

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

Hymn of Invocation

O Church, Arise

O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the  
Our call to war: to love the cap - tive soul; but to  
Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the  
So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - ery stride, give

call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the  
Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -  
grace for ev - ery hur - dle, that we may run with faith to

they are strong in the strength that God has gi -  
wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val -  
neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris -  
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith -

ven. With shield of faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a -  
or. When faced with trials on ev - ery side, we know the  
en! And as the stone old is rolled a - way, and Christ e -  
ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing

gainst the de - vil's lies, An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle  
out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for  
mer - ges from the grave, this vic - tory march con - tin - ues  
tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger

cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
which He died: an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.  
'til the day ev - ery eye and heart shall see Him.  
for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

A - rise! Shine for your light has  
come! A - rise! Shine for the Ris - en  
Son! Lift your eyes, we are His ra - di - ant  
bride! A - rise! O Church, a - rise!

# Confession and Absolution

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Responsive Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Confession and Absolution

- P** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- C** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.
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- C** Amen.

## Reflection on God's Forgiveness

*Isaiah 53:4-6*

- P** Surely [Jesus] has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
- C** Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
- P** But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
- C** Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.
- P** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way;
- C** And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

# Service of the Word

## Psalm

Psalm 142

- P** With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.
- C** **I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him.**
- P** When my spirit faints within me, you know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.
- C** **Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.**
- P** I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."
- C** **Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me!**
- P** Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name! The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:14–21

<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. <sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. <sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods."  
<sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! <sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? <sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. <sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
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<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup>The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. <sup>8</sup>But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— <sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. <sup>16</sup>The city lies foursquare; its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. <sup>17</sup>He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel’s measurement. <sup>18</sup>The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, clear as glass. <sup>19</sup>The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, <sup>20</sup>the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. <sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

<sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it,

<sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup>They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

<sup>6</sup>And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

<sup>7</sup>"And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

<sup>8</sup>I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

<sup>10</sup>And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. <sup>11</sup>Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

<sup>12</sup>"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

<sup>16</sup>"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

<sup>18</sup>I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, <sup>19</sup>and if anyone takes away from the words of the

book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

<sup>20</sup>He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*John 9:1–41*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for

the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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## Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker 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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## Sermon Hymn # 387

## Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav-ior reigns! Let men their songs em-  
3 No more let sins and sor-rows grow Nor thorns in-fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na-tions



King; Let ev-'ry heart pre-pare Him  
poy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless-ings  
prove The glo-ries of His righ-teous-



room And heav'n and na-ture sing, And heav'n and na-ture  
plains Re-peat the sound-ing joy, Re-peat the sound-ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won-ders of His love, And won-ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na-ture sing.  
joy, Re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won-ders, won-ders of His love.



# Sermon

## Offering

*Please take a moment to sign and pass the “Record of Friendship” booklet or use the QR code located on the inside cover of the booklet.*

## Prayer Response

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

- 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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

- P** Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
  - C** **Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna, in the highest.  
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:  
Glory to You, O Lord in the highest.**
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## 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

### Agnus Dei

**P** Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

**G** Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace. Amen.

## Distribution Hymn # 619

## Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which  
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in  
3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is  
4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not  
5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and  
Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my  
nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and  
rob me of my cheer; For He who is of  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.  
prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

### Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## Distribution Hymn # 411

## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.  
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## Distribution Hymn # 971

## There Is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;  
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.  
There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.

*Refrain*



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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## The Dismissal

### Nunc Dimittis

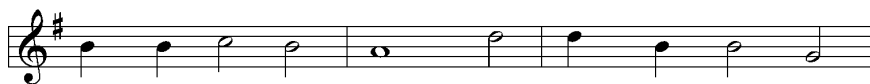
- P** Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.
- C** For my eyes have seen Your salvation,  
Which You have prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
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## Closing Hymn # 528

## Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -  
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That  
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the  
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the  
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.  
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.  
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own  
 Your God, ye fallen race.  
 Look and be saved through faith alone,  
 Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
 The Lamb of God was slain.  
 His soul was once an off'ring made  
 For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love  
 Be now and ever giv'n  
 By saints below and saints above,  
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

