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# Saint James Lutheran Church



A Parish of the North Carolina Synod of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning, Fellowship, and Service"

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## LENT

*Welcome!*

Saint James is a house of prayer where all people can come to know the compassionate heart of Jesus. We are a community of Christians where you can belong before you believe. At Saint James the beauty of ancient worship and traditional spiritual practices transforms contemporary lives. Join us as together we discover the sacred in the heart of the city. Our worship includes ancient and contemporary symbols and practices along with preaching and music to inspire you to follow Jesus in your daily life. We welcome both the spiritual seeker and seasoned disciple to find their home in God with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or just exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.

## HOLY COMMUNION FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

THE INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S LITURGY...

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

# WELCOME!

**We welcome everyone on this Lord's Day to the liturgy of Holy Communion.**

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this parish opens wide its doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Newcomers and visitors**, we hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Ushers are available in the narthex during the liturgy should you have any questions or concerns.

**If you are a visitor or guest**, please be sure and sign the guestbook located in the narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor or to an usher so that we can extend to you a warm welcome.

**Although there are customary postures** (such as standing and kneeling) in Lutheran worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

**This Service Leaflet** contains all of today's hymns and liturgy.

**Children are most welcome in worship** at Saint James Church. Children's Ministry Bags are located in the narthex for use during worship. Please return them to the narthex area or leave them on the pews at the end of worship. Be sure to take home the Children's Worship Bulletin and color sheets for your child. For those who desire it, nursery care is provided on the first floor of the Education Building.

**The First Aid Kit and the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)** are located outside the church office door, immediately behind the sanctuary. **Fire Extinguishers** are located in the sacristy and in the narthex.

**If you are interested in membership** to this parish or desire a call from the Pastor, please indicate this to an usher or to the Pastor.

**Restrooms are available** on the first and second floors of the Education Building.

## ABOUT THE LITURGY DURING LENT

**T**he liturgy in Lent has as its central concern the preparation of the church for the main event of Easter: Christian initiation. Lent itself came into being as the time of final preparation for those chosen for Holy Baptism, at a time when all Baptisms were done at Easter. The candidates, who had been in an intense period of training for Christian living—lasting three years in most cases—were solemnly admitted as candidates at the beginning of Lent. They, their sponsors, and the whole church spent that period in prayer and fasting, additional instruction, and performing works of mercy in preparation for the Baptisms at the Easter Vigil. It was also a period in which those who had been excommunicated for serious sin did penance in order to be restored to communion at Easter.

**O**n the Sundays in Lent, much of the festive nature of the liturgy is missing and the music is restrained. The decoration of the building and the use of color is reduced and restrained. The word *Alleluia* is missing from the liturgy. But above all, the Word of God read in the liturgies has a different focus. It is the reading from the Old Testament which sets the theme rather than the reading from the Gospel. These passages are our story and our hope. They are the heritage of the people of God, and they were fulfilled in the dying and rising of Jesus. In Jesus the cross becomes the tree of life and the flood becomes the saving waters of Baptism. These passages are fulfilled in Baptism, when we are joined with Jesus in his death and resurrection. They are relived and celebrated in the Eucharist, when we are made one with him and he in us; when we are remade into the Body of Christ.

**L**ent is not a gloomy time, a sad time, or a depressing time for those who are remembering what God has done for them. Our self-examination, which reveals our sin, prepares us to recognize our need for God. Then we gather Sunday by Sunday in the liturgy where our story as the people of God reminds us that God has met and still meets our need. Our fasting and self-denial give us the resources with which we can join Christ in his struggle against evil and death. Joining him in that struggle, we also join him in his victory.

# GATHERING

*We gather together for worship on this first day of the week, the day Christ Jesus rose from the dead, for an intimate communion with our Lord. He comes to us, speaks to us, and blesses us through his Word and Sacrament. We come to him and speak to him in prayer and praise and thanksgiving. This liturgy is the recurring moment of high splendor in our earthly lives, a God-given foretaste of the heavenly life to come. Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate and those sitting around you, help us create sacred space by powering down your cell phones and electronic devices.*

## *Congregational Responses in **Bold***

### **RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS**

### **PARISH NOTICES**

### **OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Attende Domine*

Jeanne Demessieux (1921 - 1968)

### **SILENT PROCESSION** (*Stand*)

### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*All may make the sign of the cross † in remembrance of baptism:*

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

**Amen.**

Lent is the church's journey to Easter and the saving waters of rebirth. With the church throughout the world, we journey with catechumens who are preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil. For those of us already baptized, we continue our baptismal journey of conversion, daily dying to sin that we might walk in newness of life.

