

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

Opening Hymn: Fullness of Grace



Full-ness of grace in man's hu-man fra-il - ty, this is the won-der of
Full-ness of grace, the love of the Fa - ther shown in the face of
Full-ness of hope in Christ we had longed for, Prom - ise of God in



Je - sus. Lay - ing a - side His pow - er and glo - ry,
Je - sus. Stoop - ing to bear the weight of hu-man - i - ty,
Je - sus. Through His o - be - dience we are for - giv - en,



hum - bly He en - tered our world. Chose the path of
walk - ing the Cal - va - ry road. Christ the ho - ly
op - 'ning the flood - gates of heav'n. All our hopes and



mean - est worth: Scan - dal of a vir - gin birth. Born in a sta - ble,
in - no - cent took our sin and pun - ish - ment. Full - ness of God, de -
dreams we bring glad - ly as an of - fer - ing. Full - ness of life and



cold and re - jec - ted: Here lies the hope of the world.
spised and re - jec - ted: Crushed for the sins of the world.
joy un - speak - a - ble: God's gift in love to the world.

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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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.

Responsive Kyrie

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

Confession of Sins

- 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.**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 4

- L** Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!
- C** **O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**
- L** But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.
- C** **Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**
- L** Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.
- C** **There are many who say, “Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”**
- L** You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.
- C** **In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**
- 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

Jeremiah 26:8–15

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

L This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

New Testament Reading

Philippians 3:17—4:1

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31—35

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn: 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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Sermon

Offering

Prayer Response

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

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.
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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 † 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 † 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: Come to the Table



1. Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre -
2. *(Instrumental)*
3. *(Repeat Verse 1)*



pared with the wine and the bread; All who are hun - gry and thirst



y, come and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion, re -



ceive from His nail - scarred hand; Eat of the bread of sal - va -



tion, drink of the blood of the Lamb._

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Distribution Hymn: 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
 all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
 shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
 All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise
 Thee,
 That from pain I might be free;
 Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
 Thence I gain security;
 Comfortless Thy soul did languish
 Me to comfort in my anguish.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
 And hast borne it patiently,
 Even death by crucifixion,
 Fully to atone for me;
 Thou didst choose to be tormented
 That my doom should be prevented.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
 For Thine anguish in the Garden,
 I will thank Thee evermore,
 Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
 For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
 For that last triumphant cry,
 And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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Distribution Hymn: Lamb of God



Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide; But You have sent Him from Your
Your gift of) love they cru - ci - fied; They laughed and scorned Him as He
I was so) lost I should have died; But You have brought me to Your



side, to walk up - on this guilt - y sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God. Oh Lamb of
died. The hum - ble King they named a fraud, and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. Oh Lamb of
side to be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. Oh Lamb of



God, sweet Lamb of God. I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me in His pre - cious



blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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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.**

The Dismissal

- L** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

Call to Christian Community

“For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another” (1 John 3:11). After singing our last song, please take time to greet one another, and if you see someone you don’t know, introduce yourself. The Christian life isn’t meant to be lived alone, but in community.

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.

Closing Hymn: 588 Jesus Loves Me



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

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

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
- Community Group (Schnicker Home) – 6:30 PM

Saturday

- [Saturday Morning Women's Bible Study](#) – 10:00 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).
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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. 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 this Friday and Saturday, March 21 @ 22. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Tim Schnicker at 618-670-0880 or 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 25th! 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 Bible says that we should love our neighbor. Come to think of it, Jesus says we should love our enemies. Does this principle apply to trust as well? Or should trust be earned? Are we permitted to love our neighbor while withholding trust? That's the topic of discussion on our newest episode of Craving Answers Craving God.

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. Even if their address remains the same, please let us know!

Lent/Easter Worship Schedule

March 19 @ 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/Pastor Bill Engfehr Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt following service

Easter Lilies – Help Saint James’ altar look beautiful for Easter Sunday! Order your Easter lilies (\$15 can be placed in the locked box on the church office door) In Honor of, In Memory of, or In Thanksgiving for your loved one(s). We will list the donations in our Easter service bulletin. You are welcome to take the lily home after our Easter Services or leave it for the rest of the season. To order your lily, please complete the form in the narthex no later than March 30th.

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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