

March 1, 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
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Color-PURPLE [Sorrow, repentance, and royalty]  
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**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FEDOR**

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The Organist – Daniel Krause

**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH - LEXINGTON**

The Elder-in-Charge – Jeremy Brown  
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The Altar Guild – Vanessa Clifford, Mickey Milburn, Jacki Lay, Margie Zak

The Flowers – To the glory of God in loving honor of Helen Hobbs on her birthday this past Thursday (26) by her family.

**TO OUR VISITORS** - In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bid you welcome. May the Holy Spirit bless you, together with us, as we give our attention to the Word of God this morning. \*\*\* Please sign the GUEST REGISTER [*please also include your address*] in the NARTHEX as you leave the church.

**HOLY COMMUNION STATEMENT AND POLICY:** It is our expressed belief, confidence and joy that the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, present under the bread and wine, are distributed in the Lord's Supper. All who commune at His altar are to be in complete confessional agreement with the other communicants. This practice of Closed Communion is an evangelical expression of our love for the communicant and for Christ's Holy Supper. In accordance with the Word of God in 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:27-29, we only permit members of this congregation, as well as members of fellow Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregations, to commune today. If your membership is with a different faith group, so that you have a belief which differs from our belief and confession on Holy Communion, then we kindly ask you in love to refrain from communing today and first speak with Pastor or an Elder. Members of our congregation who wish to commune are asked to sign the communion registration sheet in the Narthex.

**OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING**

**THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION - PAGE 15 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.**

(Our visitors are asked to please read and honor our communion statement above.)

**SILENT PRAYER** upon entering the nave: Loving heavenly Father! I have come to hear Your Holy Word that makes the soul righteous. So then, put Your Holy Spirit in my heart that I may accept Your Gospel with awe and truly believe it. Amen.

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**SUMMARY OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS –  
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Holding God to His Word** Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him. (*Genesis 32:22-32*) So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His Name and look to Him for help. (*Matthew 15:21-28*) This Gentile woman showed herself to be a true Israelite, who struggled with God and man in Christ and prevailed. Jesus commended her: “O woman, great is your faith! (*Matthew 15:28*) This is the sanctifying will of God – to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint. (*Romans 5:1-5*) (*lcms.org/lectionary-summaries*)

**READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS**

*Summary: By faith the Canaanite woman receives a blessing from Jesus, not for herself but for her daughter. Such is the nature of faith – to look to God as Giver and neighbor as receiver and neither think nor boast of itself.*

We believe, teach, and confess that Christ is our Righteousness according to His divine nature and His human nature. It is the entire Christ Who is our Righteousness according to both natures. In His obedience alone, which as God and man He offered to the Father even to His death, He merited for us the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

We believe, teach and confess that our righteousness before God is this: God forgives our sins out of pure grace, without any work, merit, or worthiness of ours preceding, present or following. He presents and credits to us the righteousness of Christ's obedience. Because of this righteousness, we are received into grace by God and regarded as righteous. Faith alone is the means and instrument through which we lay hold of Christ. So in Christ we lay hold of that righteousness that benefits us before God.

We believe, teach and confess that many weaknesses and defects cling to the true believers and truly regenerate, even up to the day they are buried. Still, they must not on that account doubt either their righteousness, which has been credited to them through faith, or the salvation of their souls. They must regard it as certain that for Christ's sake, according to the promise and Word of the Holy Gospel, they have a gracious God. (*Epitome of the Formula of Concord, Article 3, The Righteousness of Faith Before God*)

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† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**RINGING OF THE BELL (CALL TO WORSHIP)**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN: ♪ 523:1-4; 7-8**

**PREPARATORY SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION AND SERVICE OF THE WORD  
[PAGE 15 TO 23/FRONT OF HYMNAL]**

**INTROIT**

**PASTOR:** Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**CONGREGATION:** Do not let my enemies exult over me. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

**P:** To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**C:** O my God, in You I trust; do not let me be put to shame.

