



St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship is Sunday 9:15am

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

WELCOME: Welcome to worship. May God's Word help us each see something or someone in a new way today.

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.

HYMN #44: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now, Our hearts in true devotion bow,
Thy Spirit send with light divine, And let thy truth within us shine.

2 Unseal our lips to sing thy praise, Our souls to thee in worship raise,
Our faith increase, our minds enlight, That we may know thy name aright.

3 Until we join the hosts that cry, "Thou holy art, O Lord Most High!"
And 'mid the light of that blest place Shall gaze upon thee face to face.

4 All glory to the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise throughout eternity!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the power of
the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

* Kyrie p. 74

♪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 God, 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

Holy One, you give sight to the blind and life to those who trust in your Son. May the light of your Christ pierce through our blindness and open us to your way of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Psalm 142

¹I cry to the LORD with my voice;*

to the LORD I make loud supplication.

**²I pour out my complaint before him*
and tell him all my trouble.**

³When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path;*
in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

**⁴I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me;*
I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.**

⁵I cry out to you, O LORD;*

I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

**⁶Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low;*
save me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.**

⁷Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name;*

when you have dealt bountifully with me, the righteous will gather around me.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸... {F}or at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

***Lenten Verse pg.78**

Christ has hum - bled him - self, and be - come o - be - dient

un - to death: even the death of the Cross.

*** Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41**

♪ Glory be to you, O Lord.

¹As {Jesus} passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received

my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “For

judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?”⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

♪ **C: Praise be to you, Christ**

*** Nicene Creed:**

Let us profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and our salvation, He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon by: Pastor Randy Kaminska

Hymn #199: Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise, Than when we'd first begun.

Morning Announcements

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

* Offering and Offering Song

♪ **We give Thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

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. 82-83

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**

* Prefaces & Sanctus p. 86-88

♪P: The Lord be with you.

♪**C: And with your spirit.**

♪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 him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord holy Father, almighty everlasting God: You call your people to repent of sin and prepare for the joy of the paschal feast. Renew us in faith and holiness and bring us into the fulness of your grace and truth that belongs to the children of God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name; evermore praising you, and singing:

♪ **C: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of Pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

* Lord's Prayer & Words of Institution p. 90

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

P: 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.

Agnus Dei & Distribution of Communion p. 91

♪ **C: O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: grant us peace, Amen.**

Hymn #83: Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,

With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (*refrain*)

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees. (*refrain*)

Hymn #149: O Sacred Head Now Wounded

1 O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, thine only crown.
O sacred head, what glory, What bliss till now was thine
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

2 How art thou pale with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish Which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter Passion, Were all for sinner's gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But thine the deadly pain.

3 What language shall I borrow To thank thee, dearest friend,
For this, thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
Oh make me thine forever, And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love to thee.

4 Be near me when I'm dying, O show thy cross to me;
On thee I am relying, Come thou and set me free.
These eyes new faith receiving, From thee shall never move;
For those who die believing Die safely in thy love.

Hymn #187: Chief Of Sinners Though I Be

1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am his, and he is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love!
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity.
Love that found me--wondrous thought
Found me when I sought him not.

3 Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is All in All to me;
All my wants to him are known,
All my sorrows are his own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with him from earthly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford
By your Spirit and your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
When I live and when I die.

Hymn #219: Jesus Lover of My Soul

1 Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters flow, While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!

2 Other refuge have I none; Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah, leave me not alone, Still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed; All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head With the shadow of thy wing.

3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick and lead the blind!
Just and holy is thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

4 Plenteous grace with thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound, Make and keep me pure within;
Thou of life the fountain art, Freely let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart! Rise to all eternity!

Hymn #133: Ah Holy Jesus

1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.

4 For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter Passion, For my salvation.

5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, Not my deserving

Nunc Dimittus (*“Lord, now let your servant depart...”*)

**C: Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,
According to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,
Which you have prepared before the face of all people: A light to
lighten the Gentiles And the glory of your people Israel. Glory be
to the Father, and to the Son, And the Holy Spirit, As it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this your salutary gift; and we ask you in your mercy to strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **C: 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 #53: Go, My Children

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing—you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you;
here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude *Enter to Worship – Exit to Serve*

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:1-11; John 11:1-45 [46-53]

Serving in God's House Today:

Trustee: Dave Milleville Reader: Judy DeVantier
Altar Care: Margaret Wittmeyer and Laurie Schmidt
Comm. Asst: Margaret Wittmeyer
Acolyte: Avery Antonelli Organist: Janet Galvano

