

St James Lutheran Church

1741 State Street Greenfield, Indiana 46140 317.462.7340

*Our mission is to bring people to Christ,
encouraging relationship with Him and others.*

Sunday, February 13th, 2022 9:30



A warm welcome to all! Let us join together with joyful hearts as we worship today. Extend the hand of friendship to those around you as we give thanks for the blessings of friends and family. May God be with you today and throughout the week!



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Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church

The mission statement of our congregation is:

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*Doug Gast, Interim Pastor
Joe Faith, Music Director*

TO ALL GUESTS...

- **THANKS** for joining us for worship today. We hope your experience will be one of being touched by God and of being enriched through our experience of fellowship. **Please fill out the Connection Card found in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.** And please come again!!

- **PARTICIPATE**
 - The worship service is printed in the bulletin and can also be viewed on the video screen for your convenience. Bulletins are emailed to all members each week.
 - **Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off during the worship service.**
 - The service is streamed live and available online afterward on YouTube. Links can be found on the [St. James website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

- **COMMUNE** — All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is present with his body and blood in the bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. The ushers will direct those receiving the sacrament down the center aisle to the altar rail.

- **NEED ASSISTANCE?**
 - **Hearing devices** are available for those who have trouble hearing through the loudspeaker system.
 - Hand sanitizer is available on the tables in the Narthex and in the pews.
 - Please feel free to ask an Usher for assistance, they will be happy to help you.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

February 13th, 2022

6th Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

Meditation: *Having been on a mountain, Jesus met a crowd of disciples, sick people, and those plagued by demons on a level plain and began healing and teaching them. He taught a series of blessings followed by woes to the people. While the world may praise and uplift the provisions of this temporary earth, believers are taught that eternal life and comfort comes through Jesus Christ alone. Nothing on this earth will eternally satisfy us- only Jesus.*

PRELUDE

Joe Faith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

INVOCATION & CONFESSION

P: Arise, shine, your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. (Isaiah 60:1) We gather in this season of Light to worship God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God, and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray,
 in - ly blind: oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light!
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide,

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on the Psalm of the day)*

A: Good morning, in the name of Jesus

C: Good morning,

A: We are blessed to be together, to experience worshiping the Lord in song and hearing the Word of the Lord through His Holy Scriptures.

C: Amen.

A: We shall not take for granted the blessing of being a body of believers in the presence of the Lord. And if you are here today, wondering if you even fit in, know that Jesus loves you. He welcomes you with open arms, whether you are standing on top of a mountain or in the lowest valley, He says, “Come as you are.”

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

A: Let us pray . . . So Lord Jesus, we are gathered in unison to lift up Your holy name. We love You and acknowledge that You are the Resurrected Christ, our Savior, who leads us to God. You have called us to live as Your followers, unlike the world, in our actions and words. We need You for this, Lord, for we desire Your blessings, not the woes that escort sin. We ask that You'd hear us today, meet us where we are, and take our hands so that we know where to go.

C: We love you, Jesus. Amen.

Please be seated

THE READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-20 (pg. 990 in pew Bible)

Paul reminded the Corinthians of the Gospel he preached to them- that they were saved according to Christ's sacrifice and that is all. By the grace of God alone, we are saved.

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed. But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

THE “GOSPEL ACCLAMATION”

In my life Lord, Be glorified, be glorified

In my life Lord, Be glorified today.

In my church Lord, Be glorified, be glorified

In my church Lord, Be glorified today.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

(pg. 885 in pew Bible)

Having been on a mountain, Jesus met a crowd of disciples, sick people, and those plagued by demons on a level plain and began healing and teaching them. He taught a series of blessings followed by woes to the people.

¹⁷ He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. ²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. ²³ "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. ²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Ben Black

SERMON HYMN

"All About Love"

Words on screen

Verse 1

I wanna be
I wanna be like You
Live ev'ry day
The way that You want me to
It's gettin' better
I read Your letter
These are the words that You said to me

Pre-Chorus

Love the Lord with all your heart
Love your neighbor as yourself
These are things that you must do
And My grace will see you through

Chorus

It's all about love (all about love)
It's all about love (all about love)
It's all about love (all about love)

All about love

It's all about love (all about love)

It's all about love (all about love)

It's all about love (all about love)

All about love

Verse 2

I wanna love

I wanna love like You

Love ev'ry day

The way that You want me to

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It's all about love (all about love)

All about love

Bridge

Love is patient love is kind

Love's forgiving love's divine

Always trusting always true

Always hoping always You

Ending

It's all about love all about love

THE MESSAGE

Ben Black

Please Stand

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen*

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

Now we join with Christians all over the world in worshipping God through our giving of our financial resources. If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. Instead, we hope that we are able to give something to you. We welcome you to give only as your heart desires. For members and friends, the vision and ministry of St. James depends on your giving. We thank you in advance for your generosity. This time of offering is a significant act of worship as we now offer our offerings and tithes.