**P:** Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions.

**C:** According to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!


**P:** Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

**C:** For Your Name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. (*Psalm 25:1-2, 6-8, 11, 22*)

♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P:** Lord God, heavenly Father, we implore You by Your Holy Spirit to fix and confirm in our hearts true faith and hope in Your grace and mercy. Although we have cause to fear Your displeasure due to a bad conscience, sin and unworthiness, yet in Your grace bless us, like the Canaanite woman, to persevere steadfastly and through Christ find in You help and deliverance in every trial and need; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:**  Amen.

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS: OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – GENESIS 32:22-32

**P:** <sup>32:22</sup>The same night Jacob arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that He did not prevail against Jacob, He touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with Him. <sup>26</sup>Then He said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>And He said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked Him, "Please tell me Your Name." But He said, "Why is it that you ask My Name?" And there He blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup>Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because He touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSIVE READING OF THE SMALL CATECHISM (SEE HALF-PAGE INSERT)

### EPISTLE LESSON – ROMANS 5:1-5


**P:** <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through 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. <sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and 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.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.


### GOSPEL LESSON – MATTHEW 15:21-28

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:**  Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

**P:** <sup>15:21</sup>And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>And He answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:**  Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

## NICENE CREED (CONFESSION OF FAITH) [PAGE 22]

### HYMN OF THE DAY: 522

### SERMON: OUR SALVATION AND HELP IS FROM THE LORD – MATTHEW 15:21-28

*"O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." (Mt. 15:28) Amen.*

*Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.* Jesus' healing and saving of the Syro-Phoenician's daughter in today's Gospel doesn't go down like most of His miracles do. The narrative seems

troubling at first. A woman in need of the Lord's help pleads for Him – as the Son of David – to have mercy on her daughter. Yet Jesus gives her the silent treatment. His disciples urge Him to send her – a foreigner – away, as if she's a nuisance. She then simply begs Him to be merciful to her poor child...and He calls her a dog. Let's take a closer look at the text.

The woman is a Canaanite, not a Jew, but she calls Jesus the "Son of David." That's a very Jewish title. Only two types of people call Jesus "Son of David" in the Gospels. People of faith, like blind Bartimaeus, who cries out to the Lord: "*Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!*" (Mk. 10:47), prompting Him to restore the man's sight. Or those who pretend to be persons of faith – like this Syrio-Phoenician, but who really don't believe in God.

This mother's scheme is to appear to be a Hebrew – one of Jesus' own people, so that He'll be inclined to save her daughter's life. But there's no trust, no faith in Christ in her heart and on her lips. There's just her clever words and her works, by which she tries – and fails – to get the Son of God to help her.

So all she has faith in, at first, is herself. She's convinced that she must do something, be something, before Jesus will help her. As long as she keeps believing that Jesus will help her because of some merit she has, He doesn't. He's not silent to her because He doesn't care about her or her daughter. It's that she sees Him as a mere healer, and not as the Lord God that He is. She'll never see and believe in Him for what He is – not unless He reveals Himself to her and makes Himself her Lord.

God the Son's silence to the Canaanite woman is His Law at work in her heart. She realizes He knows who she is, so that her gambit to pass herself off as a Hebrew – to be heard, to be helped in this way – has failed. But her daughter's life and soul is still at stake. That's why her next appeal to Jesus isn't dressed up in "the right sounding words." This time around, it's a genuine, faithful appeal for her daughter's deliverance.

What changed between this mother's first appeal and her second appeal to Jesus? As we've seen, God's Law convicted her of her unbelief and made her realize that all the effort in the world on her part would get her nowhere with Jesus. While this reality might very well have driven her to despair over her and her daughter's terrible plight, there's one thing this woman doesn't take into consideration; one thing she doesn't count on: and that's Jesus – Who He really is, and what His heart is toward her and her daughter.

