



# Lent 1

February 22, 2026

11:00 a.m.

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## **WELCOME**

Welcome to Saint James, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Southeast Michigan Synod. Thank you for being part of this gathered assembly as we worship God, and receive the sacrament. If this is your first time worshipping with Saint James, we extend a special greeting to you and invite you to introduce yourself to your neighbor in the pew. If you have questions about Saint James or are looking for a spiritual home, please reach out to Pastor Grant ([pastor@stjamesgp.org](mailto:pastor@stjamesgp.org)).

## **LENT**

The word “Lent” comes from the old English word “lencten” (meaning lengthen), and is a reference to the lengthening of days that occurs during this time of the year. For that reason, Lent is associated with Spring. As the earth sees a rebirth and renewal of the plants and flowers during this season, so Lent is a time for Christians to consider our rebirth in Baptism and engage in spiritual renewal as preparation for Easter.

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURES**

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

## **HOLY EUCHARIST**

The celebration of the sacrament, **Holy Eucharist** (also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion), is central to our worship. Saint James practices an open table for Holy Communion, which means that all people are invited to participate in the sacrament. Jesus is the host of the meal and extends a wide welcome. Children are welcome to participate, but may also come forward with folded arms to receive a blessing. Distribution information is found on page 10.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*In silence  
preparations are  
made (personally  
and corporately)  
for worship.*

## SILENCE

**PRELUDE**    *The Glory of These Forty Days*    G. Winston Cassler

G. Winston Cassler

## GATHERING

## STAND

## CONFESSION

*The sign of the cross is made in remembrance of our baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*The words of this Confession acknowledge that we have fallen short of God's commands to love and serve. We ask God to forgive us that we would try again to serve faithfully.*

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
**Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
**Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

*It is because of Jesus' death on the cross, where sin and death are defeated forever, that the sins that would otherwise bind us and keep us from a good and right relationship with God, are forgiven.*

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers:

Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:  
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

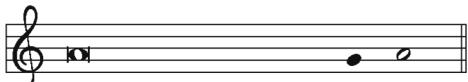
For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:  
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

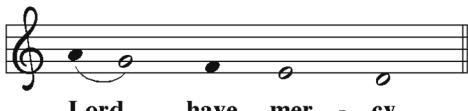
**ENTRANCE HYMN**    *The Glory of These Forty Days*    **ELW 320**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



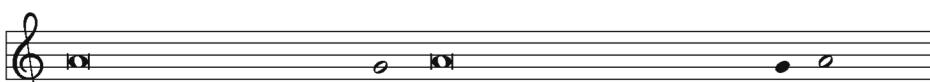
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

*Notice the use of the word 'us.' This indicates that the Kyrie is not only a personal plea for God's mercy, but also a corporate (common to everyone.)*

*Together we pray for God's mercy and peace to be upon us and all people: our community, the Church, and the world.*

Lord, have mer - ey.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - ey.

Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*The Prayer of the Day also known as The Collect begins with a silence of 5 to 10 seconds is kept to quietly collect ourselves to speak and listen to God in prayer.*

SIT

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### WORD

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**FIRST LESSON**

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**PSALM**

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**SECOND LESSON**

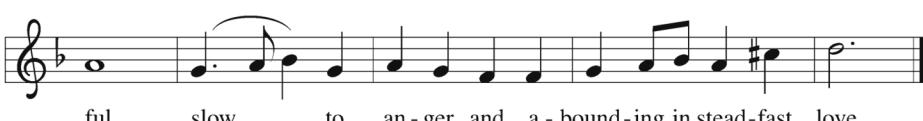
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## LENTEN ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra-cious and mer - ci -

STAND and SING



ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound-ing in steadfast love.

Text: Joel 2:13

Music: Anne Krentz Organ

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**Verse :** *One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Matt. 4:4)*

## REPEAT ACCLAMATION

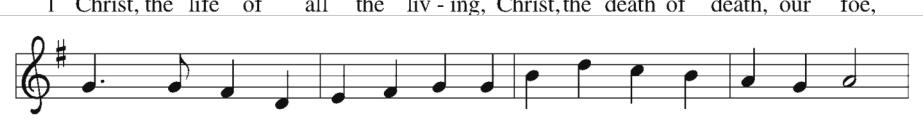
## HOLY GOSPEL

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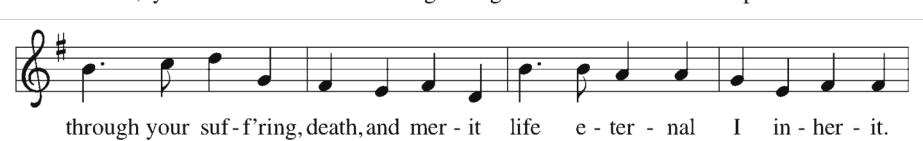
**RETURN ACCLAMATION Christ, the Life of All the Living ELW 339:1**



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.



Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.

## HOMILY

## HYMN OF THE DAY *A Mighty Fortress*

ELW 504

SIT

STAND

*We are baptized  
in God's Triune  
name: Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit.  
Each part of The  
Apostles Creed  
tells about one  
part of the Trinity,  
reminding us what  
God has done and  
will do.*

## APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

## INTERCESSIONS

**Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.**

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## THE PEACE

*In the season of Lent, our focus turns to reconciliation with God: confessing our sins, repenting of them, and having our relationship with God made right. Having been reconciled to God (by Jesus) we are therefore able to be reconciled to one another, that is, we can forgive one another. When we share the peace of the Lord with another person, we are asking for forgiveness and in turn forgiving them.*

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TABLE SETTING *Seed That in Earth Is Dying* ELW 330:1, 3

1	<b>Seed that in earth is dying</b> grows into ears of grain.  <b>Grapes that are crushed in the vessel</b> turn into golden wine.  <b>God, through this mystery grant us</b> faith in our deepest darkness, life in our night and death.	REMAIN STANDING & SING
3	<b>Seed that in earth is dying</b> rises to bear much fruit.  <b>Christ, as we meet at your table,</b> give us the bread of life.  <b>Lord, we do thank and adore you!</b> <b>Unceasing praise of the ages</b> rises from night and death.	

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**PRAYER**

Merciful Lord, you invite us to keep the season of Lent so that we remember the humble ministry of Your Son. Give us the devotion to live more sparingly and then share what is saved that our neighbor may rejoice to see Your unselfish love through us, through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Amen.**



**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*Instead of 'passing the plate,' Saint James receives offerings in a) offering plates near each sanctuary entrance, b) via online giving at [stjamesgp.org](http://stjamesgp.org), and c) via Zelle app (QR code). Your gifts support the ministry of the church.*

## MEAL

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*The Great Thanksgiving is understood as an act of praise and thanksgiving. Following Jewish customs, the emerging Christian liturgies blessed God (that is, thanked God) for God's kindness and love.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

### SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### EUCARISTIC PRAYER

We give you thanks holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might live with and serve all your creatures.

When disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, keeping your covenant with us, and teaching us through your prophets the hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born to the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin.

To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*In the Eucharistic Prayer, the church gives thanks for God's mighty works in the past, in creation and redemption through Jesus Christ, and thereby proclaims its faith in the blessings that come in the future both in this life and in eternal life yet to come.*

*The Words of Institution are prayed.*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

*We pray with the words that Jesus first taught to his disciples when they asked him how to pray. Mt 6:9-13*

A - men, a - men, a - men.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*The bread is broken and distributed for all. We share in the body and blood of Jesus, whose real presence is with us in this sacred meal.*

## THE BREADING OF THE BREAD

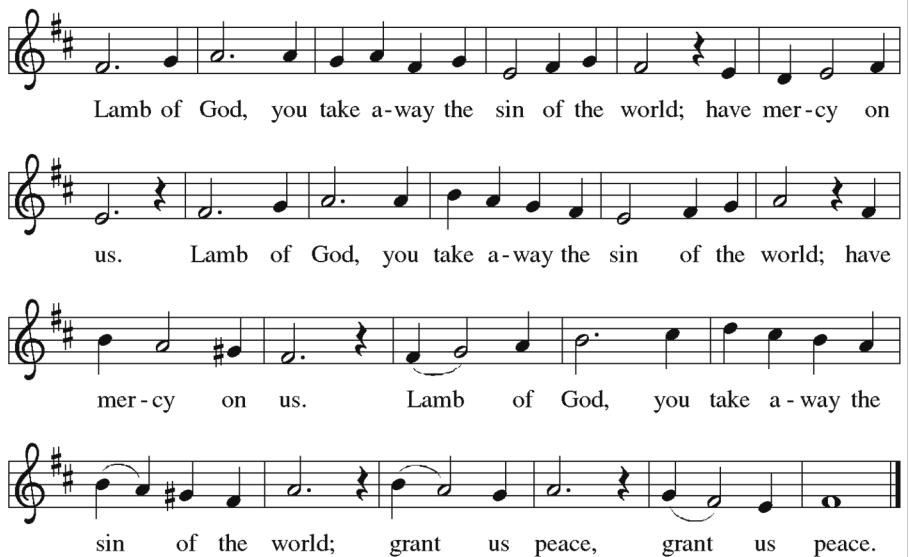
This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;  
our peace and reconciliation.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

## LAMB OF GOD

*The Lamb of God  
is drawn from the  
Gospel of John;  
John 1:29*

SIT



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## SAINT JAMES COMMUNION PRACTICE

### Distribution

Come forward via the central aisle.