As we begin our Lenten pilgrimage, we join with the universal church, supported by the saints of all times and places. We journey from slavery to freedom, from darkness to light, from death to life. Let us go forth in joy, for the goal of our journey is the new life of the resurrection, which will renew the world, the church, and our lives.

### **THE GREAT LITANY**

*The Great Litany is said to be the first prayer composed in the English language (i.e. not an English translation from another language) for use in public worship. It is used in worship at various times and seasons, but is most frequently experienced during the season of Lent because of its distinctly penitential nature.*

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

O Christ, hear us.

**In mercy hear us.**

God, the Father in heaven,

**have mercy on us.**

God, the Son, redeemer of the world,

**have mercy on us.**

God, the Holy Spirit,  
**have mercy on us.**

Holy Trinity, one God,  
**have mercy on us.**

Be gracious to us.  
**Spare us, good Lord.**

Be gracious to us.  
**Spare us, good Lord.**

From all sin, from all error, from all evil; from the cunning assaults of the devil; from an untimely death:  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From war, bloodshed, and violence; from corrupt and unjust government; from sedition and treason:  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From epidemic, drought, and famine; from fire and flood, earthquake, lightning and storm; and from everlasting death:  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your incarnation; by your holy birth:  
**Help us, good Lord.**

By your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by your agony and bloody sweat; by your cross and suffering; by your death and burial:  
**Help us, good Lord.**

By your resurrection and ascension; by the gift of the Holy Spirit:  
**Help us, good Lord.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:  
**Save us, good Lord.**

Though unworthy,  
**We implore you to hear us, Lord our God.**

To rule and govern your holy catholic Church; to guide all servants of your Church in the love of your Word and in holiness of life; to put an end to all schisms and causes of offense to those who would believe; and to bring into the way of truth all who have gone astray:

**We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful workers into your harvest; to accompany your Word with your Spirit and power; to raise up those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the fainthearted and the distressed:

**We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

To give to all nations justice and peace; to preserve our country from discord and strife; to direct and guard those who have civil authority; and to bless and guide all our people:

**We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth; to watch over children and to guide the young; to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends; to bring reconciliation to families in discord; to provide for the unemployed and for all in need; to be merciful to all who are imprisoned; to support, comfort, and guide all orphans, widowers, and widows; and to have mercy on all your people:

**We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to reconcile us to them; to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures of the earth, the sea, and the air; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
**we implore you to hear us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**give us peace. Amen.**

O Christ, hear us.  
**In mercy hear us.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## **GREETING**

Blessed be the God of our salvation,  
**Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins,**

Who creates us in love,  
**And redeems us in mercy.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you  
all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



# WORD

## MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Following the children's message your children will go with their teachers to room 109 in the education wing for a lesson. They will return prior to communion.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

A reading from Genesis, the second and third chapters.

**T**he Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." <sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING *Romans 5:12-19*

*Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

A reading from Romans, the fifth chapter.

**J**ust as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.  
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

## HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 4:1-11*

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" *...continued*

7Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 8Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; 9and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” 10Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” 11Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith.

**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 body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(kneel or sit, as able)*

*An intercessor invites the assembly into prayer with these words*

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of the wilderness, we pray for the church. Lead us in showing grace and hospitality to all who struggle with doubt or shame. Make your church holy ground where all people can be seen and loved for who you have created them to be. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Show your glory in deserts and on mountaintops. Nourish gardens and orchards and bless those who tend them. Forgive us for our desire to dominate creation instead of serving as faithful stewards and caretakers. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the nations. Liberate leaders and governments from the temptation to exercise unjust dominion over those whom they are called to lead and serve. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those in need. Sustain those who are hungry and alone, those who are anxious, those facing difficult decisions, and those facing a recent diagnosis or new grief. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**



We thank you for putting new songs on our lips and in our hearts. Hear our voices as we join in songs of lament and praise. We give thanks for musicians, composers, and poets. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We praise you for bringing us through the desert into the promised land of your kingdom. We give thanks for saints who have guided us in times of trial and joy. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these words.*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

# **HOLY COMMUNION**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion at Saint James. If you desire to receive Communion at the altar, please proceed to the altar and kneel at the communion rail. If you desire to receive Communion at the station located below the pulpit, please proceed toward the chancel steps for reception of Communion on the nave level. Communion is administered by intinction. Take the wafer from the assistant then dip it in the wine. Communion will be brought to persons in the pews who are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so.*

## **PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND OFFERING**

### **ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY**

From *Five Mystical Songs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,  
Guilty of dust and sin.  
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack  
From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,  
If I lack'd anything.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:  
Love said, You shall be he.  
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,  
I cannot look on thee.  
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,  
Who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame  
Go where it doth deserve.  
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?  
My dear, then I will serve.  
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:  
So I did sit and eat.

