



Sundays of Lent 2024

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

GATHERING

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, 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.

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. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

Feb 17/18	#532 – Gather Us In
Feb 24/25	#796 – How Firm a Foundation
March 2/3	#526 – God is Here
March 9/10	#698 – How Long, O God
March 16/17	#343 – My Song is Love Unknown Vss 1,2,5,6
March 23/24	#344 – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

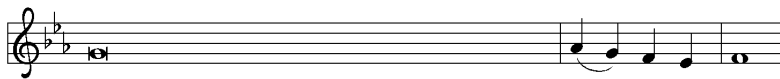
Greeting The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



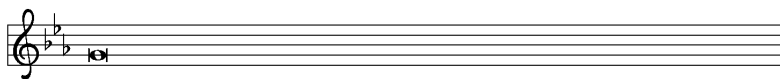
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



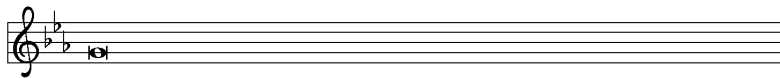
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Prayer of the Day

Please be seated.

Children's Sermon

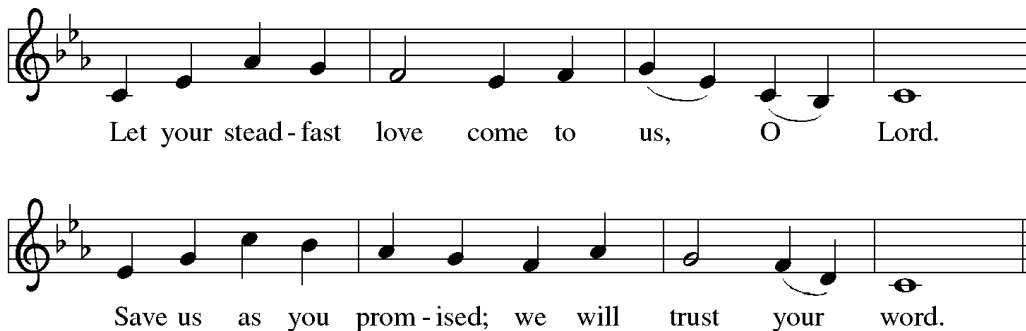
WORD

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

Lesson(s)

Please stand as you are able.

Acclamation for the Season of Lent



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

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

The Good News

*Before reading: The Holy Gospel according to Saint... **Glory to You, O Lord.***

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please stand as you are able.

Song of the Day

Feb 17/18	#613 – Thy Holy Wings
Feb 24/25	#633 – We've Come This Far by Faith
March 2/3	#723 – Canticle of the Turning
March 9/10	#779 – Amazing Grace
March 16/17	#793 – Be Thou My Vision
March 23/24	#838 – Beautiful Savior

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Let us confess our 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.

Prayers for the World

Peace

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

We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with one another. Please be seated.

The Offering. *We collect an offering for the mission of the church.*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please stand as you are able.

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-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
 Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
 Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
 Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
 Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
 to the land of milk and honey.
 Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
 Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
 Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

This is bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Please be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's table. During Lent we receive communion by intinction (i.e. dipping the wafer into the cup) at the rail where you are invited to kneel or stand. Please use a little Purell on your hands before coming forward. For those who would prefer not to dip their wafer, you may be assured that the crucified and risen Christ is fully present for you in, with and under one element.

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, grant us peace.

Communion Song

Feb 17/18 #325 – I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Feb 24/25 #188 – Create in Me a Clean Heart

March 2/3 #856 – How Great Thou Art

March 9/10 #484 – You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

March 16/17 #465 – As the Grains of Wheat

March 23/24 #350 – They Crucified My Lord

SENDING

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

Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer

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. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Feb 17/18	#504 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Feb 24/25	#798 – Will You Come and Follow Me
March 2/3	#705 – God of Grace and God of Glory
March 9/10	#660 – Lift High the Cross
March 16/17	#545 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
March 23/24	#342 – There in God's Garden

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.