



St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Choir Director: Ann Clingersmith

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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: We gather at the well of worship, where Jesus, our Living Water, quenches our thirst for love, life, hope, peace. 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.

Lent 3

Sunday, March 12, 2023

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 #227: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee; May I still thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts above.

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 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, 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 are the fountain of living water. Stir within us a renewed sense of the gift of your mercy, given through your grace in the waters of baptism. Give us this living water always; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Psalm 95:1-9

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**²Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving*
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

³For the LORD is a great God,*
and a great King above all gods.

**⁴In his hand are the caverns of the earth,*
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

⁵The sea is his, for he made it,*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

**⁶Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,*
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**⁸Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness,*
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.**

⁹They put me to the test,*
though they had seen my works.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through 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. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

***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: John 4:5-30, 39-42**

♪ Glory be to you, O Lord.

⁵So {Jesus} came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." ²⁷Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹"Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

♪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

Hymn#226: Rock of Ages

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; Save me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labor of my hands Can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hands I bring; Simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress; Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.

Sermon by: Pastor Randy Kaminska

Hymn#192: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand,

2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. (*refrain*)

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood Sustain me in the raging flood;
When all supports are washed away. He then is all my hope and stay.
(*refrain*)

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before the
throne! (*refrain*)

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 #221: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty, Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more,.

2 Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliv'rer, Strong deliv'rer.
Be thou still my strength and shield, Be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee. I will ever give to thee.

P: Go in peace serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Enter to Worship – Exit to Serve

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 42:14-21; Psalm 142; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Serving in God's House Today:

Trustee: Dave Antonelli Reader: Stephanie Camidge
Acolyte: Mikayla Schoelles
Organist: Janet Galvano

Serving in God's House Next Week:

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

This Week at St. James March 12th- March 19th

Sunday:

7pm Lenten Service

9:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

10:30 Bible Study

10:30 Congregation Meeting

Monday: Office Closed

Tuesday: Office closed

8-10 Food Collection

7pm Elder's Meeting

Wednesday: Office Closed

9:30 Text Study

6pm Soup and Sandwich meal

Thursday: Office Closed

7pm Text Study

Friday: Office closed

Saturday: Office Closed

10am Easter Egg Hunt

Next Sunday:

9:15 Communion

10:30 Sunday School

10:30 Bible Study

Announcements

Congregational Meeting scheduled for Sunday March 12 after service.

The main topic is the purchase of the St. Paul cemetery on Rohr Street and Purchase of Altar Paraments.

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us TODAY in the Fellowship Hall following worship service & in conjunction with the March Congregational Meeting 10:30a. Bring your appetite!

Volunteers needed for Wednesday Lenten Suppers in March. See sign up sheet.

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. ActionCPR requires a minimum of 6 people with a maximum of 20. A signup sheet is on the tables in the north wing. Any questions please feel free to contact Maureen Milleville in person or via 716-465-3724.

Brittani will be out of the office from March 2nd until March 20th. Any announcements during that time will need to be in by this Wednesday 3/1, first thing in the morning. If anything needs announced during that time, it will have to be announced during church service.

The St. James Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 10:00 am. Please note that this is three weeks before Easter so help spread the word! Liz Antonelli and Kelly Milleville graciously agreed to Co-Chair the event again! Please consider donating candy, toys, baskets, etc. Any items can be left on the tables in front of the Gray Room. We will need help stuffing eggs and setting up tables, etc. Thursday and/or Friday evenings March 16th/17th in the Fellowship Hall Meeting Room. Please check the calendar for the specific times. Many hands make light the work! Thank you in advance to all who contribute! We also would appreciate the help of any of our young adults, confirmation age and older. Looking forward to seeing everyone 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!

HSNGSWNY - Historical Society of North German Settlements In Western New York is hosting the following presentations at the **Wheatfield Community Center** 2790 Church Rd, North Tonawanda, NY 14120.
March 16, 2023 7PM. Greg Kinal; "How to Spice Up Your Family Tree".

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

**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 #2 (March 12th)

1 Bath towel (light-weight, size between 20"x40" to 52"x27, dark color recommended).

1 hand towel (dark color) and or **2 receiving blankets** (between 36" and 52" square)(I have been sewing blankets so if you want you can go and buy 1 1/4yds of flannel)

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!

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 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).

Sermon Notes

Theme of Sermon: _____

Key Scripture(s): _____

Notes: _____

QUESTIONS:

How will I apply this to my life? : _____

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

2 Timothy 3:16