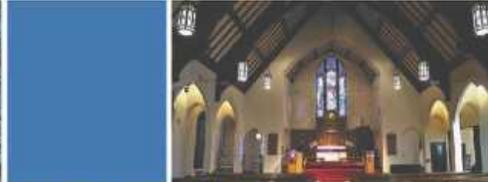


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The First Sunday in Lent

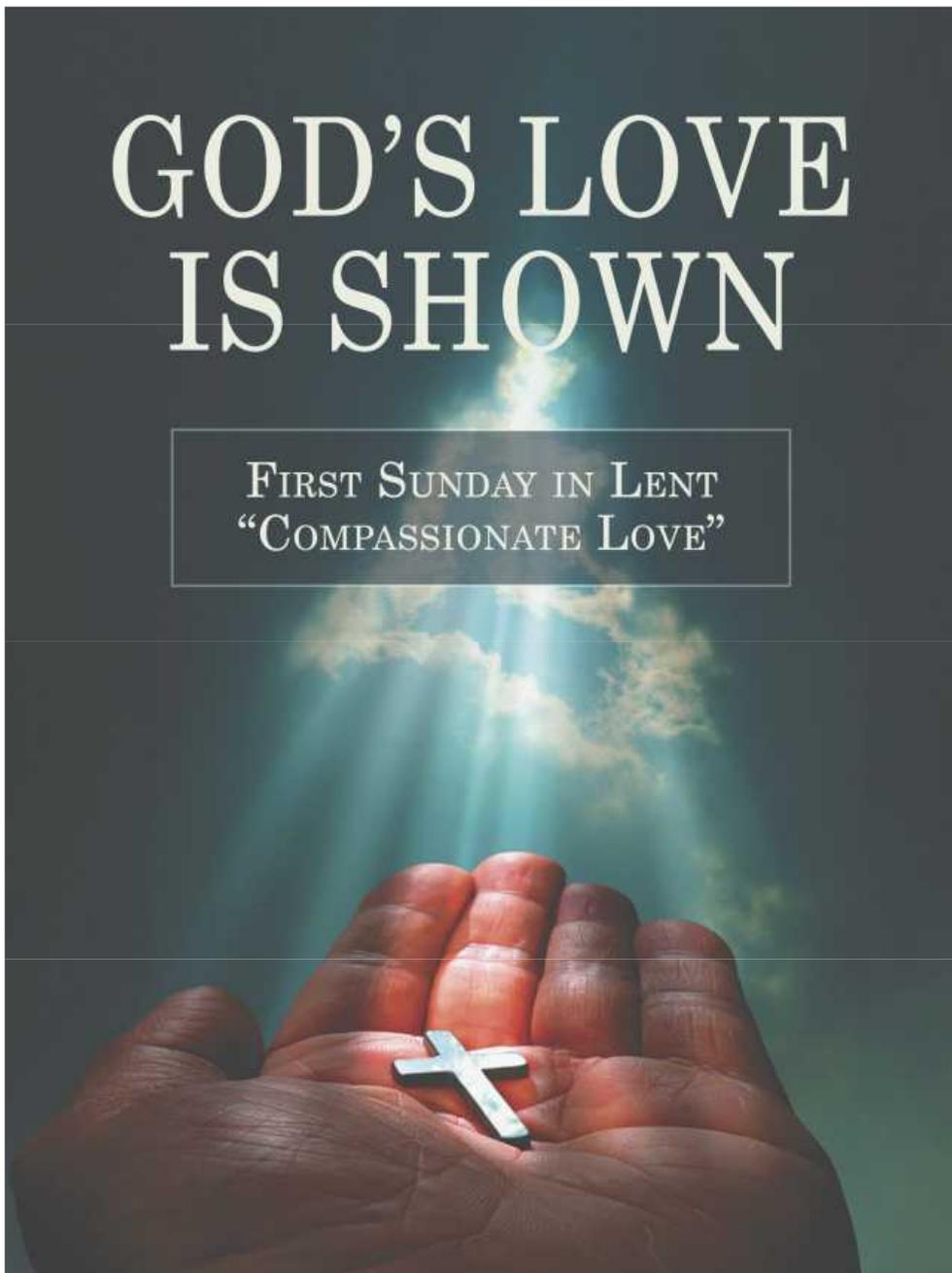


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Contemporary Celebration (Gym)

Sunday 10:30 AM

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Senior Service

1st & 3rd Wednesday 11:00 AM

SPECIAL ORDER OF SERVICE

HOLY COMMUNION

Liturgist: Rev. Mark Drenkler

Preacher: ... Rev. Steve Schauder

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Opening #684

Sermon #606

Distribution #571

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Music By:..... Sue Moede

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HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated during all Worship Services on the first and third weekends of the month, and at all Senior Services.

