout this bulletin—you may also observe what others do. None of these movements are a requirement: if you prefer not to use them, don't worry about it—God doesn't.

**Restrooms/Layout/Accessibility:** A handicapped-accessible restroom is located in the atrium just outside the sanctuary (next to the elevator.) Another restroom is located on the lower level. The atrium gives access to the lower level and upper level by stairs or elevator. The worship space and chapel are located on the upper level. The offices, fellowship hall, library, and classrooms are located on the lower level and marked by signs.

The Rev'd Diane M Murray retired on December 31 after more than 13 years as our pastor. As we begin our transition and search process, we will arrange a mix of supply (substitute) clergy when available and also make use of our option for lay-led worship (something more prevalent in The Episcopal Church prior to 1980). Our Wardens and Worship Coordinator are making arrangements with supply clergy, who we'll start to see in two weeks.

## Welcome!

Reader 1 Good morning! Welcome to St James Episcopal Church, all of you here in this place and all of you joining us from afar. Today's Worship service will include remembering the Baptism of Jesus, as well as our own baptisms. All the words and song lyrics are included in the bulletin and you can also follow along on screen. Please stand and join as we sing our gathering song.

*All who are able, please stand.*

### ♪ Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

[Hymnal #135]

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest and King supreme;  
and at Cana, wedding guest, in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light,  
where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw.  
When from there thou ledest them steadfast to Jerusalem,  
cross and Easter Day attest God in man made manifest.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth, 1862. Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1678.

## Gathering

Reader 1 God's voice speaks to our chaos, echoing in our empty hearts:

**People** gathering us together to remember our baptism.

Reader 1 God's voice flows like the living waters of grace:

**People** our new name, 'Beloved', resounding in our souls.

Reader 1 God's voice stirs the waters of baptismal hope:

**People** calling us to be bearers of peace to a world of broken hopes.

Reader 1 God be with you.

**People** And also with you.

Reader 1 Let us pray. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

*People* **AMEN!**

*You may remain standing or kneel.*

Reader 1 Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. AMEN!**

Reader 1 Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All **AMEN!**

*Please be seated.*

## **Remembering Our Baptism**

Reader 1 With confidence we remember God's promises to us—in baptism, we are reborn to eternal life. Those saints who have gone before us have fulfilled their baptism and are now celebrating in God's presence.

Siblings in Christ, I invite you to come to the font once again at any point in today's Worship service. Mark yourselves once more with water, remember your baptism, and know that you are claimed by God forever. There is no reason any longer to be afraid. The Spirit moves among us. Let us worship and praise God!

All **AMEN!**

## **Invitatory Psalm**

*Venite, Psalm 95.1-7*

Reader 1 O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise,

All **And your glory all the day long.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN!**

Reader 1 The Holy One is in our midst:  
All O come let us worship.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms. For you are a great God; you are great above all gods. In your hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are yours also. The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Reader 1 The Holy One is in our midst:  
All O come let us worship.

*You may remain seated.*

**Gloria, Gloria** *Sung several times; may be sung as a round* [Renew #64]  
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

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## Unison Reading

Reader 2 Let us read in unison Psalm 29.

All Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory that is due; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon; The voice of the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!" The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore. The LORD shall give strength to Israel; the LORD shall give Israel the blessing of peace. Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN!

## First Lesson

Reader 2 A reading of Isaiah chapter 42, verses 1 through 9.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader 2 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

## Unison Reading

Reader 2 Let us read in unison Canticle J, *A Song of Judith*.

*Judith 16.13-16*

All I will sing a new song to my God, for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible. Let the whole creation serve you, for you spoke and all things came into being. You sent your breath and it formed them, no one is able to resist your voice. Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, rocks melt like wax at your presence. But to those who fear you, you continue to show mercy. No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN!

## New Testament

Reader 2 A reading of Acts chapter 10, verses 34 through 43.

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is

right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader 2* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated (this is different when using the Morning Prayer liturgy format)*

## **Gospel**

*Reader 2* A reading of Matthew chapter 3, verses 13 through 17.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

*Reader 2* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Message**

*Reader 2* At this time we'll watch a sermon preached by The Rev'd Elizabeth Blunt at Trinity Church Wall Street on January 9, 2022.

