



Come, let us
WALK
in the
LIGHT
of the
LORD!

ISAIAH 2:5, NRSV

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Worship is Sunday 9:15am

OUR MISSION: We are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus through worship, witness, and ministry to our members and community

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light

C: A light has shone on those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness.

P: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given

C: and the government shall be upon his shoulder

P: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

C: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

P: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

C: Come, Emmanuel, Come.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW 240

Traditional Yiddish Folk Tune
Lyrics by Wayne L. Wold

Am Em/G F Dm

P: 1. Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah:

C: Repeat first verse

3 E Am/E E Am E/B

let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall bring sal -

6 Am/C Dm Dm/F Dm

va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the

8 E(sus4) E E(sus4) E Am

prom - ise.

The musical score is written in 6/8 time and G major. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is accompanied by chords: Am, Em/G, F, and Dm. The lyrics are: "P: 1. Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah:". Below this is the instruction "C: Repeat first verse". The second staff starts with a measure rest of 3, followed by chords E, Am/E, E, Am, and E/B. The lyrics are: "let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall bring sal -". The third staff starts with a measure rest of 6, followed by chords Am/C, Dm, Dm/F, and Dm. The lyrics are: "va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the". The fourth staff starts with a measure rest of 8, followed by chords E(sus4), E, E(sus4), E, and Am. The lyrics are: "prom - ise.".

God So Loved

Verse 1

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

Chorus X 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge X 2

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Forever

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Verse 2

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus

Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus
Sing praise sing praise

Chorus
Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Living Hope

P: Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our every sin, what we have done and what we have failed to do. We come to You with humble hearts, confessing our sin and seeking Your mercy.

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

P: Let us take a moment of reflection to consider our Transgression.

P: Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness.

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins!

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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 dead, and the life everlasting. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up

to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me,*

“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

²**Now our feet are standing***

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built as a city*

that is at unity with itself;

⁴**To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,***

the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment,*

the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:***

“May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls*

and quietness within your towers.

⁸**For my brethren and companions’ sake,***

I pray for your prosperity.

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God,*

I will seek to do you good.”

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a

neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶{Jesus said,} “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Sermon by Randy Kaminska

Lord Reign In Me

Verse 1

Over all the earth You reign on high
Every mountain stream every sunset sky
But my one request Lord my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again

Chorus

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again

Verse 2

Over every thought over every word
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord
'Cause You mean more to me
Than any earthly thing
So won't You reign in me again

Chorus

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again

Chorus B

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again
Won't You reign in me again
Won't You reign in me again

Offering: As a guest or visitor, we acknowledge your presence as the only offering expected today.

* Offering Song

♪ Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong", Let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for all that we have: ourselves, our time and our treasures, all that first belonged to you and has been gifted to us, your children. Accept our offerings as a sign of our devotion to you, and make us truly grateful for the many gifts we have received. In Jesus' holy name we pray. **C: Amen**

Prayers of the church

♪ Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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

Benediction

♪P: As you go on your way may Christ go with you. May He go before you to show you the way. May he go behind you to encourage you, beside you to be-friend you. Above you to watch over, with-in you to give you peace.

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♪P: As you go on your way may Christ go with you.

♪C: As you go on your way may Christ go with you.

♪P: As you go on your way Christ go with you.

Mighty To Save

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Next Week's Scriptures: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Attendance: 68, online: 98

This Week at St. James November 27th – December 4th

Sunday:

9:15 Crossroads Service
10:30 Sunday School

Monday: Office Closed

Tuesday: Office 9:30-2:30

Wednesday: Office 9:30-2:30

9:30 Text Study

Thursday: Office closed

6:00pm Bells
6:30pm Text Study
7:30pm Choir

Friday: Office 9:30-2:30

Saturday: Office Closed

Next Sunday:

8:00am Adult Bible Study
9:15 Communion
10:30 Sunday School

Serving in God's House Today:

Trustee: Brian Milleville Reader: Beth Wruck
Acolyte: Nathan Milleville
Accompanist: Lianda Waugaman

Serving in God's House Next Week:

Trustee: Brian Milleville Reader: Katie Dysard
Altar Care: Jane Milleville Comm. Asst. Donna Driess
Acolyte: Faith Cornelius
Organist: Jennifer Parris

Announcements

Caring Friends extends a sincere "Thank You" to all members of St. James who participated in this year's Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Through your efforts we were able to provide 22 bags of food and 50 turkeys, bought at Pellicano's Market Place, to the North Tonawanda Food Pantry. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Christmas Adopt-A-Family: St. James has partnered with Lighthouse Women and Children's Center to provide Christmas gifts for children in need. We have been provided with the names of ten children from four families. We are asking members to purchase gifts for these children from the lists provided. A "Sharing Tree" has been placed in the lobby outside the meeting room. Detailed instructions and a sign-up sheet are on the table. Gifts are to be returned no later than December 11th. If you have any questions, please call or text Kelli Kaminska at 531-8892.

St Peters Sunday School would like to invite St. James Sunday School to our 28th annual Make, Take and Share. We get together to Make Christmas crafts, take them home and share the love of Jesus! Please join us on Sunday, December 4, from 1-3 pm. Snack is provided. If you are interested, please text Carol Binns @716-907-7728 or email sncarolbinns@gmail.com and let me know if you'll be joining us. Hope to see you there!

The election of council officers will take place at our annual meeting on December 11. The following offices will be on the ballot as well as those willing to serve:

President- Susan Milleville
Elders (2)- Mary Ann Kowalski and Andrew Dysard
General Treasurer-Rick Milleville

Secretary-Lori Haseley

Benevolence Treasurer- Carolyn Chapin

Financial Secretary- Donna Driess

Trustee (4)- Dave Milleville, Bruce Milleville, Brian Milleville and Justin DeVantier

Please contact Ted or Duane if you if you would like to serve.

The Lewison Choraleers will be performing “Celebrate the Season 2022” at St. James December 4th at 2pm. Tickets are \$5. Please join us in welcoming the 50-member community chorus that has been presenting seasonal concerts in the Lewiston-Niagara Falls area since forming in 2007.

Come and sing Christmas Carols with us! Join us for an evening of singing carols in German and English on Friday, December 9th at 7 P.M. The place is St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 6168 Walmore Road, Wheatfield. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by The Historical Society of North German Settlements in Western New York.