

# The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

## Opening Hymn: 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

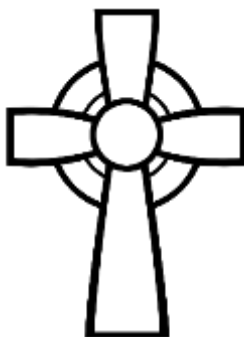


scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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# Confession and Absolution

## Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

- L** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- L** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

## Kyrie

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

## Confession and Absolution

- L** Let us confess our sins to God our Father: Holy and merciful God,  
**C** **in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**
- L** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John: "I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of Jesus' name."  
**C** Amen.

## Reflection on God's Forgiveness

*Matthew 11:28-30*

- L** [Jesus said:] "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
**C** **Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,**  
**L** for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.  
**C** **For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**
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# Service of the Word

## Psalm

*Psalm 91:1–13*

- L** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
  - C** I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”
  - L** For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.
  - C** He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
  - L** You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
  - C** nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
  - L** A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
  - C** You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.
  - L** Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge—
  - C** no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.
  - L** For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
  - C** On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
  - L** You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
  - 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.
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<sup>1</sup>Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. <sup>2</sup>And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. <sup>3</sup>So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. <sup>4</sup>And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. <sup>5</sup>And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!" <sup>6</sup>But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. <sup>8</sup>And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai." <sup>9</sup>The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her." <sup>10</sup>The angel of the LORD also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude." <sup>11</sup>And the angel of the LORD said to her,

"Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has listened to your affliction. <sup>12</sup>He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen."

<sup>13</sup>So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me."

<sup>14</sup>Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

<sup>15</sup>And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. <sup>16</sup>Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

**L** This is the word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God



“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**L** This is the word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:35–38

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

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

<sup>35</sup>And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

## Apostles’ Creed

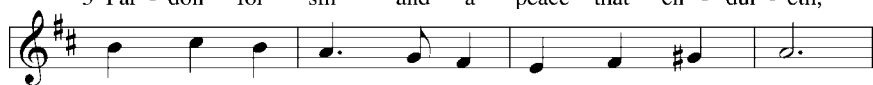
**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from 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  $\text{✙}$  everlasting. Amen.

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## Sermon Hymn: 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



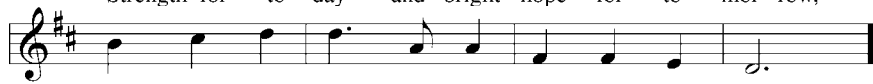
1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



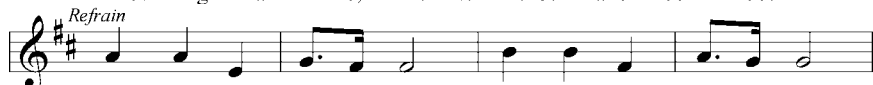
There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



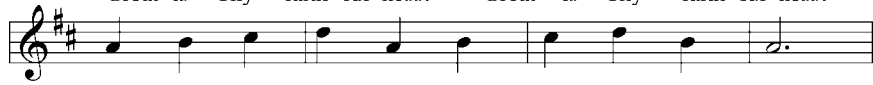
Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



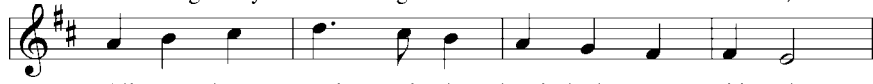
As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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## Sermon

### Offering

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### Prayer Response

- L** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.
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# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**L** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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

**L** 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.

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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

**L** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Agnus Dei

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

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

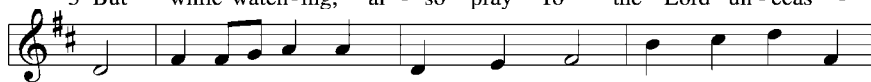
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace. Amen.

## Distribution

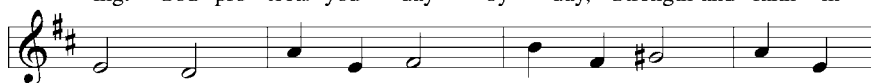
# Distribution Hymn: 663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



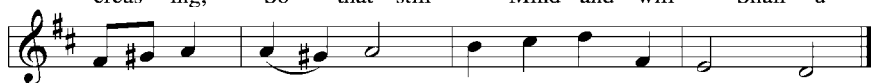
1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -  
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find  
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat  
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -  
 5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -  
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and  
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and  
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy  
 ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -  
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less  
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your  
 creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.  
 friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.  
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.  
 nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

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## Distribution Hymn: How Deep the Father's Love for Us



1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how  
2. Be hold the Man up - on a cross, my  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: No



vast be - yond all meas - ure that He should give His on - ly Son to  
sin up - on His shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call  
gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His



make a wretch His treas - ure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The  
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held Him there un -  
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re - ward? I



Fa - ther turns His face a - way as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring  
til it was ac - com - plished; His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I  
can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with all my heart: His



man - y sons to glo - ry.  
know that it is fin - ished.  
wounds have paid my ran - som.

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## Distribution Hymn: 433 Glory Be to Jesus



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

Text: Italian, c. 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.