All who are able, please stand.

## Apostles' Creed

Reader 2 Let us stand and join in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day Christ rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN!

*Please remain standing.*

## Offering Our Gifts & Our Selves

*Gifts and offerings may be left in the offering plate, mailed/dropped off at church, or sent through your bank. There are online giving options on our web site [mySJEC.com/donate](http://mySJEC.com/donate). We are grateful for your continued financial support of our ministry and mission.*

Reader 2 Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

People Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.

## ♪ Down By the Jordan

Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,  
Preaching a message the people found bold and surprising:  
"God will forgive! Show that you'll change how you live!  
Surely God's new day is rising!"

There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:  
"Are you God's Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?"  
"No!" John replied. "He who is mightier than I  
Judges and offers salvation."

Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others,  
Taking your place among sinners, God's lost sons and daughters.  
Then with great love, God's Spirit came as a dove!  
Your work began in those waters.

Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.  
Freed and forgiven, we're welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?  
This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"  
Let's take the good news and share it!

## Offering Our Prayers

*Reader 3* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Reader 3* Let us pray.

*All* Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. AMEN!

*Reader 3* Help us, O God our Savior;

*All* **Deliver us and forgive our sins.**

*Reader 3* Look upon your congregation;

*All* **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

*Reader 3* Declare your glory among the nations;

*All* **And your wonders among all peoples.**

*Reader 3* Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*All* **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

*Reader 3* Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*All* **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

*Reader 3* Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*All* **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

*Reader 3* Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **AMEN!**

*Reader 3* O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **AMEN!**

*Reader 3* Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

*People* **AMEN!**

## Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Reader 3 Let us pray.

All Jesus, in union with the faithful of every place and people and nation, I join in offering the sacrifice of my praise and thanksgiving to you. I believe that you are truly present. Since I cannot now receive this holy sacrament, I pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Abide with me, that I may embrace you entirely, and submit myself to your love and mercy. Let me never be separated from you, that in my waking and in my sleeping I may know the comfort of your presence. I ask this for the sake of your love. AMEN!

## Prayers of the People

Reader 3 Sisters and brothers, our baptismal vows call us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and the world. We pray for your Church, O God:

People that we may understand more deeply our humanity and proclaim the dignity of each person that was revealed by Christ becoming human.

Reader 3 We pray for the human family:

People that we may recognize as sisters and brothers all who seek to serve God, and that we may renounce all forms of discrimination and prejudice.

Reader 3 We pray for the renewal of the gift of the Holy Spirit:

People that God will stir up the Spirit within us and make us bold in our faith and dynamic in announcing the Good News.

Reader 3 We pray for a deepening of prayer in our lives:

People that, like Jesus, we may grow in our relationship with God through prayer and listening.

Reader 3 We pray for courage:

People that we may be strengthened to bear the challenges that come to us as followers of Jesus and proclaim by our lives the faithfulness of God.

Reader 3 We pray for all who have been baptized in our communities, particularly those during the last year:

People that they may faithfully fulfill their baptismal promises and live as disciples of Jesus.

Reader 3 We pray for all who have responded to God's call to ministry:

People that God will strengthen their service, renew their dedication, & bless their work.

Reader 3 We pray for the healing of human blindness to God's impartial love:

People for reconciliation amongst all who call themselves Christians, and for the gifts of unity and peace in the Church.

Reader 3 We pray for students and faculty as they begin a new semester:

People that they may grow in wisdom, knowledge, and grace in their pursuit of truth.

Reader 3 We pray for consolation and support for all who are homebound, detained, imprisoned, or living in refugee camps:  
**People** **that they may know the strengthening and renewing power of the Spirit and the care of the Christian community.**

Reader 3 We pray for all who are in need of a shepherd's care, for those who are ill, those who are grieving, and those who are lacking the physical and financial resources they need:  
**People** **that God's love will comfort them, and that the hearts of many will reach out to them.**

Reader 3 We pray for faithful stewardship:  
**People** **that we may wisely put to use all the gifts and talents which God has given us and help bring forth God's reign in our households and communities.**

Reader 3 We pray for all who suffer from the weather:  
**People** **that they may find the shelter and assistance they need.**

Reader 3 We pray for all who have inadequate healthcare:  
**People** **that the Holy Spirit will guide leaders in government and business toward holy ways to expand healthcare coverage and to protect the gift of health and life.**

Reader 3 We pray for victims of abuse or prejudice of any kind:  
**People** **that they may hear God's affirmation that they are beloved and experience healing for their bodies, minds, and spirits.**

Reader 3 For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including those on our prayer lists and those we remember now silently or aloud... *The people offer additional prayers at this time.*  
...We pray with confidence in your grace, O God.

