

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tues:	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
Wed:	7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Mid-Week Lent Service Worship Choir
Thurs:	9:00 AM	Bible Study
Sat:	9-12:00 PM	Private Confession/ Absolution
Sun:	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Divine Service Bible Study/SS/Catechesis Divine Service

SERVING TODAY

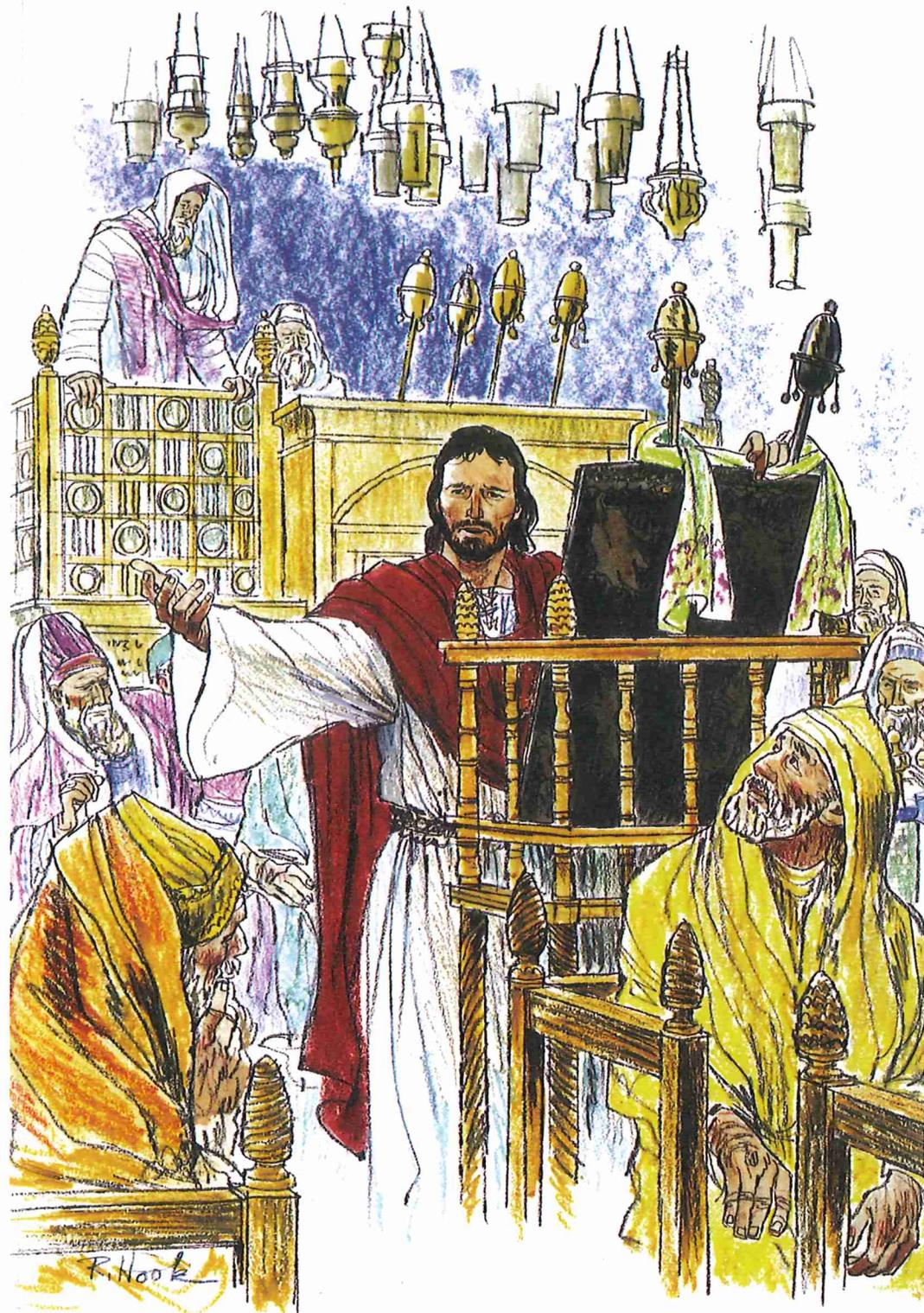
ELDERS:	<u>8:00 AM</u> Dean Koosman Bill Wickesberg	<u>10:30 AM</u> Joe Pehl Jeff Diers
USHERS:	<u>8:00 AM</u> Paul Lindahl	<u>10:30AM</u> Derek Nikko



Organist: Nancy Butterfass

Lent 5 – Jesus is the “resurrection and the life” (John 11:25), the one true God who raises the dead from their graves and gives them new life (Ezekiel 37:5-6). Everything Jesus has said and done testifies that He gives, sustains, and loves life. It is inconceivable to think that Jesus, who raised Lazarus from the tomb and who died to “give life to our mortal bodies” (Romans 8:11), would approve of the murder of any innocent person, regardless of their size or condition.