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## Nunc Dimittis

- L** 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: 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.  
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My  
 I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.  
 heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.  
 Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.  
 Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.  
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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## Benediction

- L** Let us bless the Lord
- C** **Thanks be to God**
- L** 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.**



# This Week at-a-Glance

## Today

- Worship Service (Pastor Tony Boos) – 9:00 AM
- [Adult Bible Study](#)– 10:45 AM (Fellowship Hall)
- [Sunday School & Youth Confirmation](#)– 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

## Tuesday

- [Second Tuesday Women's Bible Study](#) – 6:00 PM

## Wednesday

- [Men's Bible Study](#)– 6:30 AM
- Wednesday Morning Community Group – 10:00 AM
- Midweek Worship – 6:30 PM

## Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM

## Saturday

- [Saturday Morning Women's Bible Study](#) - 9:30 AM
- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM
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## Announcements

### [Join the St. James Technology Team](#)

Technology plays a vital role in supporting the ministry and mission of St. James. From live streaming our services to managing our website, maintaining our network, and ensuring our office technology runs smoothly, our church relies on various digital tools and systems to serve our congregation effectively. While much of this technology operates seamlessly once set up, occasional updates, configurations, troubleshooting, and upgrades are necessary (because let's face it, computers have minds of their own). That's where our Technology Team comes in! We are looking for volunteers with a passion for technology who can help maintain and enhance our digital infrastructure (and occasionally turn things off and on again).

### How You Can Help

Do you have experience setting up computers or printers? Have you ever successfully untangled a mess of cables without questioning your life choices? Are you comfortable configuring networks or managing cloud services? Maybe you're skilled in web design, video production, or office applications like Microsoft Word and Excel? Whether you have extensive technical expertise or are simply eager to learn and contribute, there's a place for you on our team! Here are some key areas where we could use your help:

- **Network & Wi-Fi Management:** Assist in maintaining network hardware, configuration, and security (bonus points if you can explain why turning it off and on works 99% of the time).
- **Computer & Software Maintenance:** Support office computers, software, and peripherals (yes, including the printer that only works when it feels like it).
- **Cloud Services & Storage:** Help manage Google Workspace, cloud storage, and backups (because even our church needs a backup plan).

- **Website Development & Maintenance:** Assist with updating and designing our WordPress website (we promise it's more fun than it sounds!).
- **Technical Consultation:** Provide insight on purchases, installations, configurations, and long-term maintainability (or just tell us which gadgets are actually worth buying).

### Join Us!

By volunteering with the Technology Team, you can use your skills to support the church and help spread God's message in today's digital world. Plus, you'll earn eternal gratitude, the occasional coffee, and the knowledge that you're the reason everything keeps running smoothly.

If you're interested in getting involved, please reach out to our Deacon of Technology, Larry O'Leary, at [larry@stjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:larry@stjamesglencarbon.org).

We appreciate your willingness to serve and look forward to welcoming you to the team (we promise we're more fun than your last IT helpdesk experience)!

### Property Workdays – ALL HANDS ON DECK!

The Property Team has workdays planned to prepare the basement for carpet which will include painting, wall prep and carpet removal on Friday and Saturday, March 21 @ 22. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Tim Schnicker at 618-670-0880 or [tim@stjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:tim@stjamesglencarbon.org) to sign up.

Mark your Calendars to join the [Life Team](#) for the **2025 Illinois Pro-Life March** in Springfield, Illinois on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>! Please sign up in the narthex. Contact the church office with any questions.

- Carpool leaves St. James promptly at 9:00 AM
- Matins at Trinity Lutheran Church @ 11:00 AM, Lunch Following (suggested \$6 donation)
- Rally @ 1:00 PM
- March @ 2:00 PM
- Return to St. James immediately following the march.

**The Thursday Night (Caseyville) Community Group** is looking to grow! We meet every other Thursday, for dinner and discussion, and would love to add some new faces to our group. If you're interested, please call Cheryl at 618-531-2186 or email [cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org).

**Undies Sundays.** Please join the St. James' Circle of Friends (LWML) in collecting underwear for area students who cannot afford them. Help us supply District 7 school nurses with socks, underpants, boxer shorts, undershirts and other underwear to supply students in need. Please bring undies in the original unopened packages Sundays in March and place them in the collection bin in the narthex. Thanks so much for your support.

**College Care Packages:** Attention all St. James members, if you are or have a college student in your family, please send their college address to Cheryl at the church office. 618-288-6120 or [cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org). Even if their address remains the same, please let us know!

## Lent/Easter Worship Schedule

March 12 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Worship/Pastor Bill Engfehr
March 19 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Worship/Pastor Bill Engfehr
March 23 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Worship/Pastor Bill Engfehr
March 26 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Worship/Pastor Bill Engfehr
April 2 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Worship/Pastor Bill Engfehr
April 9 @ 6:30 PM	Fellowship Dinner in Fellowship Hall
April 17 @ 6:30 PM	Holy Thursday Worship/Pastor Tony Boos
April 18 @ 6:30 PM	Good Friday Worship/Pastor John Lukomski
April 20 @ 9:00 AM	Easter Worship/Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt following service

## St. James Guiding Statement

*Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.*

## St. James Mission Pillars

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