The beauty of this Gospel narrative is that our Lord is the One Who grants this Canaanite woman faith to believe in Him. And He does this right then-and-there! Her salvation – her saving faith in the Lord Jesus – happens in an instant as He moves her heart to believe that He's the Son of God. He's not someone she has to impress; not One Who has to be moved or made to help her. He's God, Who is also man, Who forgives sins and redeems and helps the helpless.

As quickly as Jesus bestows faith upon this woman in need, He puts her faith to the test. He says to her, "*I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*" (Mt. 15:24) This is most certainly true. He's not dismissing her, but saying that she's outside of the household of Israel. But she, with her newly-given faith, won't let go! "*Lord, help me,*" (Mt. 15:25) she exclaims. Yes, she's no Israelite. But she trusts now that the Lord will treat her like one – out of His great love for her and her daughter. Jesus next says, "*It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs,*" (Mt. 15:26) or those who're clearly not the people of God. Her reply indicates that while she, by-all-rights, has no place in the Kingdom of God, she believes that God gives her a place there anyway. No matter how small of a place.

It's then that Jesus commends her for her great faith, and heals her daughter.

As long as the old Adam still clings to us – and that will be the rest of our lives here on earth – we'll be tempted to believe that the Lord will only help us if we're good enough, do good enough. "If I pray fervently enough, then He'll answer," we might well say. "If I quit doing this and start doing that, that will get His attention." "Once I stop being so selfish – then the Lord will help me." Before we know it, we're constructing a resume of reasons why the Lord has to help us.

But in thinking this, we're thinking a couple of other things. For one: "I'm a little bit better than a 'poor, miserable sinner,' and I also deserve God's help based on how good I am, or the good I do. Problem is, this contradicts Scripture. (See Rom 3:10-18) It simply isn't true; nor can it ever be.

If our Lord won't help us in our need unless we do something first – to get Him to come to our aid, then He isn't as merciful and gracious as Holy Scripture says He is. But not only are we justified, declared righteous, saved by God by His pure, unearned grace alone in Christ our Savior, He also takes good care of us from start to finish, from

first to last! The Rev. Luther stresses this in his *Explanation of the First Article of the Creed*: “All this He does [for me] only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.” “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” (James 4:6)

If it were true that Jesus only helps you when you meet a certain standard, then uncertainty and anxiety will always stalk you. You’ll be forced to live what you might call a “white-knuckled life.”

This is not the Lord’s way. Instead, rejoice in your confession: “I do not deserve Your mercy, O Lord. But You’ve promised to help me! And You always keep Your promises!” If it’s all up to the Lord and not at all up to you, then His mercy and grace for you is absolutely certain. How come? Christ became man for you and died on your behalf, reconciling you to the Father, and to Himself. Now you may say with certainty, along with the Psalmist: “*My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.*” (Ps. 121:2) Amen. *The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

## **OFFERTORY (ANTHEM PRECEEDING THE OFFERING OF TITHES) [PAGES 22-23]**

### **OFFERING**

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

To our Shepherd of Israel and Master, Whose tender mercies and loving kindness are of old, that He would not depart from us until He blesses us; and that as He once strove for Jacob, so God would strive now for us who trust in Him, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, knit together from all nations, that her unity may be manifest in the faith she confesses; and that the people of God may bear one another’s burdens in prayer and in works of mercy, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For self-control to flee all immorality, that we might show a godly witness in this world and adorn the Gospel with a holy life, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For hearts to seek the blessing of God and for eyes to see through the afflictions that come also from His hand, that we would recognize the endurance, character and hope that they produce in us, His children, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For all Christian homes, that they would not be places to worship our bellies, glory in shame or set our minds on earthly things, but that they would be loving places of refuge here and a foretaste of our heavenly home to-come. And that in our homes, God would preserve us from the assaults of the evil one; and that, as God has called all of us in holiness, He would sanctify us to walk as we ought and please Him through the Lord Jesus, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For Donald, our president; Gregg, our governor; the Congress of these United States; the legislature of this state; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that we would preserve our liberty and use its gift wisely in the pursuit of justice and for the welfare of all people, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For all who await the healing of the Lord, especially...

