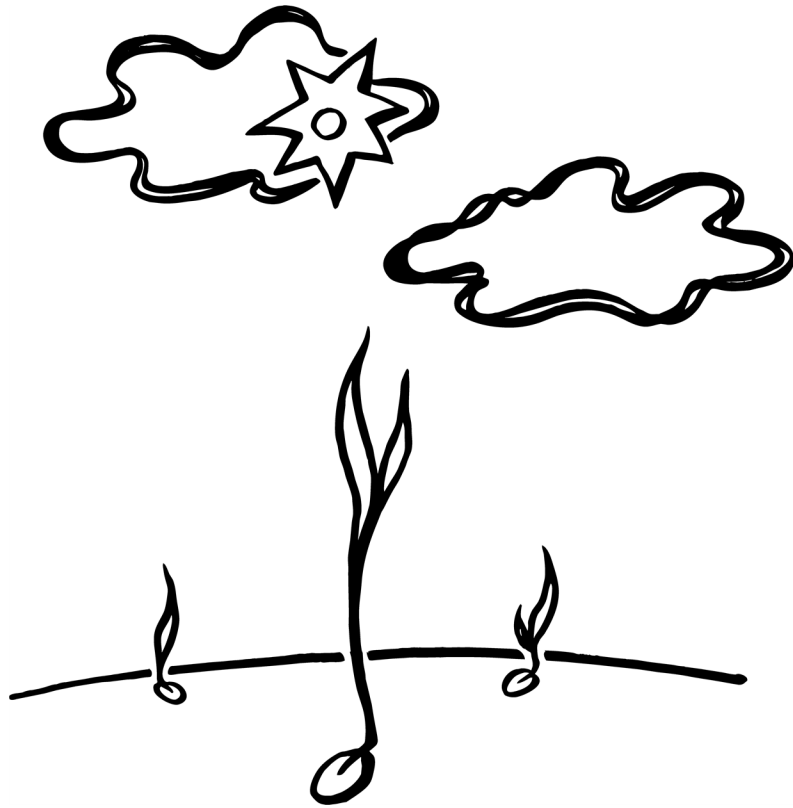


**St. James Lutheran Church**  
**5th Sunday of Lent**  
**March 17, 2024**



**St. James Lutheran Church**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

Guests, we are glad you have joined us today! If you would like to receive contact from St. James following this worship service, please fill out a card from the pew slot and put it in the offering plate. Thank you!

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

*The assembly rises in body or spirit*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

**C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**


**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

We let hurts grow into hatred.  
For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.  
**Amen.**

P: Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.  
**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN ELW 328 *Restore in Us, O God***



1

Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -

2


O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from

3

Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -

4

Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.

fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.

tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.

we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated*

## WORD

### **FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALMODY Psalm 51:1-12 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother’s womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

### **SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

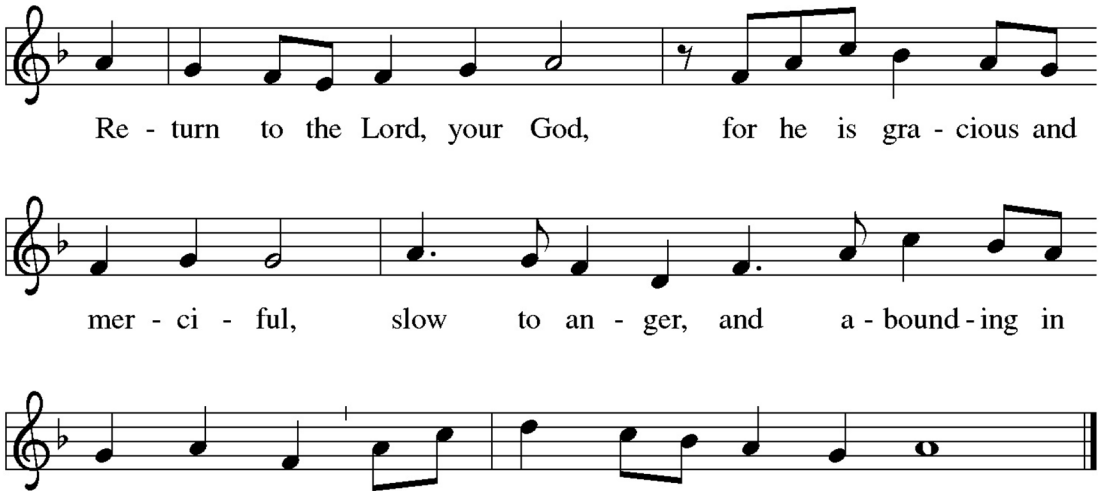
<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly rises in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**GOSPEL**

