

The First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

763 When Peace, like a River



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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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.

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.**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 32:1-7

- L** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
 - C** **Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
 - L** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
 - C** **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**
 - L** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
 - C** **Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**
 - L** You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
 - 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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¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” ¹⁶To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” ¹⁷And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground,

for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Holy Gospel*Matthew 4:1–11*

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

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

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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.

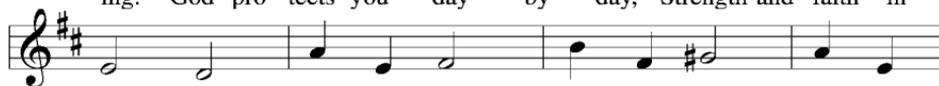
663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



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.

Sermon - Pastor John Lukomski

Offering

Please take a moment to sign and pass the "Record of Friendship" booklet or use the QR code located on the back of this bulletin.

Prayer of the Church

- 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.
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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

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

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious
I need Thee ev - 'ry hour; stay thou near
I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy or
I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, teach me Thy
I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, Most Ho - ly

Lord; no ten - der voice like thine can peace af -
by; temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when Thou art
pain; come quick - ly and a - bide, or life is
will; and Thy rich pro - mis - es in me ful -
One; O make me Thine in - deed, Thou Bles - sed

ford.
nigh.
vain.
fill.
Son!

I need thee, O I need thee; ev - 'ry hour I need thee. O

bless me now, my Sa - vior; I come to thee.

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Come Unto Jesus



1. Come un - to Je - sus all
2. Joy of the com - for - less,
3. Come, taste the Bread of Life,
4. Come, now and fol - low Him,



you who are wea - ry. Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
Light for the stray - ing, Hope of the pen - i - tent, Peace in our strife.
bro - ken for sin - ners. Drink from the cup of His prom - ise made sure.
this life for - sak - ing. All that was gain, count as noth - ing but loss.



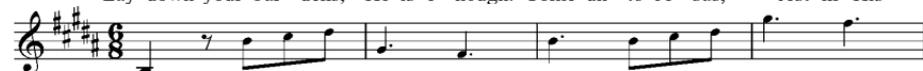
Here, bring your wound - ed hearts, bro - ken and need - y. Come un - to Je - sus,
Here speaks the Com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing My yoke is eas - y, my
Feast at His ta - ble as sons and as daugh - ters. Grace o - ver - flow - ing is
Trade all this world for His king - dom un - fad - ing. Come un - to Je - sus,



might - y to heal. *(To Verse 2)*
bur - den is light. Come un - to Je - sus. Come un - to Je - sus.
yours ev - er - more. Come un - to Je - sus. Come un - to Je - sus.
take up your cross. Come un - to Je - sus. Come un - to Je - sus.



Lay down your bur - dens, He is e - nough. Come un - to Je - sus, rest in His
Lay down your bur - dens, He is e - nough. Come un - to Je - sus, rest in His
Lay down your bur - dens, He is e - nough. Come un - to Je - sus, rest in His



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421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,
 5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of
 sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new
 eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me
 is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing
 death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
 cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
 weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.
 new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet
 crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from
 Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was
 Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing
 Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
 wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
 ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
 pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.
 tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

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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

- 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.

Call to Christian Community

- L** "For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another" (1 John 3:11). After the 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

- 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.

770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor John Lukomski) – 9:00 AM
- [Adult Bible Study](#) – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- [Discovering Christianity](#) – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- [Sunday School](#) – 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Wednesday

- [Men's Bible Study](#) – 6:30 AM (Downstairs)

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Saturday

- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM
- [Women's Bible Study](#) – 10:00 AM

Announcements

Mark your calendars: Please join us for the following mid-week Lenten and Easter services:

Feb 25 – Midweek Lenten Service @ 6:30 PM

Mar 4 – Fellowship Meal @ 6:30 PM

Mar 11 – Midweek Lenten Service @ 6:30 PM

Mar 18 – Midweek Lenten Service @ 6:30 PM

Mar 25 – Midweek Lenten Service @ 6:30 PM

Apr 2 – Holy Thursday @ 6:30 PM

Apr 3 – Good Friday @ 6:30 PM

Apr 5 – Easter Sunday @ 9:00 AM; Easter Brunch immediately following worship

Mark your calendars to join LWML as they kick off “**Undies Sundays**” next month. St. James’ Circle of Friends (LWML) will be collecting underwear for area students who cannot afford them. This will 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 on Sundays in March and place them in the collection bin in the narthex.

Thanks so much for your support.

Spring 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!

The Call Committee encourages everyone to continue prayers for our call process, for our hearts to be open to the shepherd God has prepared for us and especially for Pastor Weston Wildauer and his family as he considers our pastoral call.

Bethlehem Lutheran to Hold Its Necessary Masculinity Workshop on March 8th: On **Sunday, March 8th**, Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Ferrin, IL) will host Rev. Jeffrey Hemmer for its annual winter workshop, where he will present on "Necessary Masculinity." Rev. Hemmer is the pastor at Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church (Fairview Heights, IL) and is the author of *Man Up: The Quest for Masculinity*. The workshop will be held at the church from 2pm to 5pm, and is open to men in 6th grade and up. Refreshments will be served as well. For those interested in attending, please RSVP to bethlehemferrinchurch@gmail.com

If you have any questions or would like to share a comment, please feel free to reach out to one of our St. James Elders at elders@saintjamesglencarbon.org. We are always glad to connect with you.

St. James Guiding Statement

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

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