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WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

Prayers have to be prayed to be answered! The church office is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. You may also place a call to the office by phone at 715-524-4815. Our pastors are here for you! Contact Pastor Mark at 715-851-0089, or Pastor Steve at 715-853-2566.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THIS WEEK'S SERMON THEME

"Compassionate Love"
by Rev. Steve Schauder

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. Psalm 103:13

WEEKEND READINGS

Old Testament: Isaiah 49:8-15
Epistle: Romans 9:6-18
Holy Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

SERMON TEXT: LUKE 15:11-32

¹¹And he said, "There was a man who had two sons.
¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰And he arose and came to his

father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Old Testament: Psalm 118:1-9
Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20
Holy Gospel: Luke 6:46-49

CELEBRATION SERVICE

PRESERVICE PRAISE

"Oh What Love" as sung by City Harmonic
"Good Good Father" as sung by Chris Tomlin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father,
C **Who has compassion on those whom he has created;**
P and of the Son,
C **Who has compassion on those whom he has redeemed;**
P and of the Holy Spirit,
C **Who has continual compassion on those in whom he dwells. Amen!**

OPENING SONG

"God So Loved" as sung by We the Kingdom

CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION

P As we continue this Lenten journey of love, and reflect on the extreme compassion our Lord God has for us even though we don't deserve it, let us confess our sinfulness, and plead for God's mercy on us.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination)

C **Heavenly Father, I, a destitute and unworthy sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you. I don't deserve your compassion. I deserve your wrath and punishment, I have sinned in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have sinned by doing bad things and by failing and forgetting to do good things. I plead for your mercy and grace. Have compassion on me, a poor sinful being.**

P God has, indeed, had compassion on you, and has taken away your sin! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen!**

TIME FOR PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

"God With Us" as sung by Jesus Culture

WE PRAISE GOD

SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY

Luke 15:11-32

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"Compassionate Love" by Rev. Steve Schauder

EXPLANATION OF COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONG

"Jesus Messiah" as sung by Chris Tomlin

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and show you His compassionate love.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

"One Thing Remains" as sung by Kristian Stanfill

BIBLE STUDIES & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

'A GOOD LOOK AT JESUS' BIBLE STUDY

This is a Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:15 AM
Runs through May 2nd

Location: Room 112 (Lower level of church)

Through Scripture, art work, video clips and other medium we will explore the Life and Work of Jesus from Nazareth. We will search how we are loved by Jesus, so that learning from Jesus, we will continue to live for Jesus, helping join together in leading all to Jesus.

- His Birth
- His Early Ministry
- His Teaching
- His Miracles
- His Final Week
- His Resurrection

'PEOPLE OF THE FAITH' BIBLE STUDY

Thurs. @ 9 AM & 6:30 PM

Location: Room 112 (Lower level of church)

We will explore how the lives of different people intersected with the Work of God. There are outspoken, incredible, and quiet people of the faith. People like: Simon Peter, Stephen, Docas, Isaiah, the Woman at the Well, John, Mark, Jeremiah, and Job. We will examine how they fit in the biblical story and ask what it means for us to walk with the Lord in faith.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

Week 1: "Compassionate Love"

In our service this weekend we look at the compassionate nature of the love our Lord has for us. He feels for us in our need and takes measures to help us out of our despair. In this, God's love is shown.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"God controlled your salvation from start to finish. He gave you faith in Baptism and strengthens faith through the Word. You can trust that He will continue to keep control of your life because you rest in the palm of His loving hand. Stand firm because God is in control." Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

"Do You See Anything?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The world wields power with blunt force, but God hides His power in suffering, weakness, and humility. (Mark)
Tune into Sunday morning's message at 7:30AM on WTCH/960 AM and also at 10:00AM on WRVM/102.7 FM on your radio.