Attendance Sunday, February March 15: 19 & 44 Communion: 63



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Worship Information: March 22, 2026, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Divine Service p. 151 Hymns: 563, 430 (428, 610, 624) 429

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY... we remember Jim Ittel, Cheryl Moist, Chris Yukel, Carolyn Wackler, Jim Wackler, protection of the blessing of all life from conception to grave that God has preciously created. Missionaries: Rev. James May and Family, Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad; those serving in the Armed Forces: Isaac Cain, Christena Dickens, Justin Hassa, Kelsey Hasz, Alex Hennen, Andrew Horsch, Brandon Maas, Blake Peterson, Alex Pettit, and Jacob Young.

TODAY'S SERMON...can be found in the information cart in the choir room.

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER...daily devotion guide can be found next to the bulletins.

ST. JAMES HAPPENINGS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP...The Lord's service to you through His gifts of Word and Sacrament are the means through which He offers the forgiveness of sin and nourishes your soul. Welcome! Thank you for being here. Please let us know how we may serve you. If you'd like to chat with Pastor Loder, consider giving him a call at 320-526-5245 or send him a message at revloder@gmail.com.

HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS...If you are a member of St. James, review p. 329 or the Ten Commandments in preparing to receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins. If you are a guest, welcome! Communion at St. James is reserved for members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. Please speak with Pastor Loder about Communion before participating. If you know you will be visiting, it is best to call during the week before. If you are not communing but wish to receive a blessing, come forward with your hands crossed on your chest. **Didn't have a chance to talk with Pastor about Communion before church?** If you're a member of an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to Communion, but please let Pastor Loder know where you go to church when you come to the Communion rail. Please fill out a communion registration card and hand it to an Usher or put in the offering plate..

Spiritual Discipline... Fasting...does not stand alone. It is joined to prayer and almsgiving. By eating less, we may have more to give. By simplifying meals, we may gain time for the Word. By feeling hunger, we remember our deeper need for Christ. Consider how this Lenten discipline can increase your devotion and your care for neighbor.

NO Bible Study...the next two Sundays (Palm/Passion Sunday or The Resurrection of Our Lord)

The Fifth Sunday in Lent...is traditionally called Judica, taken from the opening word of the Latin Introit: Judica me, Deus—"Vindicate me, O God" (Psalm 43:1). This Sunday marks a transition into the final, most intense phase of Lent, known historically as Passiontide, the two weeks leading to Easter. From this point onward, the Church's liturgy becomes increasingly focused on the suffering and death of Christ.

The crosses, crucifix, and statue of Jesus are veiled. This practice symbolizes Christ "hiding Himself" (John 8:59), as the Gospel for the day recounts Jesus withdrawing from the crowds who sought to kill Him. It also foreshadows the spiritual and cosmic darkness of the crucifixion.

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE...will be one service at 9 am beginning on Memorial Day and ending after Labor Day. Bible study will follow the service. The elders have elected to go this direction with the primary thought that it will be nice to worship together as one congregation during the summer months.

AN ADDENDUM...to the 150th Anniversary Supplement is available in the narthex today. The paper clipped pages have the group picture taken at our Sesquicentennial Celebration as the first page. They may easily be added to your anniversary booklet. Additional Anniversary Booklets are on the tract table in the choir room also.

OUT OF OFFICE...Michelle will be out of the office March 20th -March 27th.

THIS IS MY STORY - THIS IS MY SONG...Re-discover the great hymns of the faith and the stories behind them as Theater for the Thirsty, acclaimed theater-duo Jeremiah and Vanessa Gamble, bring a dozen beloved hymns to vibrant life—featuring gorgeous acappella singing, stunning historical costumes, and richly realized characters. This timeless musical is an inspiring reminder that there are some things worth singing about forever. April 18th at 3 pm here at St. James. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children.