Please Stand

OFFERING RESPONSE

“Praise God”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Gracious and generous God, you abound in faithfulness, mercy and love toward us. We count it a joy and a sacred gift to share with others what you have so freely given to us. Receive, we pray, the offerings of our hearts and lives that your name may be hallowed, your gospel proclaimed, and your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their

unending hymn:

(Congregation sings:)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Ushers will direct those receiving the Sacrament down the center aisle. For those who prefer, white grape juice is located in the center of the pre-filled trays. Common cup is also available. If you wish to kneel at the communion rail as you receive the Sacrament, please feel free to do so. Please dispose of your cup in the basket neat the side aisle.

Please Stand

LAMB OF GOD

"Lamb of God"

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;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Above All"

Words on Screen



A - bove all pow - ers, a - bove all kings, a - bove all



na - ture and all cre - a - ted things; A - bove all



wis - dom and all the ways of man,



You were here be - fore the world be - gan. A - bove all



king - doms, a - bove all thrones, a - bove all



won - ders the world has ev - er known; A - bove all

wealth and treas - ures of the earth,

15 **Bm7** **D/A** **C#sus/G#** **C#**
 there's no way to meas - ure what You're worth.

17 **A** **Bm7** **E/G#** **A** **Bm7**
 Cru - ci-fied, laid be-hind the stone; You lived to die, re-

20 **E/G#** **A** **A/G#** **F#m** **Ama7/E**
 ject-ed and a-lone; Like a rose, tram - pled on the ground,

22 **D** **A/C#** **Bm7** **A/C#** **D2** **E**
 You took the fall, and thought of me, a-bove

25 **A** **D** **Esus** **E** **A**
 all.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Now may the holy body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His precious blood, bless you, strengthen you and fill your heart and mind now and always.

C: Amen.

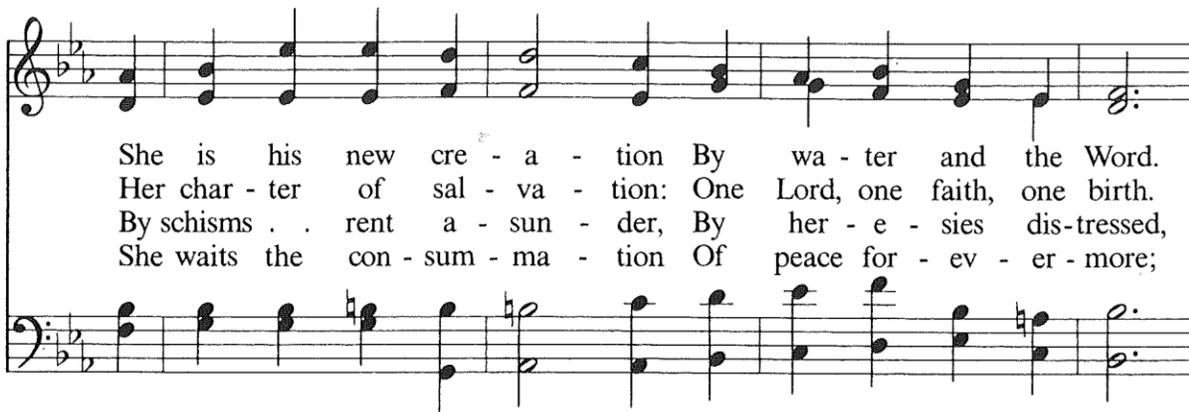
THE BENEDICTION

P: We have come to this church to find forgiveness and to be filled with new life in Christ. Let us go now and be the Church in those places where God has called us to serve; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