## Benediction

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** 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 ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

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## This Week at a Glance

### Today

- Worship Service – 9:00 AM
- [Adult Bible Study and Sunday School](#) - 10:30 AM,  
Downstairs
- Youth Confirmation – Following Sunday School, Downstairs
- [New Member Class – 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM](#)

### Tuesday

- [Youth Group](#) 6:30 - 8:00 PM

### Wednesday

- [Men's Bible Study](#) 6:30 – 7:30 AM
- [Midweek Lent Service](#) 7:00 PM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fellowship Team invites you to Fellowship Hall for fellowship and dessert/snack following Wednesday Lent Services! Come join us in-community!

St. James' [Spring Work Day](#) scheduled is for **April 1st** (rain date: April 8th). There will be projects inside and outside. Please sign up in the narthex or fellowship hall. Questions? contact the church office (618)288-6120 or [Tim Schnicker](#) .

As you start your Spring Cleaning, please be looking for items that you would be willing to donate to the Youth Yard Sale. The Yard Sale will be on Saturday, June 17. Items can be dropped off at church the week before. Funds raised will help with expenses for the Mission Trip and the 2025 Youth Gathering.

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### **Things we accept:**

Clothing: Kids and adult sizes including shoes, belts, purses, hats, coats

Household Linens: Sheets, towels, blankets, curtains, rugs, decorative pillows

Kids Stuff: toys, books, stuffed animals, puzzles, strollers, etc.

Kitchen and Household: pots and pans, dishes, glassware, serving pieces, small appliances in working condition

Furniture: tables, chairs, dressers, small items

Home and Seasonal Decorations: Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and general decorations

Garage Items: bikes, patio stuff, yard games, lawn and garden, tools

### **We Cannot Accept:**

Tube televisions, even if they are working

Entertainment centers

Kids car seats/boosters

Mattresses/bed pillows

Large appliances: especially refrigerators, air conditioners, and such

Plumbing fixtures: toilets, sinks, tubs, etc. (The Habitat for Humanity Store will accept most plumbing fixtures)

The St. James Youth Group is planning a Mission Trip to Northern Minnesota from July 7-15. We are looking for Junior High and High School Youth as well as adults to make the trip with us. Please contact Ruth Thompson ([ruth.thompson@melhs.org](mailto:ruth.thompson@melhs.org) or 314-985-0805) if you would like more information.

## **Ministry Opportunities**

### **Volunteers Needed to Help with Audio and Video**

Are you interested in learning a new skill or picking up a new hobby that can support the ministry at St James? St James could really use your help to ensure that we are able to continue offering audio and video recordings and live streaming of our worship services.

No experience required. The media ministry and technology team is in need of individuals that can assist with audio or video and cameras during worship and other events at St James.

Typical tasks for audio include:

- Powering on the mixer, speakers, and amplifiers used in the sanctuary and by our musicians.
- Muting and unmuting audio sources at the appropriate times.



- Starting and stopping the audio recording.
- Making volume adjustments as needed.

Typical tasks for video include:

- Selecting and activating camera presets.
- Starting and stopping the video recording.
- Starting and stopping the live stream.
- Making camera adjustments as needed.

All tasks are easy to learn regardless of your age! Whether you have never done any of them or are an experienced audio engineer or video producer, your help would be greatly appreciated and welcomed. If you are interested or have questions regarding this opportunity, please email Larry O'Leary <[larry@stjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:larry@stjamesglencarbon.org)> or contact the church office.

### **The Altar Guild is in need of volunteers!**

This could be a great individual or family service opportunity. If you're available to assist one Sunday per month or more, contact [judyreese@saintjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:judyreese@saintjamesglencarbon.org) or call the church office for more information!

**Please mark your calendars** to join us for [Lent Worship Services](#) as follows:

Wednesday, April 22 @ 7:00 PM  
 Wednesday, March 29 @ 7:00 PM  
 Holy Thursday, April 6 @ 7:00 PM  
 Good Friday, April 7 @ 7:00 PM  
 Easter Sunday, April 9 @ 9:00 AM



### [St. James Attendance](#)



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