



Lent 2025

Saint James Lutheran Church – Johnston, Iowa
We're glad you're here and hope you will come again!

Confession and Forgiveness *All may make the sign of the cross.*
Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One, **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

March 8/9	#333 – Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land
March 15/16	#597 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
March 22/23	#445 – Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
March 29/30	#807 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
April 5/6	#1038 – God We Gather as Your People

Greeting The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day – see weekly insert

Children’s Sermon

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Lesson(s) – see weekly insert

Lenten Acclamation



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



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Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



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Gospel

Before: The Holy Gospel according to St Luke. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

March 8/9	#696 – Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult
March 15/16	#613 – Thy Holy Wings
March 22/23	#779 – Amazing Grace
March 29/30	#623 – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
April 5/6	#608 – Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

The Creed

Let us confess our shared faith in the words of the 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 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.**

Prayers of Intercession – see weekly insert

Peace

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

Offering

An offering is collected.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:



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

In the night in which 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.

Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. We receive communion by intinction (i.e. dipping the wafer into the cup). Please use a little Purell on your hands before coming forward.

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, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn

- March 8/9 #325 – I Want Jesus to Walk with me
- March 15/16 #188 – Create in Me a Clean Heart
- March 22/23 #1038 – God We Gather as Your People
- March 29/30 #474 – Bread of Life from Heaven
- April 5/6 #466 – In the Singing

SENDING

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

Announcements

Post Communion Prayer

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

March 8/9	#768 – Lead Me, Guide Me
March 15/16	#705 – God of Grace and God of Glory
March 22/23	#618 – Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer
March 29/30	#763 – My Life Flows on in Endless Song
April 5/6	#324 – In the Cross of Christ I Glory

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!