

# **St James Lutheran Church**

1741 S State Street  
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To bring people to Christ,  
encouraging relationships with Him and others.*



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent  
March 6, 2022  
9:30 A.M.**

**Satan  
&  
Temptation**

**Meditation:** *Following Jesus will always lead us into a wilderness. That's where the Spirit drove Jesus, and that's where His Spirit drives us. And in the wilderness, we are stretched. We are put into a position where we learn to trust God, even when He seems absent - especially when He seems absent. Jesus entered the wilderness and Satan brought temptations - all of which were designed to have Jesus assert His position and seek some kind of validation of His ministry from His Father. And He was stretched and pulled, and Satan's intent was that He would snap. He didn't. He didn't put His Father to the test. He simply trusted. It's right there faith is stretched, as we are simply surrendered to the Father, needing no sign nor validation, and we trust.*

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*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**

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*To bring people to Christ, encouraging relationships with Him and others.*

*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

March 6, 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

9:30 a.m.

## PRELUDE

*Joe Faith*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please Stand*

## CONFESSION

P: We acknowledge before God our sins and our sinfulness.

*(A time of personal reflection and confession)*

P: Father, we have fallen short of all You desire for us and from us.

**C: We are continually seeking to earn Your approval. We demand signs from You, proving You are present in our lives. We fall victim to the slightest temptation. We fail to rely on Your Word for all our needs. Our faith is weak, and stretched by trials and temptations, it snaps. Forgive us in Jesus' name, and strengthen us by Your Spirit.**

P: Here is the Good News. God has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake, gives us new life. Our sins are permanently removed from us. We are restored as those who are the children of God, journeying toward Him.

**C: The Spirit guides us, stretching our faith to make it stronger, and comforts us along the way. Amen.**



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to you Low we bow in hom - age due;  
 2 By your help - less in - fant years, By your life of want and tears,  
 3 By your hour of dire de - spair, By your ag - o - ny of prayer,  
 4 By your deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se - pul - chral stone,



When, re - pen - tant, to the skies Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes;  
 By your days of deep dis - tress In the sav - age wil - der - ness,  
 By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn,  
 By the vault whose dark a - bode Held in vain the ris - ing God,



Oh, by all your pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low,  
 By the dread, mys - te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r,  
 By the gloom that veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice,  
 Oh, from earth to heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord,



Bend - ing from your throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 Turn, oh, turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 Lis - ten to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 Bend - ing from your throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!



## INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 91, the Psalm of the Day)*

P: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

**C: Amen.**

P: Those who live in the shelter of the Most High

**C: will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.**

P: The Lord alone is my refuge, my place of safety;

**C: he is my God, and I trust him.**

P: If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter,

**C: no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home.**

P: For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go.

**C: They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.**

P: The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me.

**C: I will protect those who trust in my name.**

P: When they call on me, I will answer;

**C: I will be with them in trouble I will rescue and honor them.**

P: I will reward them with a long life

**C: and give them my salvation."**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us pray . . . Father, Your Son went to the cross for us, and calls us to follow Him. Our journey takes us to a cross as well, as we learn to trust in Your love and grace and protection in all things. You have given us Your Spirit, that we might be strengthened and refreshed on this journey. Empower us to live as Your people, following Your Son, our faith stretched and strengthened, reliant upon Your Word for all we need. In Jesus, and in the power of His Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE READING

**Romans 10:8b-13** (pg. 974 in pew Bible)

*Salvation is offered to all who receive Jesus as their Savior*

"The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: <sup>9</sup>That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. <sup>11</sup>As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup>for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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

*Please Stand*

## THE "GOSPEL ACCLAMATION"

### "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

*"Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace."*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)**

(pg. 882 in pew Bible)

*In the wilderness, Jesus counters Satan's temptations. Frustrated, Satan leaves Jesus until an  
"opportune time"*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup>The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup>So if you worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" <sup>9</sup>The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup>For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; <sup>11</sup>they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>12</sup>Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

P: The Gospel of the Lord  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Tracy Guffey*