VOTER'S MEETING

As a body of Christ, we will gather for our Voter's meeting this Sunday, Feb. 21st @ 11:45 AM, in the sanctuary. Agenda will include the following topics:

- Peaceful Release of Call for Pastor Steve's Retirement
- Calling of Associate Pastor Recommendations
- Transition of Call for Jean Umland
- Financial Report

MIDWEEK LENTEN ONLINE STUDY

In the Gospel according to Mark, he devotes one-third of his writing to the last week of Jesus' life. During those seven days we call Holy Week, we hear different cries from different people. This year in Lent we are exploring those different cries. These "Cries of the Passion" will be presented in a Bible Study format, with hymns, and prayers interspersed throughout. Instead of in-person worship services, these studies will be offered on Wednesdays at 3:30 PM on our social platforms, or on WTCH radio at 6:30 PM. By spending some devoted time and study in this week of Jesus' life, we will be better prepared to celebrate the life-saving events of Holy Week and Easter.

LENTEN COIN FOLDERS

St. James will once again continue the tradition of providing Lenten coin folders for your convenience in making a sacrificial offering during the forty days of Lent. If you would like to use a Lenten coin folder for this purpose, they are available at the information tables in the narthex, and outside of Celebration. When your folder is full, you may return it to the church by placing in the offering plate or dropping it off in the church office. Please remember to write your name on the back of the folder.

P.A.C.K.

The Board of Christian Outreach encourages our members to participate in P.A.C.K (Planned Acts of Christian Kindness). What acts of Christian kindness will we be spreading in this February (HEART) month? The February challenge: PRAY SUPPORT GIVE to an organization of your choice. Ask God to impact insight into others' needs so you can speak a word in due season or bring a gift at the right time. God reaches the world through hands and HEARTS of His people. Respond to where your HEART strings pull you. "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God". (Hebrews 13:16)

CHURCH & COMMUNITY

ANCHORED YOUTH MINISTRY MINUTE

Our first-ever Virtual Quake Event is happening next weekend, Feb. 27th! Registrations are coming in and this is shaping up to be a great kick-off for Youth Ministry 2021! The deadline has been extended, so that as many youth as possible can be a part of the fun! Get your registration/payment in by Wed. Feb. 24th!! Turn them in to the church office or place them in the blue lock box outside of The Landing!! See you soon!!

Minute to Win It Event based on *Mark 13:32-33*
 6-8th Gr.: Join us in The Landing for “Minute to Win It” fun on Sun, Mar. 7th, from 12-2 in The Landing. Snack and drink provided.
 9-12th Gr.: Join us on Mar. 21st for the High Version of the “Minute to Win It” event. We will meet from 12 -2 in The Landing. Snack and drink provided.

Youth Ministry Calendar is posted on the St. James Website under the YOUTH tab. You can also find it on the Youth Facebook Group. See what’s coming up!

SCRIP

Want an easy way to help earn money for St. James School and add to your hot lunch, tuition, or youth account? Scrip is a smart and fast way to do both! Scrip is available in the church office and orders will be placed the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month (exception for holidays). Order forms are available outside the offices OR download and print it from the St. James website under the SCHOOL tab. The next order date will be Monday, February 22nd at 1:00 PM.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

Jim & Judy Oberstein would like to thank all of you who volunteered their time and to all those who donated to the OGT mission. “Our hearts are filled with love and joy to know we can all do God’s work! Blessings to all!”

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for 2021-2022 preschool will be open in March. St. James members and those already using our Childcare Center may register on Tues., Mar. 2nd. Registration is open to the community on Thurs. Mar. 4th. Both dates will be held at St. James School from 5:00—6:00 PM.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Save the Date! The Board of Family Life is excited to be able to offer the Easter Eggstravaganza this year... with a twist. This year’s event, for children ages 0-9, will be a drive-thru only, located in the parking lot at St. James on March 27th, from 10AM—12PM. This is a FREE Community Event, with a donation to SAM25 (see poster/SAM25 website for list of needs). If you are interested in helping, at this time, we are accepting wrapped candy or a monetary donation in any amount, which can be dropped off at the church office. Thank you for your support and prayers for the success of this event!