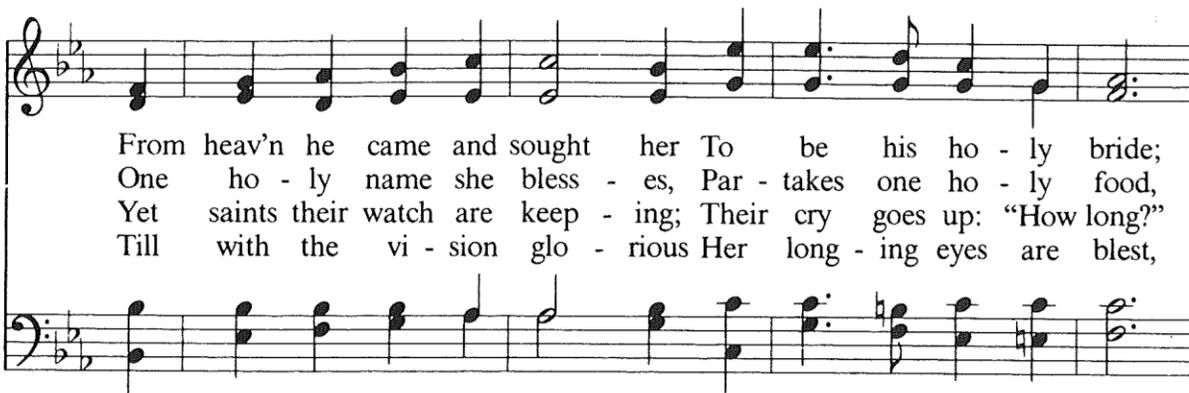
C: Amen!



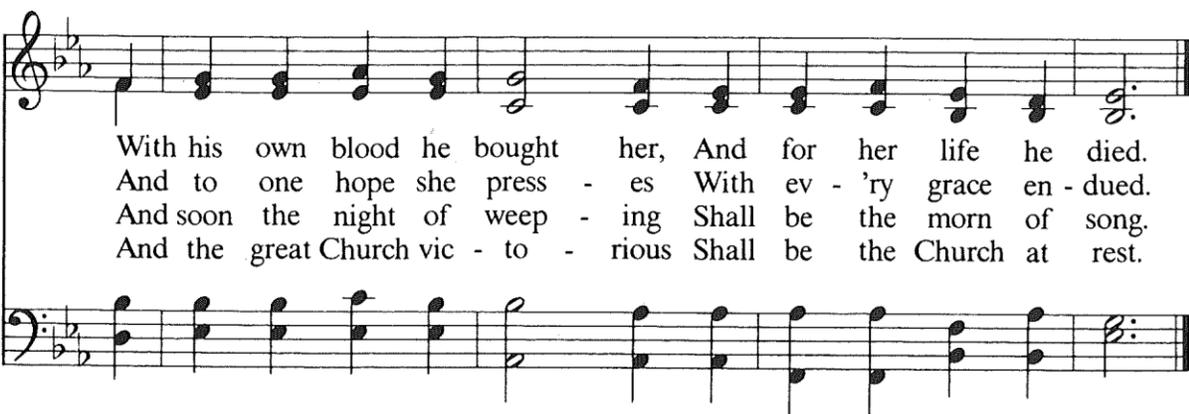
1 The Church's . . one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der This world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war,



She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 By schisms . . rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;



From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

In reverence of Christ, we invite you to follow the cross as it is carried out. You may use your hymnal to sing as you turn.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Ben Black for preaching today!

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

This Week, February 13th	9:30 a.m. Ben Black	Next Week, February 20th	9:30 a.m. Joe Rudy
Assisting Minister	Joan Shaw	Assisting Minister	Christian Gries
Lector	John Shaw	Lector	Christian Gries
Ushers	John Browder Sheila Byran	Ushers	Tracy Guffey Neal Guffey
Greeters	June Gries Jo Cook	Greeters	John Shaw Joan Shaw
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott	Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	June Gries	Communion Assistant	Karen Bell
Acolyte	Andrew Turner	Acolyte	Darrel Turner
Sound Technician	Christian Gries	Sound Technician	Ronald Kissell
Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower	Video Technician	Neal Guffey
Bread Baker	June Gries	Bread Baker	Karen Bell
Children's Sermon	Ben Black	Children's Sermon	Joe Rudy
Counters (Monday) Wk2	Christian Gries Phil Miller	Counters (Monday) Wk3	Maggie Bode Cindy Gregory