The Third Sunday in Lent March 23, 2025

Opening Hymn: Yet Not I but through Christ in Me



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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,
- who made heaven and earth.
- L I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- 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.
- Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession and Absolution

- L O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- **L** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from Psalm 103:
 - "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagles."
- C Amen.

- L Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?
- **L** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
- But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Service of the Word

Psalm Psalm 85

- Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.
- L You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.
- Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!
- L Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?
- L Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
- Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.
- L Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.
- Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- **L** Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
- L Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.
- 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.

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

- **L** This is the word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God



¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

- **I** This is the word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel Luke 13:1–9

- L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

⁶And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

- This is the Gospel of the Lord
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostle's Creed

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 + everlasting. Amen.

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



Sermon Hymn Continued: 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

- 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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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.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- 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:
- 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

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

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."

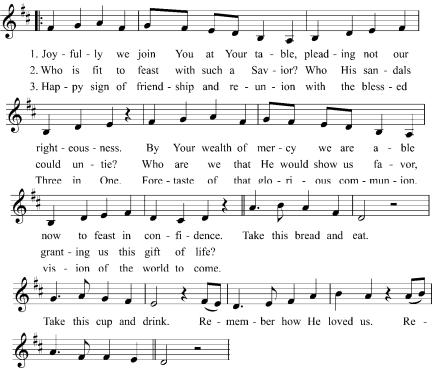
Agnus Dei

- **L** Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
- Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

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

Distribution





joice and keep the feast.

Distribution Hymn: Lord from Sorrows Deep I Call (Psalm 42)



Lord, from sor-rows deep I call when my hope is shak - en; Storms with - in my trou-bled soul, ques-tions with - out an - swers; Should my life be torn from me, ev - 'ry world - ly plea - sure;



For pled and prayed, "God come to long I've res - cue!" so my Why down my are you cast soul? Hope in Him who saves you. Be my vi - sion in the night; be my hope and re - fuge.



E - ven so, the thorn re-mains; still my heart will praise You. When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise You. 'Til my faith is turned to sight, Lord my heart will praise You.



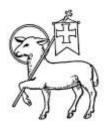
Oh, my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will praise Him.



Sing, oh, sing, through the rag-ing storm; You're still my God, my sal - va - tion.

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Distribution Hymn: 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive



5 Oh, how blest it is to know:

Were as scarlet my transgression, It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter passion; For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
 From the Law I stand acquitted.
 Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Also I have been forgiven;
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:
 Iesus sinners doth receive.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756

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.

Nunc Dimittis

- Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.
- 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.

Call to Christian Community

I "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. Now receive God's Blessing:

Benediction

- Let us bless the Lord
- C Thanks be to God
- 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: 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all root whence mer-cy ev - er flows, The babe babe of Beth - le - hem. down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright. e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may died die. Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of

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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor John Lukomski) 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study
 10:45 AM (Fellowship Hall)
- <u>Sunday School & Youth Confirmation</u> 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Tuesday

<u>Life March (Springfield)</u>

Wednesday

- Men's Bible Study
 6:30 AM
- Spring Work Day 9:00 AM
- Midweek Worship 6:30 PM

Thursday

AA Meeting – 6:30 PM

Saturday

- Saturday Morning Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM
- AA Meeting 1:30 PM

Announcements

Join the St. James Technology Team

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)!

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.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

"40 Days for Life is a pro-life international campaign that involves 40 days of prayer and peaceful vigils outside abortion facilities, aiming to end abortion through prayer and community outreach." This Spring, Saint James will be joining members of Good Shepherd, Collinsville on Saturday, April 12for a vigil that will be located next to Planned Parenthood Fairview Heights, 317 Salem Pl Fairview Heights, IL. Each day of the 40 days, the vigil is held from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The amount of time each attendee is present dependent on their availability. Prayer folders are available. Sign up sheet is located in the narthex.

If you have questions or need a prayer folder, please contact Janice Lanto 618-779-8269, Carmen Stewert 314-503-7449 or Janice Wendel 618-660-9166.

Life Team News

Thank you to all that participated in the recent Baby Bottle campaign. We collected 31 baby bottles and 10 "Blankets of Love," which were made by the women of LWML. These ar all delivered to Mosaic Health in Granite City. They are very appreciative of your support, as it ensures their ability to meet local women's physical and spiritual needs.

Second Tuesday Women's Bible Study

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8th from 6-8pm in the fellowship hall. We will be covering session 5 (Whatever is Admirable) of "Whatever - Keeping Your Heart in Tune with Whatever Life Brings". Come celebrate the arrival of spring with a tea party! If you'd like, please bring your favorite tea party fare (finger sandwiches, quiches, canapes, scones, or little sweets). Text Shala Baker with any questions at 618-315-0788.

Spring Work Day

The Property Team invites and encourages all members that are able to join in the Spring Work Day scheduled for Wednesday, March 26. There will be something for everyone. Spring Work Day is a great family service opportunity as there will be inside and outside projects from cleaning to building maintenance and spring landscaping projects. No one is too old or too young to join the party! Please call the church office (618) 288-6120 or Tim Schnicker for more information.

Lent/Easter Worship Schedule

March 26 @ 6:30 PM
April 2 @ 6:30 PM
April 9 @ 6:30 PM
April 17 @ 6:30 PM
April 18 @ 6:30 PM
April 18 @ 6:30 PM
April 20 @ 9:00 AM
April 20 @ 9:00 AM

Midweek Worship/Pastor Bill Engfehr
Fellowship Dinner in Fellowship Hall
Holy Thursday Worship/Pastor Tony Boos
Good Friday Worship/Pastor John Lukomski

Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt following service

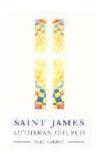
St. James Guiding Statement

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

St. James Mission Pillars

Healing Community Restoration





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