

Grow ... Go ... Gather
March 21, 2021



**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
(LCMS)**

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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Order of Service (DS 3)

Pre-service Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

(Please turn off your wifi and wear your mask at all times.)

The Opening Hymn: LSB 435, "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 184

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching 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 unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of Grace

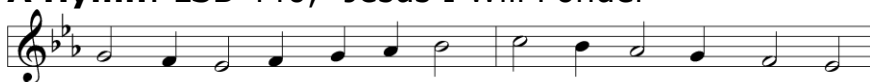
LSB 185

- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His

name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

A Hymn: LSB 440, "Jesus I Will Ponder"



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.
5 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science grieve me,
6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; Help me bear my cross - es,



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.
Let Your cross my fear dis - arm; Peace of con - science give me.
Learn - ing hum - ble - ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss - es.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure
Help me see for - give - ness won By Your ho - ly pas - sion.
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?
If for me He slays His Son, God must have com - pas - sion!
That I may in heav'n a - bove Sing Your praise for - ev - er.

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The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we

may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: *Jeremiah 31:31–34*

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson: *Hebrews 5:1–10*

Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal

gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;
as he says also in another place,
“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: “Wonderful, Merciful, Savior” (Selah)

Verse 1

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Verse 2

Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

Chorus

***You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for***

Verse 3

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh we're falling before Your throne **(Chorus 2xs)**

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The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 10:32–45*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
- C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will

be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Our Christian Confession: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

P *What is Baptism?*

C **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**

P *Which is that word of God?*

C **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)**

P *What benefits does Baptism give?*

C **It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

P *Which are these words and promises of God?*

C **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)**

The Sermon Hymn: "Jesus, Messiah"

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

**Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all**

Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing **(Chorus)**

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world **(Chorus)**

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The Sermon: Mark 10:32-45, "What Defines Greatness?"

A Post-Sermon Hymn: "Make Me A Servant"

Chorus

Make me a servant humble and meek
Lord let me lift up those who are weak
And may the prayer of my heart always be
Make me a servant make me a servant
Make me a servant today **(2xs)**

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The Prayers of the Church and the 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.**

A Hymn: "Lamb of God"

Verse 1

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Chorus

***Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God***

Verse 2

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God **(Chorus)**

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*Announcements and Benediction for our Online
Worshippers*

✠ **The Service of the Sacrament** ✠

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

LSB 194

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . .
evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

LSB 197

Pax Domini

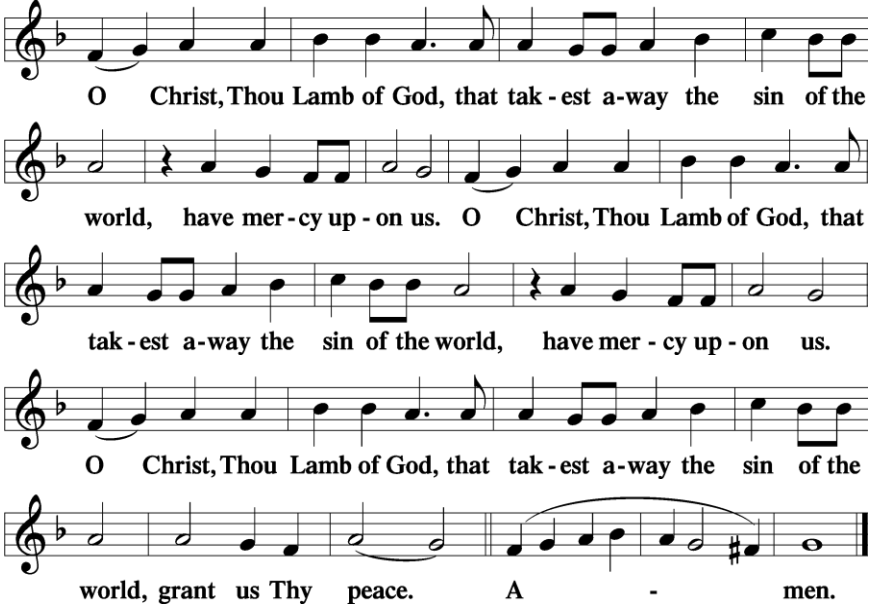
LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution

During the Distribution you are invited to sing:

LSB 439, "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken" (verses 1-5, 11, 15)



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;
 It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
 They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -
 Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -
 The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
 cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.
 her - it, This I do mer - it.
 owe Him, Who would not know Him.

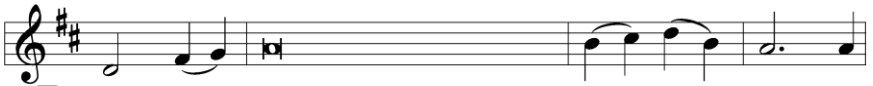
5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
 The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
 Man forfeited his life and is acquitted;
 God is committed.

11 But since my strength will nevermore suffice
 me
 To crucify desires that still entice me,
 To all good deeds O let Thy Spirit win me
 And reign within me!

15 And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in
 heaven
 To me the crown of joy at last is given,
 Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise
 Thee,
 I, too, shall praise Thee.

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The Nunc Dimittis (The Song of Simeon)




C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,




which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

The Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

The Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Salutation and Benediction *LSB 201-202*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C **Amen**

The Closing Hymn: LSB 437, "Alas! And Did My Savior Die"



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worshippers will be ushered out. Please wait for the usher to come to your pew. If you leave by the front entrance, please use the middle aisle. If you leave by the back entrance, please use the outside aisles. Please make every effort to maintain proper social distancing as you leave the church building.

Please put your kneeler down before exiting the pew.