*Soloist, David Clark*

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**    *Create in Me a Clean Heart*    (Stand)

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

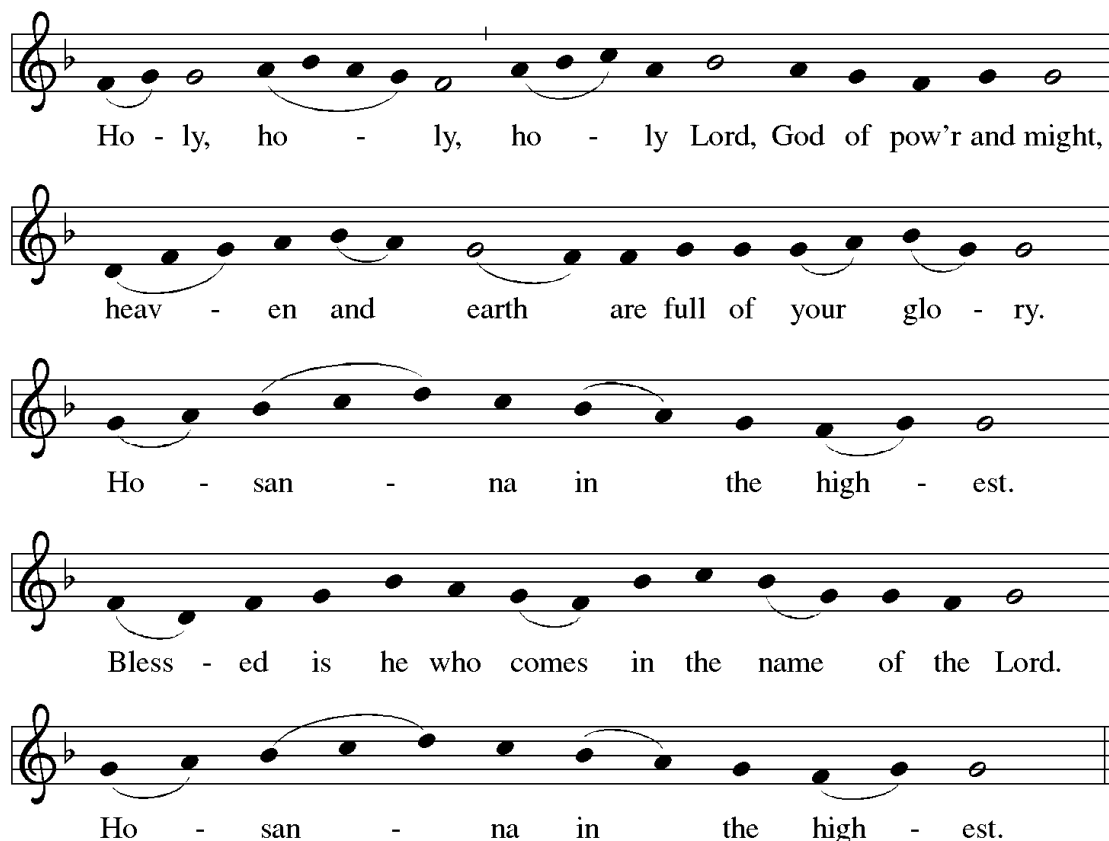
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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.

