

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.
Wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be - fore,
O my soul. I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name.
The sun comes up; it's a new day dawn - ing.
You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger.
And on that day when my strength is fail - ing,
It's time to sing Your song a - gain. What -
Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For
the end draws near and my time has come,
ev - er may pass and what ev - er lies be - fore me,
all Your goodness I will keep on sing - ing,
still my soul will sing your praise un - end - ing,
let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes. (Bless the)
ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find. (Bless the)
ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er - more. (Bless the)

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

Confession of Sins

- L** 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 in Jesus' name. Amen.**
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- L** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins in Jesus' name.
- C** **Amen.**

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Psalm 86:3-5

- L** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you I cry all the day.
 - C** **Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**
 - L** For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
 - C** **Abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.**
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Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 121

- L** I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
- C** **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**
- L** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- C** **Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- L** The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
- C** **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**
- L** The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- C** **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**
- 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

Genesis 12:1–9

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

- L** This is the word of the Lord.
 - C** **Thanks be to God**
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¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? ⁴“Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

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

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

L This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

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 † everlasting. Amen.

542 When I Behold Jesus Christ

1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.

I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.

Refrain

What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.
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You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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Sermon - Pastor John Lukomski

Offering

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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.

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

Come, Share the Lord



1. We gath - er
2. We'll gath - er
3. He joins us



here in Je - sus' name, His love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing
soon where an - gels sing, we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing
here, He breaks the bread. The Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the



flame. For through His lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one. Come take the bread,
King. Now we an - ti - ci - pate the feast for which we wait. Come take the bread,
dead. The One we love the most is now our gra - cious host. Come take the bread,



come drink the wine, come share the Lord.
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580 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace



1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent His
2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who made the a -
3 It brings the Sav - ior's righ - teous - ness, To robe our
4 It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and



Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus
ton - ing sac - ri - fice, And calls the souls with
souls in roy - al dress; From all our guilt it
Sa - tan and the grave; It works the faith which



lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
guilt op - pressed To come and find e - ter - nal rest.
brings re - lease And gives the trou - bled con - science peace.
firm - ly clings To all the trea - sures which it brings.

- 5 It bears to all the tidings glad
And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The weary, burdened souls it cheers
And banishes their guilty fears.
- 6 May we in faith its message learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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Grace



1. Your grace that leads the sin - ner home, from death to life for -
2. Your grace that reach - es far and wide, to ev - 'ry tribe and
3. Your grace that I can - not ex - plain, not by my earth - ly
4. Let praise rise up and o - ver - flow; my song re - sound for -



ev - - er. And sings the song of right - eous - ness by
na - - tion, has called my heart to en - ter in the
wis - - dom. The prince of life, with - out a stain, was
ev - - er. For grace will see me wel - comed home to



blood and not by mer - - it. *(To Verse 2)*
joy of Your sal - va - - tion. By grace I am re - deemed. By
trad - ed for this sin - - er.
walk be - side my Sav - - iour.



grace I am re - stored. And now I free - ly walk in - to the arms of Christ, my



Lord.

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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.

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.

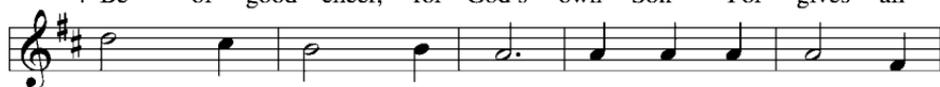
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

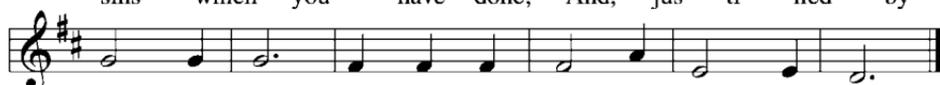
571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save; That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

- △6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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

Announcements

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

Mar 4 – Fellowship Meal @ 6:30 PM

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Mar 18 – Midweek Lenten Service @ 6:30 PM

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[St. James' Circle of Friends \(LWML\)](#) is 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. **Underwear sizes most needed are for K-2 grades – boys and girls, Middle and high school girls... and socks!** Please bring 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.

[The Second Tuesday Women's Bible Study](#) will resume on Tuesday, March 10th at 6pm. We will begin a new 4-week study, *Divided We Stand: How To Love When We Disagree*. If you'd like, please bring your favorite pie (sweet or savory) to share. We'd love you to join us in the fellowship hall for friendship, food, and fun! Text Shala Baker with any questions at 618-315-0788.

[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



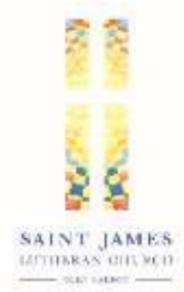
What is the doctrine of "Eternal Security"? When a person is brought into the family of God, can he be assured that he can never again be lost? Of is it possible that a believer can fall away? Aaron and Chuck talk about the teaching of "Once Saved, Always Saved" on the newest episode of *Craving Answers Craving God*.

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.

St. James Mission Pillars



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