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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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10:00 A.M.



*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 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

THE INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S LITURGY...

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.



**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

*Solemn Prelude on a Theme of Thomas Tallis*

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*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.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Kneel or Sit as able)  
Silence is held for reflection and self-examination*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

EVAN



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!  
 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
 let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.  
 and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.  
 nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

## GREETING

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.**

## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through 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 *Exodus 17:1-7*

*Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.*

A reading from Exodus, the seventeenth chapter.

**F**rom the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

## EPISTLE READING *Romans 5:1-11*

*Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.*

A reading from Romans, the fifth chapter.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*As the Deer Runs to the River*

JULION



- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.  
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.  
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."  
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

## HOLY GOSPEL *John 4:5-42*

*Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"<sup>12</sup> "Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,<sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"<sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."<sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.<sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.<sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.<sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'<sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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 living water, send your church beyond boundaries to proclaim your grace. May its witness be a source of refreshment for thirsty souls. Strengthen our voices, that all people can know and believe that Jesus is truly the savior of the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of living water, protect from pollution or misuse all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. Bless the work of those who dig wells and those who advocate for access to clean water, that all people and animals have enough to drink. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of living water, open the hearts of leaders and authorities, that they hear the cries of the suffering and act with compassion toward them. Bring peace to disputed lands and bring reconciliation to people divided by race, culture, or nationality. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of living water, mend the hearts of those who grieve broken relationships, whether by conflict, abuse, divorce, or death. Draw near to all who are ill. Assure those questioning your presence in the midst of doubt or suffering. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of living water, renew us in the promises of baptism. Join us together in worship, fellowship, and sharing your good news. Embolden us to serve others and to work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**



God of living water, we thank you for those who endured suffering and who now boast in the glory of God. Pour your Holy Spirit into our hearts and give us peace as we live in the hope of our salvation. 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**

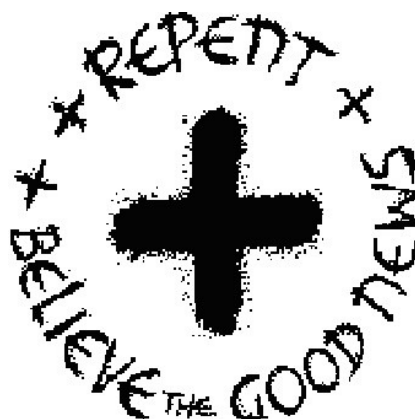
*All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion at Saint James. If you desire to receive Communion at the altar, please proceed to the altar and kneel at the communion rail. If you desire to receive Communion at the station located below the pulpit, please proceed toward the chancel steps for 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**

#### **VOLUNTARY AT THE OFFERTORY**

*Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund, BWV 621*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)



**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.**

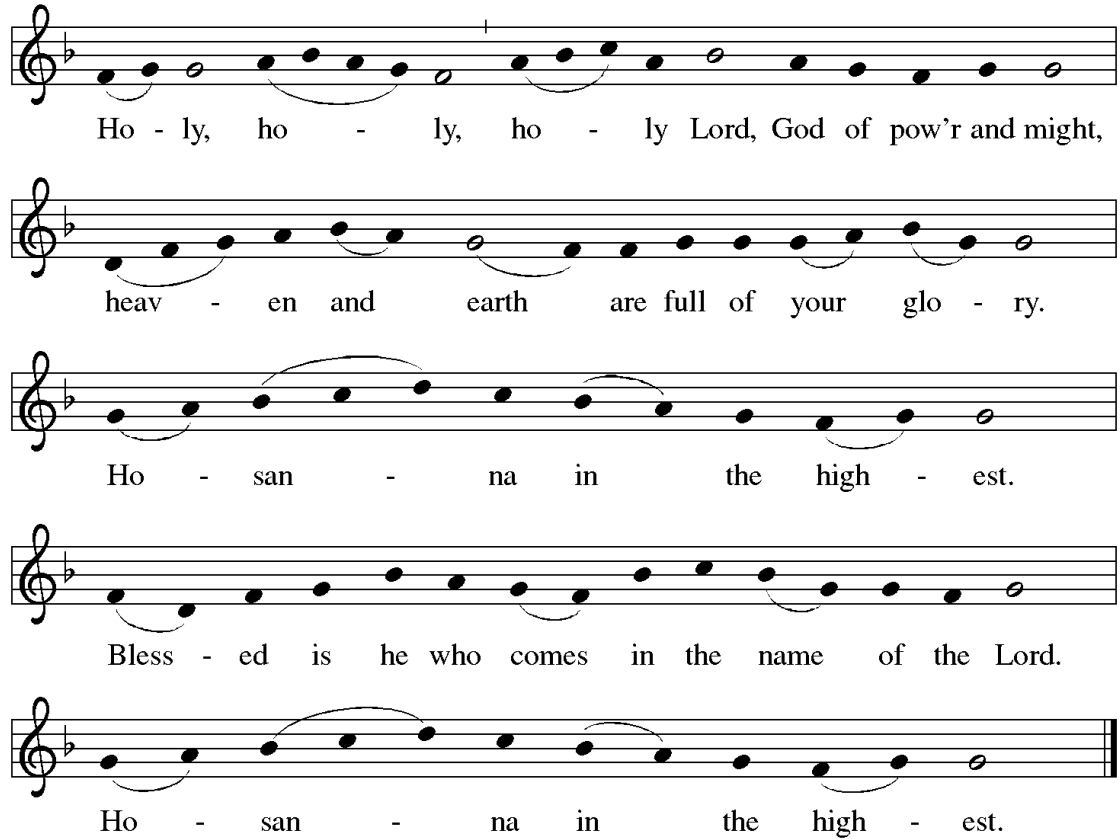
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*Ave verum Corpus*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 - 1791)

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

## SENDING

### 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.**

## BLESSING

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

Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

*Glories of Your Name Are Spoken*

AUSTRIA



- 1 Glo - ries of your name are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
- 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
- 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
- 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a mem - ber am,



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed you for his own a - bode.  
well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move.  
for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in your name.