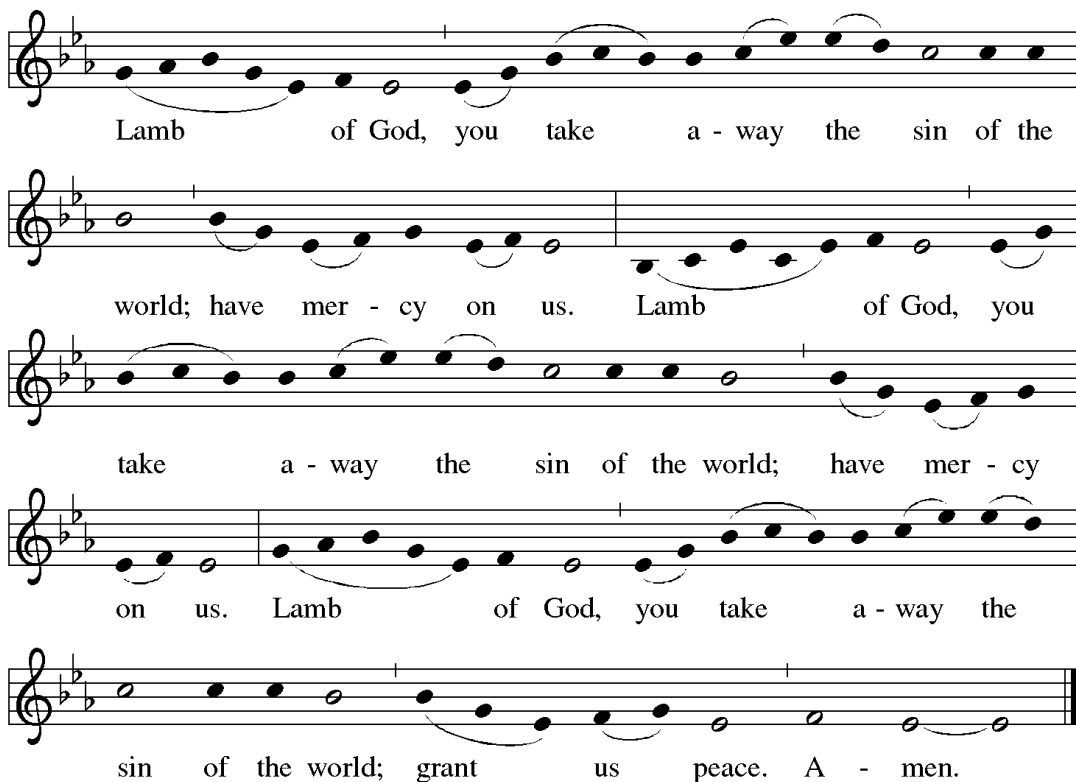
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

## AGNUS DEI (Sit)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.





1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,  
 2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,  
 3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:



with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,  
 search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.  
 we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.  
 as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*Ave verum Corpus*

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Ave verum Corpus natum  
 de Maria Virgine:  
 Vere passum, immolatum  
 in cruce pro homine:  
 Cujus latus perforatum  
 fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
 Esto nobis praegustatum  
 mortis in examine.

*Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side flowed water and blood: be for us a foretaste [of the heavenly banquet] in the trial of death!*

*O sweet Jesus, O blessed Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary.*

O Jesu dulcis!  
 O Jesu pie!  
 O Jesu, fili Mariae.

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (Stand)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

*Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

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1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God!

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Christus, der uns selig macht*, BWV 620

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

## RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

*The Liturgy Has Ended; The Service Begins!*

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The deadline for notices to be included in the weekly notices is 9:00 on Wednesday morning.  
Please e-mail all information to the church office at keith@sjnc.net*

## PRAYER LIST

*(additions to full listing of names  
in monthly newsletter)*

Gib Heilig  
Alex Barnhardt  
Family of Edwina Finch, *friend  
of Patsy Black*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Jimmy Summers, Ellen and Earl Baucom and family, Alicia and Brian Warner and family to the Glory of God and in honor of Martha Summer's 100th birthday on February 28.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**02-Mar** Amy Splawn  
**05-Mar** Gib Heilig  
**05-Mar** Alex Patterson  
**05-Mar** Lauren Popovici  
**06-Mar** Sarah Poplin  
**07-Mar** Camden Burroughs  
**07-Mar** Avery Miller  
**07-Mar** Ella Wickliff

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

**Contributions and Receipts  
for February 23, 2020:  
\$5,629.61**  
*(\$8,414.00 needed per week)*

## CONTRIBUTE ONLINE

You may make contributions online by visiting our website at [www.sjnc.net](http://www.sjnc.net). You may contribute to the General Fund or to a designated fund. Look for the link "On-Line Giving" on the Saint James home page.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

If you didn't pick up a copy of the Annual Report and would like one, there are a limited number of printed copies available in the narthex.

## PORT-A-PIT

Port-A-Pit will be at Calvary on Friday, March 13th, serving from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Please help spread the word and invite your friends to join us. The tickets are \$10 each which includes half a chicken, beans, slaw and a roll. Please see one of the youth for a ticket or come by the church office. This is a great opportunity for every youth to help.