Serving in God's House Next Week:

Trustee: Chris Schimschack Reader: Pam DeVantier
Acolyte: Brayden Milleville
Accompanist: Lianda Waugaman

This Week at St. James March 19th – March 26th

Sunday:

7pm Lenten Service

8am Bible Study
9:15 Communion
10:30 Sunday School
10:30 Bible Study

Thursday: Office Closed

7pm Text Study

Friday: Office 9-2

Monday: Office Closed

Tuesday: Office closed
7pm Women's bible Study

Saturday: Office Closed

Next Sunday:

Wednesday: Office 9-2

9:30 Text Study
6pm Soup and Sandwich

9:15 Worship
10:30 Sunday School
10:30 Bible Study

Announcements

First Communion Classes will be on Saturday March 25th and April 1st from 9am -11:30am. A signup sheet is on the table outside the meeting room. Contact Pastor Randy for more information.

Save the date! St. James will be holding two AED/ CPR training sessions on the evening of March 13th and the morning of the 25th. Training will cover AED/adult, children, and infant CPR/choking and opioid overdose. A big thank you to Dustin Kowalik for recommending ActionCPR to us! ActionCPR requires a minimum of 6 people with a maximum of 20. A signup sheet is on the tables in the north wing. Further information on the exact times and cost will be provided soon. Any questions please feel free to contact Maureen Milleville in person or via 716-465-3724.

Lutheran World Relief Personal & Baby Care Kits

we will *begin collecting items for both the Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits like we did last year.* Please keep this ½ sheet someplace handy so you know what we will be collecting each week. If you have any questions please see Lori Haseley or Jane Milleville. We will need help to assemble the kits sometime after Easter (watch for more info to come). Thank you!

Week #3 (March 19th)

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)

4 Cloth Diapers (flat fold)

NO TOOTHPASTE

Week #4 (March 26th)

Adult Size Comb

2 lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies) or 2 Long or Short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) (All sizes between 6 and 24 months)

Week #5 (April 2nd)

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)

1 Jacket or Sweatshirt with a hood, or (All sizes between 6 and 24 months) and or **2 pairs of baby socks**

Breakfast With The Bunny will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 453 Old Falls Blvd., NT. on Sat. March 25 from 10:00am-12:00pm. There will be a breakfast, Easter egg hunt, crafts, games and more. Please see the flyer that is posted here at church for more information. We hope to see you there!

Save the Date: Please join us in filling a table to support Young Life Buffalo North Annual Fundraising Banquet, Thursday, March 30, 6:15p - 8:45p, Classics V Banquet Hall, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst. Young Life informational evening includes dinner, Youth testimonies, free will offering. Contact Judy DeVantier to reserve your seat 716 418-3050. Please inform me of dietary restrictions. Thank you!

Wild game & fish fry dinner tickets will be on sale after services. Please contact Brad Milleville (716) 940-0727 or Matt Milleville(716) 812-7774 for any questions or inquires on tickets. \$30 a ticket for April 1, 2023. Start time is 5:30pm. Thank you

Let Us Remember in Our Prayers (*Denotes a St. James Member)

*Roger Siegmann *Julia Camidge *William Rafter Sr.
*Dale DeVantier *Lee Milleville (Surgery)
*Bill Salisbury (Surgery on Feb. 15th)
Hayden Brown (*Rhianna Brown's Daughter)
Jack Schroeder Wende Schimschack Lori Burgen Kim Wagner
Larry Edwards (cancer) -Friend of Brittani Milleville
Kirk Zinkievich (heart & back issues) friend of Milleville farm family
Cassie Stumpf (cancer)

Continuing Concerns:

*Albert Wienke *Judy Schoelles *Mark Voelker
*Sandy Schultz *Joanne Witjes *Morrie Johnson
Ralph Chapin (Brother of Marshal Chapin)
Sabine Miskey Mary Ann Richter – (family of Joann Witjes)
Greg Milleville (Nephew of Carol Moll)
Beverly Boczon (Joanne Witjes' cousin)

Also Remember in Our Prayers

- Stephens Ministry
- "Young Life" - youth evangelism & discipleship at North Tonawanda, Niagara Wheatfield & Starpoint High Schools.
- All Emergency Services personnel, Scott Milleville, Michael Jon DeVantier, and David Nedell. School staff and Students
-The members of our armed forces, Edmond Moloney (South Carolina), Eric Graca (Okinawa), Michael Coulter (Korea) Joshua Drasgow (Washington), Justin DeVantier (Niagara Falls).