P: The holy gospel according to **John 12:20-33**  
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said,

“An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated*

**SERMON**

“Courage to face your cross”

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

*The assembly rises in body or spirit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** **ELW 666** *What Wonderful Love is This*



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*Greet one another by shaking hands or with a word or sign of Christ's peace.*

*The assembly is seated*

## PRAYER

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A: God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. We pray for any who are ill, especially **Bev, LaVonne, Sherry, Frieda, Lynn, Kelly, Sandy, Paul, Jeanne, Tom, Bert, Maggie, Barry, Amy, Kelly, Serece, Drew, Lonnie, Janet, Ted, Phil, Brad, Larisa, Michelle, Jason, Karen, and Jon.** Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. We pray for those who serve in the Armed Forces and their families. Especially, **Brandon and Eli.** Grant to them safety, courage, and your ever-abiding presence. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family especially **Tom Stott's family**. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## MEAL

**OFFERING** *your offering may be placed in the plate as it is passed. We thank all who support God's ministry here and in the world.*

*Stand as the offering is presented at the rail.*

**OFFERTORY** *Create in Me a Clean Heart*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

**C: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

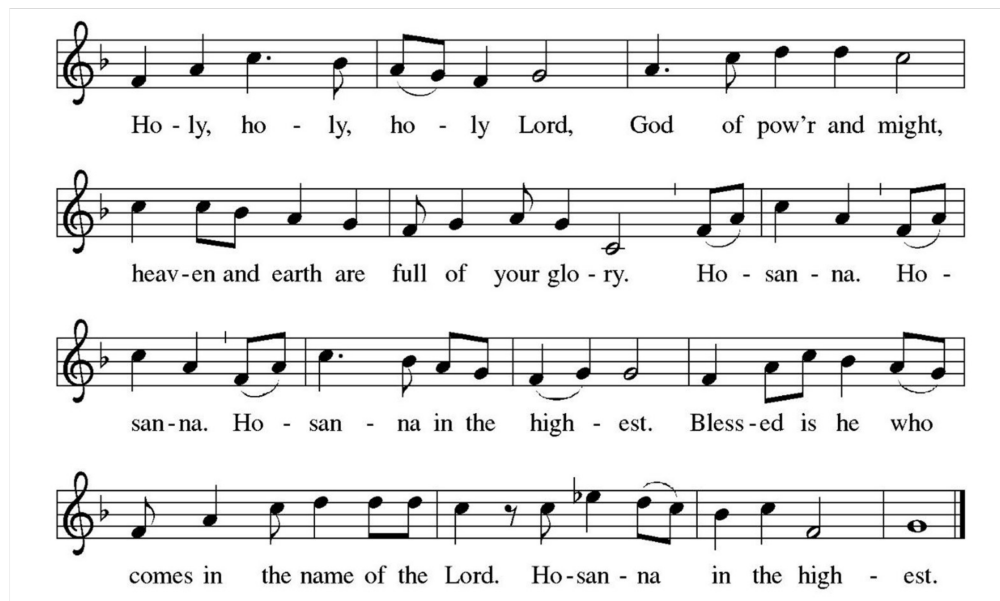
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our savior, Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



P: In the night he was betrayed  
 Our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,  
 Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 And gave it for all to drink, saying,  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, At the table, And to the end,  
 We proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P. We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
 In our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.  
 Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, Through Christ Jesus,  
 By your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**C: Amen.**

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

**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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Bread for the journey.