Communion Distribution is offered by **intinction**.

Receive the host (bread/Jesus' body) in the hand, hold it and then **dip it** into the cup with wine (Jesus' blood). Or consume it and take an individual cup of wine (purple) or juice (golden).

A gluten free host is offered by saying "gluten free" to the pastor.

If you prefer to receive the sacrament in the pew, please let an usher know before worship that this is your preference.

Return to your place via the outside aisles for private prayer.

## DISTRIBUTION & DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

**CHOIR**      *In Adam We Have All Been One*      Carl Schalk  
**HYMN**      *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*      ELW 319

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*After all have  
communed  
STAND as  
indicated by the  
Presider.*

## SENDING

*Let us endeavor  
to put the  
traditional  
Lenten disciplines,  
prayer, fasting,  
and works of  
love, into practice  
that our words  
and deeds would  
reveal our Savior  
to the world.*

### SENDING PRAYER

Merciful God, renew in us the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, and fast from self-indulgence, that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**SENDING HYMN**      *Bless Now, O Lord, the Journey*      ELW 326

## DISMISSAL

Saved by faith and formed to serve in the name of Christ, go forth into the world to serve with gladness. Be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good; do not repay evil with evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*May this season  
be a time of  
spiritual renewal,  
that creates a  
greater sense of  
God's presence  
with each person  
and with this  
community.*

**POSTLUDE**      *Bless Now, O Lord, the Journey*      Walter L. Pelz

**FIRST LESSON****Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden," <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden," <sup>3</sup> but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> So 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. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*following the lesson*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 32**

Mer-cy em - brac - es those who trust in the Lord.

Why Happy are they whose transgressions <sup>1</sup> are forgiven,  
and whose sin is <sup>1</sup> put away!

<sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the LORD im- putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones with- ered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. *Refrain*

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye. *Refrain*

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup>Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. *Refrain*

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## SECOND LESSON      **Romans 5:12-19**

*Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

<sup>12</sup> Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

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

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

*following the lesson*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**HOLY GOSPEL**      **Matthew 4:1-11**

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

*before the Gospel*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying 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,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,  
'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*following the Gospel*

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## **Worship Leaders for February 22**

Assisting Minister: Joel Humphries  
Communion Assistant: Nancy Kopka  
Lector: Julie Humphries  
Altar Guild: Tracey Simpson  
Livestream: Lisa Shrader  
Ushers: Hank & Tracey Simpson

## **Worship Leaders for February 25 (6:30 PM)**

Candle Bearer: Emily Richardson  
Lector: Susan Allison  
Ushers: Susan & Dick Allison  
**Worship Leaders for March 1**  
Assisting Minister: Sue Stieber  
Communion Assistant: Barb Radtke  
Lector: Ray Radtke  
Altar Guild: Sue Carson & Mary Mathison  
Livestream: Susan Allison  
Ushers: Marcia & Mark Wilson

### **Offering Plates**

Saint James places offering plates at each entrance to the sanctuary. For more information about offerings, including electronic giving, see the bulletin. Thank you for your faithfulness in stewardship. Every contribution helps to support Saint James' mission and the proclamation of the gospel in the world. Find us on Zelle using: [giving@stjamesgp.org](mailto:giving@stjamesgp.org)

**Remember in Prayer** – Bob Rimbo - Nancy Gurs - Laura Blake - Russ Halleen - All deployed military and their families.

Contact *Emily Moellering* or *Pastor* to add a name to the Prayer List or to ask the Prayer Team to pray for a specific need.



**Coffee Hour** Please join us each Sunday after service for Coffee Hour in the Welcome Area (beyond the municipal parking lot doors near the nursery.) Grab a cup of coffee or juice and a goodie and enjoy some Christian fellowship.

**Got News?** Please send items. for inclusion in the Saturday email newsletter to Alicia Taub at [Ataub6886@comcast.net](mailto:Ataub6886@comcast.net) no later than Thursday at noon of that week. All items for the Sunday bulletin must be sent to Emily Richardson at [office@stjamesgp.org](mailto:office@stjamesgp.org) no later than Tuesday.