## MINI YOUTH MINISTRY

The Kick-Off of a brand new ministry for 4th and 5th graders is starting soon. This new ministry will be a fun way to learn, grow and serve. We will kick-off on Sunday, March 8 at 12:15. We will meet and leave from St. James for a great day learning how we can be better caretakers of God's creation. We are going to a FARM! More information on the church website, [www.sjnc.net](http://www.sjnc.net)

## LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

Dinner at 5:30

Speaker and Devotion at 6:00

There will be a featured speaker each week. On March 4 Ann Benfield, Executive Director of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children which provides evidence based programs in early education, health and family support and education will be our guest. The meal for March 4 will be Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Fruit, Dessert and Garlic bread.

Other dates:

- Mar. 11 Esther's Heart
- Mar. 18 Stuff the Bus
- Mar. 25 Kerr Street Meals
- Apr. 1 Kannapolis Feeding Hungry

## EAGLE SCOUT

James Montgomery Hughes is our most recent Scout to make the rank of Scouting highest honor of Eagle. James is a baptized and confirmed member of Saint James and has cheerfully served as an acolyte and crucifer in our worship service. James is a sophomore at Central Cabarrus High School and is a 2nd Lieutenant in Junior Air Force ROTC. James swims for the Central Cabarrus Viking Swim Team as well as the YMCA Blue Dolphin Team. James is currently a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 91, previously serving as Senior Patrol leader.. His Parents are Jimmy and Heather Hughes, Grandparents are Sid and Renee Hughes and Hugh and Marge Yerry. He has a sister, Kyleigh and brothers, Jackson, Cody and Toby. For James' Eagle Service Project he identified and placed flags on veterans graves at Rutherford Cemetery in Concord.

## WELCA THIS WEEK

- **March 2** Esther Circle at Susan Miller's home at 7:00
- **March 3** Mary Magdalene Circle in Church Fellowship Hall at 10:30

## ST. JAMES' WEBSITE

We launched a newly redesigned website this week. The website will continue to evolve as committees and groups provide information. Check it out!  
[www.sjnc.net](http://www.sjnc.net)

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**SUNDAY MINISTERS**

**ACOLYTE**

**Today:**  
Caroline Bestler  
**Next Week:**  
Campbell Overby

**GREETERS**

**Today:**  
Jean Beasley  
**Next Week:**  
Dee Pieschel

**LECTOR**

**Today:**  
Kim Haberman  
**Next Week:**  
Rebekah Hardison

**INTERCESSOR**

**Today:**  
Michael Bestler  
**Next Week:**  
Margaret Pruette

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

**Today:**  
Kim Haberman  
Dianne Lambert  
Deb Bradshaw  
**Next Week:**  
Dale Merrell  
Lois Marlow  
Tom Ridenhour

**USHERS**

Brad Baker, Chip Harward,  
Taylor Pruette, Al Pieschel,  
Jon Miller, Andy Yoos

**ALTAR GUILD**

Diane Lambert  
Ann Blackwelder

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

**Today:**  
Laura Patterson  
**Next Week:**  
Laura Overby

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**Today:**  
Laura Baker  
Golda Jay  
**Next:**  
Laura Baker  
Golda Jay

**MONDAY COUNTERS**

Mark Murphy  
Donna Sloop

**THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, March 1**

9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Worship  
5:00 Jr. Youth  
6:00 Sr. Youth

**MONDAY, March 2**

10:30 Quilting Group  
6:00 Christian Education  
6:30 Boy/Cub Scouts  
7:00 Esther Circle @ Susan Miller's

**TUESDAY, March 3**

10:30 Mary Magdalene Circle  
6:00 Rise Against Hunger Plan  
6:30 Property Committee  
7:00 Sea Scouts

**WEDNESDAY, March 4**

12:00 Wednesday Chapel  
1:00 Chair/Mat Yoga  
5:30 Lenten Meal  
6:00 Lenten Speaker/Devotion  
6:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
6:00 Social Ministry  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 College Online

**THURSDAY, March 5**

10:30 Singing Seniors

**FRIDAY, March 6**

No Scheduled Activities

**SATURDAY, March 7**

10:00 Celebrating Sobriety

**SUNDAY, March 8**

9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Worship  
12:30 Mini Youth Ministry  
5:00 Jr. Youth  
6:00 Sr. Youth

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