A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

**C: Thanks be to God**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Come, for Christ invites you. Communion today will be distributed at the altar rail (please stand or kneel, as you are comfortable), the ushers will direct you forward to receive the bread (which is gluten-free) and cup either wine (red) or grape juice (white). For those who prefer, pre-packaged communion elements are available as you enter the worship space.*

**Hymn: Lamb of God**

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.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four lines of music. The first line ends with a half note, the second with a half note, the third with a half note, and the fourth with a full note. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**Hymn ELW 315 *How Good, Lord, To Be Here!***


1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;

your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor-rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes-sen-gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re-demp-tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.


The musical score is written on two staves, a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first system contains five lines of music corresponding to the five verses of the hymn. The second system contains two lines of music for the concluding verse. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.



**Hymn ELW 473 *Holy, Holy, Holy* (sing 3 times)**



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te\_a - do - ra.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to\_e-res Se - ñor.  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

*The assembly rises in body or spirit.*

**BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.

**C: Amen**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray.

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.

As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**C: Amen**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**BLESSING**


P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.


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

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN ELW 545 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing***



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel’s joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
 Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

P: Go in peace. Be faithful in prayer.  
 C: Thanks be to God.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Donations are needed for Easter Candy to fill eggs for the Easter Egg hunt. Please place your donation in the box in the Narthex.
- There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for the Easter Brunch. The brunch will be at 9 AM on Easter.
- We invite all kids to join in the Palm Sunday Procession on Sunday, March 24th. Meet in the Narthex at 8:50 AM and follow Bryce as he enters into the church. The children will be waving palm branches in remembrance of the triumphal day that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while the people shouted, “Hosanna in the Highest.”
- On Palm Sunday after the Sunday morning service there will be a short training for any children interested in becoming acolytes during our Saturday night or Sunday morning services. Our target age range is 7-10 years old (give or take a year on either end). Please contact the office by phone (563-355-4161) or by email ([stjamesbett@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesbett@gmail.com)) if you have any questions!

- REMINDER - Easter Service will be held at 10 AM as our Brunch will be held at 9 AM and our Egg Hunt for the children will be held at 11:15.
- Beginning in April, Sunday school will take place DURING our worship service. The children will be dismissed after the Prayer of the Day and will be brought back after the Prayers of Intercession to join their families for Holy Communion.
- Mark your calendar for our Kickoff to Summer Event on Saturday, June 1st, immediately following the Saturday evening service. The event will begin at 6 PM. More details to come.
- The Christian Ed Committee is looking for volunteers to help with this year’s Backyard Bible Club. Please contact Angie Schmidt at 563-570-4928 or Mandy Peters-Speidel at 563-370-8262 if you would like to participate.
- We have reached our goal to raise money for our new tables and chairs. Yay! Thank you to everyone who so generously gave toward this project.

- SWANSON SCHOLARSHIP: Any High School Senior church member that would like to be considered for the Swanson Scholarship should contact the church office for an application. All applications need to be submitted for consideration by March 31, 2024. The Swanson Scholarship Committee will review all applications and contact each applicant. If you have any questions please reach out to Holly Garcia (563-508-6673 or [garciaholly3@gmail.com](mailto:garciaholly3@gmail.com)).
- Lenten Meal Committee Hosts  
 Wed, Mar 20 - 5:45 PM Lenten Meal Hosts: Fellowship, WELCA
- We livestream our services on YouTube each week to help us worship together and stay connected even when we are not at full health. Please take advantage of that option if you need it - even if it's just for one Sunday!

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzjqnGF4g\\_QWtn\\_I2Sqpl5Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzjqnGF4g_QWtn_I2Sqpl5Q)

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| Attendance last week: | Saturday Service | 48 |         |   |
|                       | Sunday Service   | 43 | YouTube | 4 |