Events of the Week: March 21 – March 28

- TODAY:** 11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook
- Monday:** 10:00 a.m. Registration for **March 28**
Worship begins
6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship Service
with Holy Communion
- Wed:** 10:00 a.m. Darrell Pfannkuch's
Bible Study in the church
Noon: Devotional Boost with Pastor
7:00 p.m. **Lenten Worship**
- Thursday:** 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir
- Friday:** - Pastor's Day Off -
- Saturday:** 6:00 p.m. Registration is closed
- Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Gizmo Devotions on FB
9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship at St.
James (for registered members) and on
Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook



Today's Deacons: Bryan Ensing and Craig Popma
Ushers: Nate, Kim, Hayden and Heath Urbanski

Those who serve March 24:

Deacon: Bryan Ensing

Those who serve Palm Sunday:

Deacon: Jerry Talen

Ushers: Dale & Grace Rosema



March Altar Guild: Carol Bifulco and Kim Urbanski

April Altar Guild: Deb, Kelsey and Lynelle Butler

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP March 14, 2021

General Fund	\$7,597.00
Plate Collection	699.00
Memorial (Sandy Harper)	20.00
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Total:	\$8,316.00

To **register for worship**, please go to **bit.ly/stjamesgr** and follow the prompts. If you are unable to sign-up for worship, please contact the office at 363-7718.



Lutherans for Life of Michigan is having a Life Leadership Summit at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fowler

(near Lansing) on **Sunday, April 25th** from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Jeffrey Duncan, Director of Mission and Ministry for Lutherans for Life. If you want to attend this summit, please speak to Pastor Schaeffer before Easter Sunday as he plans to attend it and we should provide a head count to the organizers of who will be attending.

40 Days for Life Continues ... And You Can Be Involved!

There are still many opportunities for you to pray in front of the Grand Rapids abortion clinic. You can sign up for a prayer time by visiting the [40 Days for Life website](#). The Prayer vigil runs until **March 28th**. Let Pastor Schaeffer know if you need a prayer resource that contains written prayers and prayer suggestions.



An **Easter Community outreach** is being planned for **Saturday, April 10** from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be games, an egg hunt, crafts, treats, and Bible stories told. But, for this event to happen we need volunteers. For

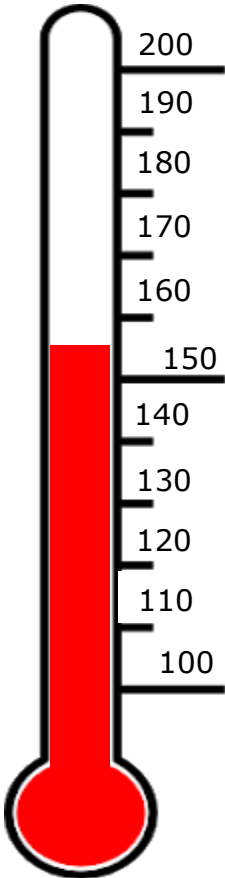
additional information and to volunteer, talk with Sandra Schaeffer.

You Can Create A Season of Hope for Someone!

This Lent, we are putting God's love in action by making Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits.

We will be assembling these kits at home during the five weeks of Lent. Here's what we need:

- ◆ 2 bars of **soap** (4-5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)
- ◆ 1 bath **towel** (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27"; 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size; dark color recommended)
- ◆ 1 **toothbrush** (Adult size, in original packaging)
- ◆ 1 sturdy **comb** (remove packaging)
- ◆ 1 **nail clipper** (metal, attached file optional/remove packaging)



**154
Kits
Received!**

Thanks to your generous support, we reached our goal and surpassed it! We still have until Easter! How many more kits can we collect?



ST. JAMES NOW HAS ON-LINE GIVING!

Your concern on how to get your offerings to church has now been made simpler. St. James has connected with Church Extension Fund and Kindrid to offer an on-line giving option. You will find it on our website, **stjamesgr.com** or go directly to stjamesgr.com/give.

We offer credit/debit and ACH payments at this time. You have the option of making this a reoccurring donation and also generously accepting the small transaction fee to maximize your giving power.

We are test driving this feature with all donations going to the General Fund. Expansion in options will follow.



Church Extension Fund





Holy Week

The deadline for Holy Week registration has changed! It is now...

Wednesday, March 24th!



Please sign up for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and **Easter** worship service today!

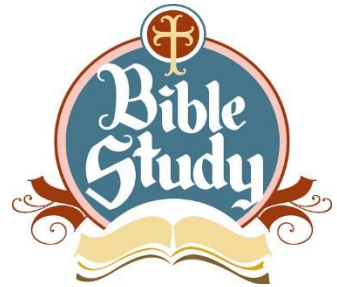
THANK YOU



ADULT CHOIR will be meeting March 25 and after worship Maundy Thursday, April 1st. If you would like to join the Adult Choir, Thursdays at 7:15pm, contact Beth McKay at 363-0759.

Bell Choir meets Thursdays at 6:00pm.

DARRELL PFANNKUCH has started his Bible study. Join Darrell as the discussion of the book, "How Does Anyone Know God Exists," is explored. This study meets in the sanctuary at 10:00 every Wednesday. Questions? Contact Darrell.



The **INSTALLATION** of Pastor Zachary Marklevitz at Grace Lutheran Church (150 50th St. SW, Wyoming) will be held **TODAY**, at **4:00 p.m.** All are welcome to attend.



It's Elementary My Dear ...!

Join Pastor Schaeffer's Sunday morning Bible study on the "elementary" teachings of the Christian faith. If you are new to the Christian faith, this course will serve as a great primer and for those who need a refresher in the "elementary" teachings you will find the course material refreshing. This study will be posted on St. James' Facebook page at **11:00 a.m.**

Preschool & Kindergarten

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, March 30, 6-8pm

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