On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose?  
Who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage?  
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
Fad - ing are the world - lings' plea - sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.  
sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God!**

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Herzlich tut mich verlangen*, Op. posth 122, No. 9

Johannes Brahms (1833 - 1897)

## RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

*The Liturgy Has Ended; The Service Begins!*

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please e-mail all information to the church office at [keith@sjnc.net](mailto:keith@sjnc.net)

## PRAYER LIST

(additions to full listing of names in monthly newsletter)

Carol Grady, *pneumonia*

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**16-Mar** Tony Eury  
**16-Mar** Dee Pieschel  
**20-Mar** Ann Gillon  
**20-Mar** John Marlow

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**  
**Contributions and Receipts**  
**for March 8, 2020:**  
**\$5,635.00**  
(*\$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 St. James home page.

## LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

**Dinner at 5:30**

**Speaker and Devotion at 6:00**

On March 18, Charlotte Thatcher from Cabarrus Transit “Stuff the Bus” will be our guest speaker. The meal for March 18 will be baked potato and salad bar, crackers and bread, fruit and dessert. Other dates:

- Mar. 25 Kerr Street Meals
- Apr. 1 Kannapolis Feeding Hungry

## LIVELY LEISURES

The March Lively Leisures' luncheon will be at the church at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17. Pastor Tony Bradshaw will have the program.

## RISE AGAINST HUNGER

St. James will be hosting another Rise Against Hunger event on Saturday, March 28 from 11:00 – 1:00. If you are interested in participating, use the QR code below to register. Sign up early because we cannot exceed 80 people. The confirmation will give instructions as to what to wear and what not to wear and other instructions. If you are interested in helping with setup, being a runner during the event or take down, contact Juanita Fitts for more information.



## YOUTH LOCK-IN

Youth Lock-in will be on Friday, March 20 and will start at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and end at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. This is for all youth. Invite a friend, bring a snack to share. Bring your sleeping bag, air mattress and personal hygiene items. Please sign up on the youth bulletin board.

## THE CONFIDENT CAREGIVER WORKSHOP

**Saturday, March 14**

**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**McGill Baptist Church**

In the middle stage of Alzheimer's disease, needs change and care partners become hands on caregivers. Join us for this half day workshop to learn helpful strategies to provide safe, effective and comfortable care through the middle stage of Alzheimer's. Lunch provided.

## NASHVILLE TORNADO RESPONSE

You can help provide hope and practical support to survivors. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with those in the impacted area — including the ELCA Southeastern Synod, Inspiritus (formerly known as Lutheran Services of Georgia and Lutheran Services in Tennessee) and local congregations — to respond with immediate relief. Given the extent of the destruction, recovery is expected to take years. We plan to accompany the synod and Inspiritus to address survivors' needs over the long haul.



## CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT

Noah Pittard has collected over \$300 that will be used to send care packages to military personnel. Thank you for your generous support. He will still be collecting letters that will be sent with the packages throughout the year.

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**Join Saint James Lutheran Church Facebook and Instagram groups**—send Jeremy Jay any pictures and/or articles you would like to have posted at [jeremy@pbnjay.com](mailto:jeremy@pbnjay.com)

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Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:00

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**ACOLYTE**

**Today:**  
Hudson Davis  
**Next Week:**  
Michael Folino

**GREETERS**

**Today:**  
Samantha Hillegass  
**Next Week:**  
Sylvia Corl

**LECTOR**

**Today:**  
Dee Hodges  
**Next Week:**  
Frank Irvin

**INTERCESSOR**

**Today:**  
Taylor Pruette  
**Next Week:**  
Ed Rand

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

**Today:**  
Tom Ridenhour  
Frank Irvin  
Mark Murphy  
**Next Week:**  
Kenny Propst  
Margaret Garrison  
Sandra Faggart

**USHERS**

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

**ALTAR GUILD**

Diane Lambert  
Ann Blackwelder

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

**Today:**  
Lisa Moran  
**Next Week:**  
Julie Burroughs

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**Today:**  
Christine Lovelace  
Callie MacFarlane  
**Next:**  
Christine Lovelace  
Callie MacFarlane

**MONDAY COUNTERS**

Mark Murphy  
Donna Sloop

**THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, March 15**

9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Worship  
11:15 Evangelism  
11:30 Pre-Confirmation  
2:00 Confirmation  
5:00 Jr. Youth  
6:00 Sr. Youth

**MONDAY, March 16**

10:30 Quilting Group  
6:30 Boy/Cub Scouts

**TUESDAY, March 17**

12:00 Lively Leisures  
7:00 Sea Scouts

**WEDNESDAY, March 18**

12:00 Wednesday Chapel  
5:30 Lenten Meal  
6:00 Lenten Speaker/Devotion  
6:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 College Online

**THURSDAY, March 19**

No Scheduled Events

**FRIDAY, March 20**

8:00-8:00 Youth Lock-In

**SATURDAY, March 21**

10:00 Celebrating Sobriety

**SUNDAY, March 22**

9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Worship

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**Create in Me a Clean Heart** Music: J. A. Freylinghausen 1670-1739

**Oh, That the Lord Would Guide Me** Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

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**Glories of Your Name are Spoken** Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt. Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809