This week’s birthday:  
 March 20                      Kristen Wendell

| <u>On the Calendar</u>   |   |
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| <b>Sunday, March 17</b><br>9 AM                                | Worship with Holy Communion   |
| <b>Tuesday, March 19</b><br>1:00 PM                            | Sarah Circle  |
| <b>Wednesday, March 20</b><br>6-8 PM<br>5:45-6:45 PM<br>7 PM   | St. James Food Pantry<br>Lenten Supper<br>Lenten Service - Holden Evening Prayer                      |
| <b>Thursday, March 21</b><br>9-11 AM<br>11:30 AM               | St. James Food Pantry<br>St. James GANG   |
| <b>Saturday, March 23</b><br>5 PM                              | Saturday Evening Service  |
| <b>Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday</b><br>8:50 AM<br>9 AM       | Children gather for Palm Procession<br>Worship with Holy Communion                                    |
| <b>Monday, March 25</b><br>9:30 AM                             | Monday Morning Fellowship on ZOOM   |
| <b>Tuesday, March 26</b><br>12-4 PM                            | Quilting  |
| <b>Wednesday, March 27</b><br>6-8 PM                           | St. James Food Pantry   |
| <b>Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday</b><br>9-11 AM<br>7 PM | St. James Food Pantry<br>Maundy Thursday Service  |
| <b>Friday, March 29 - Good Friday</b><br>1:00 PM               | Good Friday Service   |
| <b>Saturday, March 30</b>                                      | NO Saturday Evening Service   |
| <b>Sunday, March 31</b><br>9 AM<br>10 AM<br>11:15 AM           | Easter Brunch for the whole family<br>Easter Service with Holy Communion<br>Egg Hunt for the children |

| <u>Worship Assistants</u>  |  |
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| <b>March 17</b><br>Presider<br>Assisting Minister<br>Ushers<br>YouTube Assistant<br>Altar Guild<br>Counters                  | <b>9:00 AM Worship</b><br>Bryce Hewlett, SAM<br>Mary Meumann<br>Maddie Schmidt & Diana Worley<br>Deb Crooks<br>Mary Meumann & Audrey Lovell<br>Mandy & Brandon Speidel |
| <b>March 20</b><br>Presider<br>Assisting Minister<br>Usher<br>YouTube Assistant<br>Altar Guild<br>Counters                   | <b>7:00 PM Service</b><br>Bryce Hewlett, SAM<br>N/A<br>Fritz Voss<br>Deb Crooks<br>N/A<br>N/A  |
| <b>March 24 - Palm Sunday</b><br>Presider<br>Assisting Minister<br>Ushers<br>YouTube Assistant<br>Altar Guild<br>Counters    | <b>9:00 AM Worship</b><br>Bryce Hewlett, SAM<br>Ann Larson<br>Kelly Crooks & Caroline Hicks<br>Deb Crooks<br>Mary Meumann & Audrey Lovell<br>Mandy & Brandon Speidel   |
| <b>March 28 - Maundy Thursday</b><br>Presider<br>Assisting Minister<br>Usher<br>YouTube Assistant<br>Altar Guild<br>Counters | <b>7:00 PM Service</b><br>Bryce Hewlett, SAM<br>Pat Larson<br>Shirley Richlen & Ann Larson<br>Deb Crooks<br>Mary Meumann<br>N/A  |

## **Prayers for Healing and Support**

### **Congregational Members**

**Bev** Chappen, **LaVonne** Mienke, **Sherry** Germanio, **Frieda** Houldsworth,  
**Lynn** Chamberlain, **Kelly** Wainwright, **Sandy** Henry,  
**Paul** Jones, **Jeanne** Peters, **Tom** Sladky, **Bert** Leder, **Maggie** Bayliss

### **Family and Friends**

**Barry** (cousin of Ellen Hogbin), **Amy** (friend of Jenny Martin),  
**Kelly** (Jennifer's sister), **Serece** (Pat Larson's cousin),  
**Drew** (Pat Larson's friend), **Lonnie** (son of Roberta Leder),  
**Janet and Ted** (Maggie Bayliss' sister & brother-in-law),  
**Phil** (Steve Miller and Pat Sorensen's brother),  
**Brad** (Shirley Wait's son-in-law), **Karen** (Pat Larson's sister),  
**Larisa** (Sandy Henry's granddaughter), **Michelle** (friend of Ellen Hogbin),  
**Jason** (Lynn Chamberlain & Sherry Germanio's son),  
**Jon** (Joleen Bakken's nephew)

### **Military Personnel**

Lt. Col. **Brandon** Sandoval USAF, (Pat Larson's grandson)  
1st Lt. **Eli** Smith (Jerry and Myrna Mattly's grandson)

### **In Memorium**

**Tom Stott** (former congregational member)

*If you have anyone who needs to be taken off or added, please notify the church office.*

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