## **FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, February 22**

Lent 1  
Choir Sings  
11am: Holy Eucharist  
Fellowship immediately following worship

### **Monday, February 23**

Office Closed on Mondays  
4pm: Joyful Noise Children's Choir (at St. Paul)

### **Tuesday, February 24**

8am: Men's Club Chorus (Undercroft)  
9am-12pm: Office Hours  
12pm: Noon Eucharist (at St. Paul)  
1pm: Book Club (at Marie Zeller's home)

### **Wednesday, February 25**

9am-1pm: Office Hours | *Pastor Grant's Office Day*  
12pm: Noon Eucharist  
4pm: Handbells (Sanctuary)  
4:30pm: Choir (Music Room)  
5:30pm: Lenten Supper (Gathering Area)  
6:30pm: Vespers Service | 7:15pm: Bible Study (Sanctuary)

### **Thursday, February 26**

9am-12pm: Office Hours  
10am: Prayer Shawls

### **Sunday, March 1**

Lent 2  
11am: Holy Eucharist  
Fellowship immediately following worship

### **Monday, March 2**

Office Closed on Mondays  
4pm: Joyful Noise Children's Choir (at St. Paul)

### **Tuesday, March 3**

8am: Men's Club Chorus (Undercroft)  
9am-12pm: Office Hours  
12pm: Noon Eucharist (at St. Paul)

### **Wednesday, March 4**

9am-1pm: Office Hours | *Pastor Grant's Office Day*  
12pm: Noon Eucharist  
4pm: Handbells (Sanctuary)  
4:30pm: Choir (Music Room)  
5:30pm: Lenten Supper (at St. Paul)  
6:30pm: Vespers Service | 7:15pm: Bible Study (at St. Paul)

### **Thursday, March 5**

9am-12pm: Office Hours  
*March 11th Supper, Vespers & Bible Study will be at Saint James*

**LOOKING AHEAD:** March 8—DST Begins

**The Weekly Newsletter of Saint James Lutheran Church**  
**For the Week of February 22, 2026**



**BOOK CLUB** meets this month on **Tuesday, February 24 at 1 PM** at Marie Zeller's home. This month we will be discussing *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman.

**PRAYER SHAWLS** meets this month on **Thursday, February 26 at 10 AM** at Saint James in the second floor conference room. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join!

**LUTHER LEAGUE** The St. Paul youth group will be meeting next on **Sunday, March 15** for Dinner at **Gilbert's Lodge** and ice cream at **Wally's Frozen Custard** in St. Clair Shores. All Saint James youth and their friends are welcome to join! Please RSVP to Suzanne Powell by Saturday, March 14. Each youth attending will need a signed transportation and medical waiver. Parents are encouraged to attend if/when more drivers are attended. Please contact Suzanne with any questions, the office can provide her contact information.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** The next church council meeting will take place on **Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 PM** in the upstairs lounge. All members are welcome to attend any council meeting.

**LENT** On Wednesdays during Lent, join us at **12 PM** at Saint James for Eucharist weekly from **February 25 to March 25**. Midday services will also be available weekly at **St. Paul** on **Tuesdays at 12 PM** from **February 24– March 24**.

On Wednesday evenings we will host supper at **5:30 PM**, Vespers at **6:30 PM** and Bible Study at **7:15 PM**. We will alternate each week between Saint James and St. Paul for supper, Vespers, and bible study, beginning on **February 25** at **Saint James**. Feel free to attend any or all of Wednesday evening's events — there is no expectation to attend all 3. Please sign up for the suppers on the kiosk.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Volunteers are needed to furnish goodies - home baked or purchased - for the Sunday Coffee Hour. The sign-up sheet is found on the kiosk in the Welcome Area. Your help is much appreciated!

**FOOD PANTRY** Saint James supports the **Iroquois Food Pantry**. Nonperishable food items are needed to support the clients who come to the food pantry. Please take time to pick-up some nonperishable food items to share when grocery shopping this week. Most needed items: powdered milk, canned soup, stews and ready-to-eat meals. Place items on the shelves in the Welcome Area.



**SMALL CHANGE MINISTRY** We are continuing our Small Change Ministry for this quarter, with all proceeds going to **Mend on the Move**. Note: the Small Change Ministry can take contributions of any kind, not just change. So far, we have raised \$175 for this ministry -- thank you to all who have contributed!