**People** **Jesus, God with us, hear our prayer.**

Reader 3 Lord God, you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel by acts of love in your name.

**All** **AMEN!**

*Please be seated.*

## **Invitation**

Reader 3 At this time, I invite anybody who has or will be celebrating a birthday or anniversary to come forward to the rail. I also invite you to come forward if you need prayer for healing, travel, or another need. Anybody who has an announcement, please move toward the lectern or a handheld microphone.

## Special Prayers

Reader 3 Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays.

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!

Reader 3 Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their anniversaries.

All O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. AMEN!

Reader 3 To all of you celebrating milestones: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you to guide and protect you and all those you love, today and always!

All AMEN!

*Prayers are offered for any other needs.*

## Announcements

*All giving announcements: please use a mic for our friends online.*

*All who are able, please stand.*

**♪ If My People** *You may sing the first part or the echoed part* [Renew #186]

If my people (If my people) **called by my name** (called by my name)

turn from evil (turn from evil) **and seek my face.** (and seek my face.)

If my people (If my people) **called by my name** (called by my name)

turn from evil (turn from evil) **and seek my face.** (and seek my face.)

I will hear, (I will hear,) I'll forgive, (I'll forgive,)

I will heal, (I will heal,) will heal their land. (will heal their land.)

I will hear, (I will hear,) I'll forgive, (I'll forgive,)

I will heal, I will heal their land.

We, your people (We, your people) **called by your name** (called by your name)

turn from evil (turn from evil) **and seek your face.** (and seek your face.)

We, your people (We, your people) **called by your name** (called by your name)

turn from evil (turn from evil) **and seek your face.** (and seek your face.)

Hear our cry, (Hear our cry,) **Lord, forgive,** (Lord, forgive,)

come and heal, (come and heal,) **come heal our land.** (come heal our land.)

Hear our cry, (Hear our cry,) **Lord, forgive,** (Lord, forgive,)

come and heal, **come and heal our land.**

## The General Thanksgiving

*Reader 1* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Reader 1* Let us pray.

*All* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. AMEN!

## A Prayer of St Chrysostom

*Reader 1* Let us pray.

*All* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. AMEN!

## Prayer for our Time of Transition

*by Linda C Smith-Criddle*

*Reader 1* Let us join in prayer for our time of transition.

*All* Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future. In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism, when confronted by "the new" and to guard us against our own defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time. All this we ask in the name of your Child, our savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN!

## ♪ John Was Preaching in the Desert

John was preaching in the desert, calling people to repent.

When they heard his word of judgment, many wondered what it meant.

John said, "Someone who is greater comes with fire and Spirit, too.

See! I baptize you with water; he will make your whole life new."

Jesus went down to the Jordan — to be baptized on that day.

All at once, the heavens opened as he paused to humbly pray.

Then a voice came down from heaven — with the Spirit, like a dove.

At those waters, God affirmed him — God's beloved, sent to love. *(continued)*

On this day when we remember how our Savior was baptized,

God, we pause and pray and wonder at the ways you change our lives.

As your Son went through the waters, We rejoice! We're baptized, too.

We are called your sons and daughters; may we go out serving you!.

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## Sending

*Reader 1* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

*Reader 1* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

*People* AMEN!

## Passing the Peace

*Reader 1* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*We share God's love with others from a distance with verbal greetings, waving, peace sign, etc.*

All are invited to stay in the Sanctuary after Worship  
for our monthly Congregational Chat.

Thank you for celebrating with us today! Please join us downstairs  
after worship for refreshments, snacks, and conversation.

