



## **St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**Ministers: The People of St. James Lutheran Church**

**Interim: Pastor Randy Kaminska**

**Organists: Jennifer Parris and Janet Galvano**

**Choir Director: Ann Clingersmith**

**Worship Director: Lianda Waugaman**

**Worship is Sunday 8:15am, 10:45am and 6:00pm**

**OUR MISSION: We are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus through worship, witness, and ministry to our members and community**

***WELCOME:*** Brothers and sisters in Christ, grace and peace be to you as we join in worship. Welcome.

*If you are visiting and you have no church of your own, we invite you to make this your church home, but above all, we invite you to come and worship with us at any time.*

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**Lent 2**  
Sunday, February 28, 2021

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Prelude (*please stand when indicated by \**)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Confession & Absolution p. 73

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Time for silent reflection)*

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Most merciful God, you have given your Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all. **C: Amen**

### **HYMN #138: In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

1 In the cross of Christ I  
glory, Tow'ring o'er the  
wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head  
sublime.

2 When the woes of life  
o'ertake me, Hopes  
deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross  
forsake me; Lo, it glows  
with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is  
beaming Light and love  
upon my way,  
From the cross the  
radiance streaming Adds  
more luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain  
and pleasure, By the cross  
are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows  
no measure, Joys that  
through all time abide.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

\* Kyrie

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P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

♪ **C: Lord, Have mercy upon us.**

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

♪ **C: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

♪ **C: Lord, Have mercy upon us.**

\* Gloria in Excelsis (*"Glory be to God on high..."*) p. 75-76  
Glory be to God on High! ♪ **And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory, O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of the father, have mercy on us. For you are holy; you only are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

\* Salutation

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And with your spirit.**

Prayer of the Day

Eternal and Immortal God, **only you are able to transform the hopelessness of a shameful death into the hope and promise of eternal life. Show us the way to stand firm in the promise of eternal life through all of life's trials and tragedies; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

**First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty;

walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” <sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

### **Psalm 22: 22-30\***

<sup>22</sup>Praise the Lord, you that fear him;\*

stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob’s line, give glory.

**<sup>23</sup>For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them;\* but when they cry to him he hears them.**

<sup>24</sup>My praise is of him in the great assembly;\*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

**<sup>25</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:\***

**“May your heart live forever!”**

<sup>26</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,\*

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

<sup>27</sup>**For kingship belongs to the Lord;\***  
**he rules over the nations.**

<sup>28</sup>To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;\*

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

<sup>29</sup>**My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;\***

**they shall be known as the Lord's forever.**

<sup>30</sup>They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn\*

the saving deeds that he has done.

## **Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now

been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### \*Lenten Verse

Christ has hum - bled him - self, and be - come o - be - dient  
un - to death: even the death of the Cross.

### \* Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

#### ♪ Glory be to you, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. <sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him

aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” <sup>34</sup>And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his soul? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” **♪ C: Praise be to you, Christ**

\*Apostles’ Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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. Amen.**

## Children's message

**Sermon by: Pastor Randy Kaminska**

### **Hymn#252 Beautiful Savior**

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

**MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Please be seated)

**OFFERING:** As a guest or visitor, we acknowledge your presence as the only offering expected today.

\* Offering Song

♪ **Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong", Let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.**

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for all that we have: ourselves, our time and our treasures, all that first belonged to you and has been gifted to us, your children. Accept our offerings as a sign of our devotion to you, and make us truly grateful for the many gifts we have received. In Jesus' holy name we pray. **C: Amen**

\* Prayer of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, be merciful to all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory. **Amen**

**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**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

**HYMN #243: My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt  
away,

Oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

2 May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire; As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
love to thee

Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me  
spread,  
Be thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's  
tears away,

Nor let me ever stray From thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold,  
sullen stream

Shall o'er me roll; Blest Savior, then, in love Fear and  
distrust remove;

Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

P: Go in peace serve the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

Postlude

*Enter to Worship – Exit to Serve*  
*Please exit pew by pew*  
*Please maintain social distancing and wear a mask.*

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-25

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Early: 34, Late: 32, Night: 10, Online:45

### **Announcements**

**In the event of church closing due to the weather please tune to channel 2 or 4.**

**Due to the recent spike in Covid-19**, we are requesting that member wear their masks while entering and exiting the building AND while singing. This is to ensure the health and safety of our congregation and community.

**The 2021 offering envelopes & 2020 contribution reports are ready to be picked up on the table by the Gray room.**

**The quarterly congregation will be on Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the fellowship hall. If you have any agenda items, please contact Ted or Duane.**

**6:00pm Service:** Please feel free of bring your friends and family to our 6pm worship on Sunday nights. We don't have as many people attending this service, so there is plenty of room to spread out during the covid pandemic.

**We would like each family to take a turn to help beautiful our altar with flowers.** They can be as simple as a vase of flowers or an arrangement. Fresh or silk it does not matter. Please text or call JANE MILLEVILLE (310-4009) to set up the Sunday you would like to reserve.

**A message from the Call Committee:** the congregational survey has been mailed to each member and is also available at our website. The deadline is TODAY: paper surveys can be mailed back or placed in the survey box found on the table in the North wing hallway. We encourage your participation!

**As we struggle through this pandemic,** it is important that we remember those in our congregation that may need our assistance. Besides our prayers, if you know of any family that may require financial assistance, please let Pastor Randy know. All names will be kept confidential.

January financial report:

General: \$14,761

Benevolence: \$1055

Capital Improvements: \$505

**Beer lovers unite!** Give your taste buds a unique and exciting experience! For \$49 join us and a Master Brewer from Community Beer Works on Thursday, March 11th for an evening of fun you won't want to miss! Includes six beers (three flagship and three seasonal), house-made chips, and beer cheese. Register at [www.wnylutherancharities.org](http://www.wnylutherancharities.org).

**Serving in God's House Today:**

Trustee: Dave Milleville  
Reader: E-Donna Driess L-Pam DeVantier  
Acolyte: Early: Kiera Dysard Late: David Nemi  
ORGANIST: Janet Galvano  
Coffee Hour: Cancelled

**Serving in God's House Next Week:**

TRUSTEE: Chris Schimschack  
READER: Early: Beth Wruck Late: Bob Grdiner  
ACOLYTE: Early: Volunteer Needed Late: Joshua  
Haseley  
ALTAR CARE: Fredric and Pam DeVantier  
COMM. ASSIST.: Early: Donna Driess  
Late: Margaret Whittmeyer  
ORGANIST: Jennifer Parris  
Coffee Hour: Cancelled

**This Week at St. James February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday:**

8:15 & 10:45 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
6pm Worship

**Monday: Office Closed**

**Tuesday: Office Closed**

**Wednesday: Office 9-2**

9:30 Text Study  
7pm Lenten Service

**Thursday: Office 9:30- 2:30**

7pm Text Study

**Friday: Office 9:30-2:30**

**Saturday: Office Closed**

**Next Sunday:**

8:15 & 10:45 Communion  
9:30 Sunday School  
6pm Worship

**The alter flowers are placed to the Glory of God in honor of John & Kathy Miskey's 45th wedding anniversary by their family.**

**American Legion Post 1451- Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ drive thru and take out, Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup> 11:30-3:30 or until sold out. \$11 per dinner. More info on the bulletin board.**

# Sermon Notes

Theme of Sermon: \_\_\_\_\_

Key Scripture(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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## QUESTIONS:

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How will I apply this to my life? : \_\_\_\_\_

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All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16