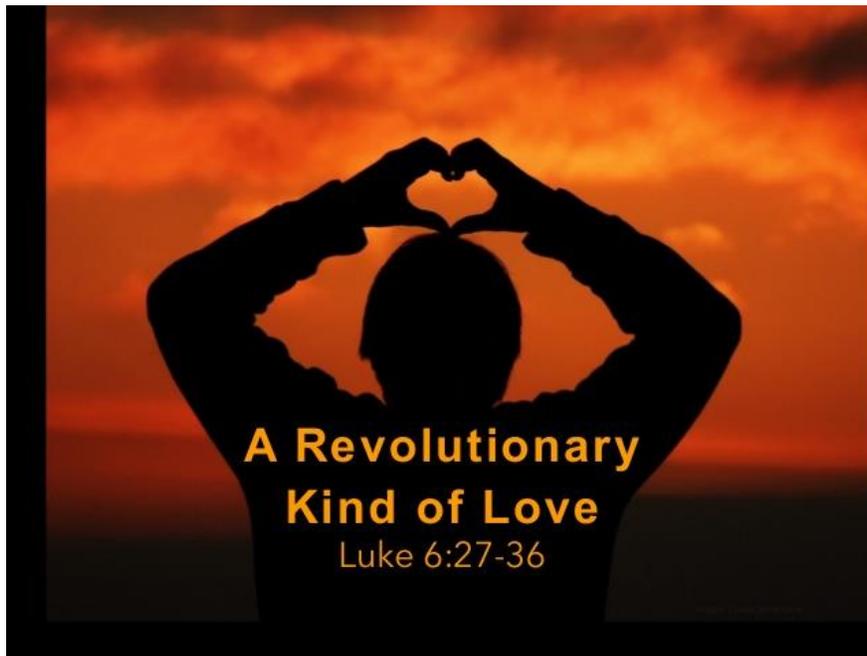


St James Lutheran Church

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 20th, 2022 9:30 a.m.



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 20th, 2022

7th Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

Meditation: *We understand how the world works: Hurt others and expect to be hurt. Look out for #1. There's only so much (love, money, time, etc.) to go around, so get yours before someone else does. But Joseph and Jesus remind us that disciples live and see the world differently. Extend forgiveness for wrongs against us. Love our enemies. Bless those who curse us. Offer the other cheek. How can we possibly live according to Jesus's ethic? It takes faith and trust in God's plan and purpose.*

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.

OPENING HYMN

“Lord of Light”

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1 Lord of light, your name out-shin - ing All the stars and
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers In some far out -
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, At your feet may
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, Nev - er si - lent

suns of space, Use our tal - ents in your king - dom
 ly - ing field, By the cour - age where the ra - dian - ce
 low - ly kneel; With your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
 day or night; By the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing

As the ser - vants of your grace; Use us to ful -
 Of the cross is still re - vealed, By the vic - to -
 With your char - i - ty our zeal; Lift the na - tions
 Peace to all and heal - ing light; By the love that

fill your pur - pose In the gift of Christ your Son:
 ries of meek - ness, Through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
 from the shad - ows To the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es knowl - edge, Mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, So on earth your will be done.

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

A: Let all that I am praise the Lord;

C: with my whole heart, I will praise His holy name.

A: The Lord is compassionate and merciful,

C: slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

A: He has removed our sins as far from us

C: as the east is from the west.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

A: Let us pray . . . Dear Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that we might live differently in our world as you lived differently in yours. Where there is hatred, help us to sow love. Where there is injury, help us to extend pardon. Where there is despair, help us reflect your hope; for we ask it in your name.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

THE READING

Genesis 45:4-15 (pg. 41 in pew Bible)

After being sold into slavery by his brothers and languishing in an Egyptian prison, the tables turn as Joseph provides his brothers the food they need during a famine in Israel. The story of Joseph reaches its climax when he is reunited with his family. He helps them see that, as horrible as they were, their actions became God's way of deliverance for all of God's people. Reading now from the book of Genesis.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸ "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹ Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. ¹⁰ You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

¹² "You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. ¹³ Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."

¹⁴ Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

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 6:27-38 (pg. 885 in pew Bible)

In our Gospel reading, Jesus continues his “Sermon on the Plain” outlining how we are to live differently than the world around us. His expectations for us have very practical implications, and they will cause us to be noticed! Reading now from the gospel of Luke. . . .

²⁷ “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

L: The Word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Joe Rudy

SERMON HYMN

“Sing His Praises”

Words on screen

Chorus

People all over the world
Sing His praises
People all over the world

Sing it loud
People all over the world
Sing His praises
Oh sing His praises
(REPEAT 3X)

If you love Him say so
Praise Him praise Him
If you love Him say so
Praise Him praise Him

Chorus

People all over the world
Sing His praises
People all over the world
Sing it loud
People all over the world
Sing His praises
Oh sing His praises
(REPEAT 3X)

If you love Him say so
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THE MESSAGE

Joe Rudy

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

TEMPLE TALK FROM WERNLE

Chris Parker

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

"He Knows My Name"

Words on Screen

Verse 1

I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in His hand

Chorus

He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call

Verse 2

I have a Father
He calls me His own
He'll never leave me
No matter where I go

Chorus

He knows my name
He knows my every thought

He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call

Chorus

He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call

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 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve you, That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for your chil - dren, By your wise
 4 Then will your bless - ing Reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, Free - ly con -

Em Am Em G C Am F C

liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -
 fess - ing Your gra - cious hand. Where all o - bey you, No one will

Am G C G Am G C

or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
 with you, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know your care.
 hun - ger; In your love's sway you Nour-ish the land.

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 Joe Rudy for preaching today!

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

This Week, February 20th	9:30 a.m. Joe Rudy	Next Week, February 27th	9:30 a.m. Mary Jo Mikulski
Assisting Minister	Christian Gries	Assisting Minister	Debbie Mowrey
Lector	Christian Gries	Lector	Marieta Boone
Ushers	Tracy Guffey Neal Guffey	Ushers	Linda Hess Wanda Stephens-Wooten
Greeters	John Shaw Joan Shaw	Greeters	Terry Clark Liz Clark
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott	Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	Karen Bell	Communion Assistant	June Gries
Acolyte	Darrel Turner	Acolyte	John Turner
Sound Technician	Ronald Kissell	Sound Technician	Dan Ivers
Video Technician	Neal Guffey	Video Technician	Ronald Kissell
Bread Baker	Karen Bell	Bread Baker	Karen Bell
Children's Sermon	Joe Rudy	Children's Sermon	John Browder
Counters (Monday) Wk3	Maggie Bode Cindy Gregory	Counters (Monday) Wk4	Christian Gries Phil Miller