Our special offering in the month of January is the Manitowoc Warming Shelter; please label gifts accordingly.



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Please contact Senior Warden Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal at 334-546-4282 (*please leave a voicemail if no answer*) or cnor1101@yahoo.com. She will help connect you to the right people.

### **Monthly congregational chat 1/8**

The Vestry invites all to stay after worship on Sunday 1/8 for the fifth of our monthly congregational chats. All are welcome to participate. Each month the Vestry will have one or more topics to solicit ideas and feedback from you. The topics on 1/8 will include: 1) Clean Energy Project presentation by Chris Eggert-Rosenthal; 2) Any new updates about our transition process.

We plan these chats to typically last 20-30 minutes, but they could run longer, if needed. Please join us for these chats! **If you are unable to attend in person, please send your thoughts to info@mysjec.com or share them with Clerk Tony Karl.**

### **Dine & Discuss starts 1/17**

We are bringing back our popular Dine & Discuss monthly series! We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall on the third Tuesday of each month from 6-8PM. This is an opportunity for us to enjoy food and fellowship as well as learning about and discussing various topics of interest. On Tuesday, January 17, 2023, we'll be joined again by our friends from Lakeshore's United Visionaries (L.U.V.). The theme will be privilege and power—we all experience more or less of both as we find ourselves in different settings throughout life. This will be an opportunity to listen to the experiences of others as well as share our own experiences. L.U.V. will be preparing a Pakistani meal for the evening, and we've scheduled Wednesday, January 18 as our snow date.

### **Book Group 1/25 at 7PM (in-person/Zoom)**

The St James Book Group is meeting on Wednesday, 1/25 at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. January's book is *Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. It is the story of the impact the Dust Bowl has on a family in Texas. The reviews have been excellent and it received 4 1/2 stars from Amazon. An excellent read. Books may be checked out from the public library. Contact Joan Estes or Chris Eggert-Rosenthal if you need help getting a book or have other questions. You do not have to have read the book to join in our discussions, so join us when you can.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/bookgroup  
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 873 5481 2492 #  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

## **Recurring Schedule**

### **Discussion Sundays at 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)**

On Sunday 1/8 we'll have the final week of our Circles series we started in Advent. Then we'll discuss and finalize plans for our next series and share our ideas for future series. Please join us in-person or via Zoom if you'd like to share ideas for our planning.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy  
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 580 876 932 #  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

### **Worship—Sundays at 10AM (in-person/online)**

Attend in-person at 10AM, or participate LIVE at 10AM or view at any time after on YouTube (*video links are also shared on Facebook*): go.mysjec.com/youtube  
1/8 Epiphany 1—The Baptism of Our Lord  
1/15 Epiphany 2—Remembering MLK Jr  
1/22 Epiphany 3

### **Fellowship—Sundays at 11:15AM (in-person)**

Please join us downstairs after worship each week for refreshments, snacks, and conversation. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. We invite anybody who is interested to bring snacks/treats to share any week.

### **Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM (Zoom)**

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/Friday  
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 831 5230 0483 #  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

**UPDATED!** [Amma Diane retired 12/31/2022](#)

The Rev'd Diane Murray retired on December 31 after serving as our Rector since 2009. The Wardens and Vestrypersons are responsible for the continued functioning of St James, especially our Senior Warden, Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal. If you have any pastoral needs (hospitalization, visit, emergency, etc) or other questions about the church, contact Chris ([info above](mailto:info@mysjec.com)).

We are working to arrange supply clergy to fill in, but we will also make use of the lay-led worship format that we have available in The Episcopal Church. We do have some supply lined up starting January 22.

For a building problem, contact Chris. If you can't reach her and it's urgent, call Dave Haefke (920-860-4127).

If you have any info for St James Weekly, please get that to Tony Karl ([info@mysjec.com](mailto:info@mysjec.com)) by Tuesday evenings.

## Please return 2023 Giving Estimates

Please turn in your 2023 Giving Estimates as soon as possible. Extra estimate cards are available in the back of the church. Thank you for your financial support!

## Annual Meeting 2/19/23; nominations open

Our Annual Meeting will be held after 10AM Worship on Sunday, February 19, 2023.