## SERMON HYMN

"Build My Life"

Words on screen

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You  
We live for You

### Chorus

Holy there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

### Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken

### Chorus

## **THE MESSAGE**

*Pastor Martins Irbe*

*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 of 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 "TIME AND TALENTS"**

*John Browder*

## **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      “We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

*We give thee but thine own, What e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord from Thee*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P:** God, accept and bless these gifts, that they might become tangible signs that you are near to us and among us in everyday life. We are those who are touched by these gifts every time we share in the mission and ministry of this congregation. Make our hearts beat for all that matters to you as we do the work of your Kingdom, transforming this world in Jesus' name. Amen.

**C: Amen.**

**WE PREPARE TO RECEIVE GOD'S GIFT OF LIFE AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Father, as we continue this Lenten journey, we acknowledge You as the Source and Giver of all things. You have created us, protected us, and, when we had gone our own way, You sent Your Son to redeem us. You have given Your Spirit that we might follow in the way of Jesus, who went to a cross and empty tomb. Your Spirit guides and comforts us, stretching our faith. Here and now You refresh us on this journey in this meal. Bread and wine, yet body and blood. And we receive these gifts with joy and thanksgiving, knowing that on the night He was betrayed, Jesus took bread....

**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**

*“At The Cross”*

Words on Screen

Verse 1

There's a place  
Where mercy reigns and never dies  
There's a place  
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus

At the cross at the cross  
I surrender my life  
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You  
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white  
I owe all to You I owe all to You Jesus

Verse 2

There's a place  
Where sin and shame are powerless  
Where my heart  
Has peace with God and forgiveness

Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

### Chorus

At the cross at the cross  
I surrender my life  
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You  
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white  
I owe all to You I owe all to You Jesus

### Bridge

Here my hope is found  
Here on holy ground  
Here I bow down here I bow down  
Here arms open wide  
Here You saved my life  
Here I bow down here I bow (down)

### Chorus

At the cross at the cross  
I surrender my life  
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You  
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white  
I owe all to You I owe all to You Jesus

### Chorus

At the cross at the cross  
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## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P:** We have tasted the grace of our God in the mystery of the Sacrament, receiving the gift of life and forgiveness.

**C:** **We continue our Lenten journey, refreshed by the love of God, our faith stretched and stronger.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

**P:** The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy! He invites us to share his blessing with our neighbors and coworkers, our friends and family. So, receive this ancient blessing for you to give to all you meet.  
The Lord bless you, and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor, and grant you His peace!  
In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

**C: Amen!**

**THE CLOSING HYMN**

**“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”**

**LBW 221**

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing, The  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing, The

peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.  
tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed The  
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing, Em -

fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve. The  
brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race. With

seed of his teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing, Shall  
 your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us; U -

blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. His  
 nite us as one in this life that we share. Then

grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us To  
 may all the liv - ing, With praise and thanks-giv - ing Give

work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.  
 hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

*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 Pastor Martins Irbe for preaching today!

## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

<b>This Week, March 6<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 a.m. Pastor Martins Irbe	<b>Next Week, March 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 a.m. Ben Black
Assisting Minister	Tracy Guffey	Assisting Minister	Joan Shaw
Lector	Maggie Bode	Lector	John Shaw
Ushers	Jim Jackson Deb Jackson	Ushers	John Browder Sheila Bryan
Greeters	Betty Perotti	Greeters	June Gries Ron Westerfeld
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott	Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	Karen Bell	Communion Assistant	June Gries
Acolyte	Luke Soberalski	Acolyte	Claudia Soberalski
Sound Technician	Ronald Kissell	Sound Technician	Dan Ivers
Video Technician	Neal Guffey	Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower
Bread Baker	Terri Gast	Bread Baker	Terri Gast
Children's Sermon	Tracy Guffey	Children's Sermon	Ben Black
Counters (Monday) Wk1	Christian Gries Phil Miller	Counters (Monday) Wk2	Maggie Bode Cindy Gregory