FEBRUARY 21ST—FEBRUARY 28TH

SUN	MON	TUES	WED
21 8:00 Worship (HC) 9:00 Radio/Online Service 9:05 Sunday School 9:15 Bible Study (112) 10:30 Celebration (Gym) (HC) 11:45 Voter’s Meeting	22 NO SCHOOL SCRIP ORDERS DUE 5:45 Praise Team 5:45 Bell Choir	23 9:00 Quilters	24 8:10 Chapel 6:00 Confirmation
THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
25 9:00 Bible Study (112) 6:30 Bible Study (112)	26 12:00 Bulletin Deadline for March 7th	27 11—5 Quake Youth Event 5:30 Worship	28 8:00 Worship 9:00 Radio/Online Service 9:05 Sunday School 9:15 Bible Study (112) 10:30 Celebration (Gym)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROTOCOLS

THE FOLLOWING ARE PRACTICES THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE SAFEST ENVIRONMENT FOR PEOPLE TO GATHER FOR WORSHIP. PLEASE READ THEM CAREFULLY:

- Minimize entrance and exit points for attendees. Access for services in the sanctuary will be limited to the Andrews Street entrance and the East Side Parking Lot entrance. Access for the Celebration service will be limited to the East Side Gym/School entrance. Weather permitting entrance/exit doors will be propped open.
- Post signs at all entrances reminding worshipers to practice social distancing, utilize hand sanitizers, and follow any other guidelines that will be established.
- Bulletins will NOT be handed out, but made available for individuals to pick up. Please take them with you when you leave.
- Offering plates will NOT be passed, but plates will be at the exits of the sanctuary/gym.
- No coffee, beverages or refreshments will be served at this time.
- In the Sanctuary, people will be seated in every other pew. Appropriate signage will be in place to guide the seating. Families may sit together, but also allow 6 feet on either side of the family unit. Individuals must practice the *6-foot rule*. If attending with a friend sitting together is allowed, however 6 feet must be allowed on either side.
- For the Celebration service in the Gym, the same protocols will be observed. In addition, the bleachers will remain closed. The chairs and tables will be arranged to provide for social distancing.
- The use of masks is up to the discretion of the individual worshiper. Masks will NOT be provided. If an individual chooses to wear a mask, they must bring their own.
- Children will be invited forward for the Children's Message, however they will be asked to sit in designated places to provide for social distancing. Siblings may sit together.
- When celebrating the Lord's Supper, the Pastors and Lay Ministers will sanitize their hands immediately before serving. The Pastors will place the bread into the open hand of the individual being careful not to allow for hand to hand contact. The Common Cup will NOT be used during this time. The Lay Ministers will offer the individual cup. Trays will be set up to provide space between the cups so individuals will touch only the cup they are taking. Directions for coming forward and returning to seats will be given each time the Lord's Supper is celebrated.
- Individuals will be encouraged to leave the worship space and/or building following worship and avoid congregating in the narthex or halls. All worship spaces will be sanitized following worship. This includes all handrails, door handles, and any items touched in the normal course of entering and exiting the worship space.

In the joyful service of Jesus,
Pastor Mark & Pastor Steve

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The **Radio Broadcast** has been sponsored in loving memory of Leon Polzin, by his family.

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SPECIAL GIFTS

\$150 has been given to the Wil Kleinschmidt Scholarship Fund in loving memory of Joseph Reinke, whose birthday would've been on February 20th, by his family and friends.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO DIRECT YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS !!!!

Please do not forget to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars - you need to choose the organization to which you want to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars every quarter/year (it no longer happens automatically). **For assistance, call today at 800-847-4836 or visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice and register for account access.** St. James Church, St. James School and St. James Early Childhood Center are some of the many organizations to choose to benefit!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2020 statements have been mailed out. If you did not receive yours in the mail, please contact the church office Monday—Friday 7:30AM—4:00PM by calling 715-524-4815 or send an email to secretary@stjamesshawano.org.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. To set up your electronic donation on our website, go to www.stjames-shawano.org, and click on the GIVINGS link on the far right side.

ATTENDANCE & ESTIMATED VIEWS 02/13—02/14

Saturday Traditional	5:30 PM	71
Sunday Traditional	8:00 AM	49
Sunday Online: YouTube	9:00 AM	806
Facebook	9:00 AM	201
Sunday Celebration	10:30 AM	71

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MTD

Home Envelopes	10,825	31,795
Cash/Plate	60	163
Thrivent Choice	0	0
School Tuition	2,226	3,296
Alumni	0	0
ECC	11,346	22,664
Preschool	640	970
FEBRUARY COLLECTIONS	25,097	58,888
Missions	528	1,341
Adopt-a-Student	0	0
Sound System	0	0
Good Samaritan Fund	0	0

RADIO MINISTRY

St. James has been broadcasting its' worship services on WTCH for many years. The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$135. If you would like to reserve a date to sponsor a radio broadcast in 2021, please contact the church office at 715-524-4815. Thank you to all our sponsors and listeners!

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