At this meeting we review and celebrate our progress, discuss our clergy transition, review our budget, and hold elections for Trustees and Convention delegates and alternates. A nomination form and report has been available since December 11. The deadline for advance nominations is February 5.

## Donations for poinsettia display were made by:

- ◆ Ron Hansen—for Myrna
- ◆ Skip & Karleen Cole - for their parents
- ◆ Sharon Meany - for Paul
- ◆ Kim Kaufmann - for Cindy
- ◆ Mary Green - for Robert & Benjamin Green, Sharen, Ed & Keith Kaatz
- ◆ David Haefke - for Pat Haefke
- ◆ Mary Kaufmann - for Emily Kaufmann, Cindy Connolly, Ava Anelons
- ◆ Glenn Davidowich, Tony Karl, & Chris Couris - for Eleanor Sydlo
- ◆ John & Barb Cook
- ◆ Marian Flint - for Bill, parents, brothers
- ◆ Mike & Sharon Laughrin - for departed family
- ◆ Joan Estes - for Adam & Florence Sobieski
- ◆ Glenn Davidowich - for Paul & Mary Davidowich, George & Eleanor Davidowich, Michael & Susannah Kalinak, Helen & George Korba
- ◆ Sandy Olson - for Olson & Maedke family
- ◆ Richard Hall - for Deacon Sam Hall
- ◆ Anonymous

## **NEW! #WearBlueDay is January 11**

January as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. It is a time to bring awareness to the crime while emphasizing the commitment to protect and empower lived experience experts, prosecute traffickers, and bring an end to human trafficking in the United States and across the globe. Blue Campaign invites you to play a role in combating human trafficking by participating in #WearBlueDay on Wednesday, January 11. Getting involved is simple: Wear your favorite blue outfit or article of clothing (e.g., T-shirt or hat); take a selfie, group photo, or video; share your photo or video on your preferred social media platform using the hashtag #WearBlueDay; Encourage friends and followers to post as well. Why blue? Blue is the international color of human trafficking awareness. Anyone can make a difference on #WearBlueDay, and by participating, you can increase online awareness of human trafficking and play a role in saving lives. For more info visit: [dhs.gov/blue-campaign/wearblueday](http://dhs.gov/blue-campaign/wearblueday)



## **UPDATED! Prayers for the Week**

**Healing/Comfort/Strength:** Steve & Marybeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Geno, Bonnie T, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia & John, Chip & Janice, Steven G, Mary G, Vicki, Matthew C, Shelley R, Brian M, Sharon L, Karen K, Nancy J, Nancy & Clayton, Richard H, James B, Jenny M, Sean D, Connie, Janet P, Leah S, Carol & family, David E, Blake H.

**Guidance & Discernment:** Tim K, Kurt H, Ronald B, Alison H, Susie M, Brian & Lisa, Frankie, Deb & Jim, Keagan

**Serving in the Military:** Jordan, Ian, Logan, Keaton, Marshall, Jacob, Jack.

**Additional Prayers we offer include:** For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Anne's DePere; All Saints Wrenningham Mission District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma). For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the dialogue taking place among them. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. People at the Warming Shelter. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to violence, racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths. We pray for those in the world who do not have enough to eat; may we help to keep food available to all.

**We offer thanks for:** Chris and Mary, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff, and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matt Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and Bishop Osiward Mapika, 2nd Bishop of the Diocese of Masvingo. .

**We Pray for the Departed:** Bill F, Audrey & Clayton, Pat H, Myrna H, Cindy C, Joe L, Paul M, Deena G, Shirley O, Margaret & Leonard, Jack W, teenager from Oneida Nation, and all who have died.

## **UPDATED! Milestones**

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

**Birthdays:** 1/2 Tammy McVeigh, 1/3 Kevin McVeigh, 1/11 Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, 1/17 Liz Foster, 1/21 Dianne Wilson, 1/23 John Cook, 1/25 Skip Cole, 1/28 Sharon Laughrin

**Anniversaries:** none we know of in January

*If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please send an email ([info@mysjec.com](mailto:info@mysjec.com)) or leave a voicemail (920.684.8256).*