*HT: Jerry Falke, as he is hospitalized and recovers from a fall and other medical issues, Allan, Frank, Eldor, Monroe, Carolyn, and all those that we name in our hearts....*

*St. James: Dennis Boettcher, who is hospitalized and undergoing medical tests, Jeffrey, Margie, Nina, Becky, Ginger, Clarence, Charles, Della, Bernice, Darvin, Tom, Ronnie, Egor, Genell, Ernest, Charles, Walter, Lorine, R.D., Diane, Gloria, Zachary, JoAnne, Carole, and all those we name in our hearts....*

that God would hear their cries and grant healing in His appointed season, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

*FEDOR ONLY: For those who mourn the loss of a loved one, especially Rev. David Woelmer and his wife, Elizabeth, at the passing of their newborn child, Josiah, that both mother and father would be comforted by Christ crucified and risen for their child, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, C: Lord, have mercy.*

*STJ ONLY: For those who mourn the loss of a loved one, especially Elaine Boettcher at the passing of her brother, Wayne Becker, and for Rev. David Woelmer and his wife, Elizabeth, at the passing of their newborn child, Josiah, that the grieving would be comforted by Christ crucified and risen for the deceased, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, C: Lord, have mercy.*

For all who commune, that God would receive us in His mercy and enable us to make the good confession, both of our sin and of Him, our only Savior; and that, though it is not right to give the children's bread to dogs, He would lead us to approach Him in faith to eat from our Master's table, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For our military, that our fighting forces would serve our country valiantly in Operation Epic Fury, that they would be defended and protected in harm's way as they do their duty to defend and protect our country, and that our nation's enemies in power in Iran would be defeated and subdued, and lasting peace established in the Middle East, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR [PAGES 24-31]**

**PROPER PREFACE (LORD'S SUPPER OPENING PRAYER) FOR LENT**

**P:** It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that, with cleansed hearts, we would be prepared to joyfully celebrate the Paschal feast [Easter] in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

**COMMUNION HYMNS: ♪ 307, 141 [SUNG TO A DIFFERENT TUNE] & 178**

**CLOSING HYMN: ♪ 145**

**† TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY †**

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OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.	Offerings
Trinity	49		10	\$3,956.00
St. James	54		3 9	\$2,289.00

Sunday Offerings—Trinity, Fedor

	Operating	Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	11,912.00				
Actual	10,793.00		1,290.00		8
Last Week	3,936.00		20.00		

Sunday Offerings—St. James, Lexington

	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	21,651.60			21,651.60	
Actual	14,619.00	105.00	415.00	15,139.00	8
Last Week	2,264.00		25.00	2,289.00	

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THIS WEEK

- TUESDAY 9:00AM: LWML (St. James)
- WEDNESDAY 3:30 PM: Week Day School
- 7:00PM: Joint Lenten Vespers Service (at Holy Trinity)
- THURSDAY 10:00 AM: Joint Bible Study (at St. James)
- FRIDAY +Pastor's Day Off
- NEXT SUNDAY \*Elders Meeting following the service (Holy Trinity)
- +Elders Meeting following the service (St. James)

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

\*\*\***We remember in our prayers:...**at Holy Trinity...*Allan Urban, Frank Newkirk, Eldor Brade, Monroe Brade, Carolyn Nitsche;*...at St. James...*Jeffery Jatzlau, Margie Zak, Nina Seifert, Becky Exner, Ginger Clifford, Clarence Symmank, Charles Hartfiel, Della Biehle, Bernice Lay, Darvin Drosche, Tom Kleinschmidt, Ronnie Iselt, Egor Raines, Genell Boettcher, Ernest Biehle, Charles Kaiser, Walter Dube Jr., Lorine Lerche, R. D. Latimer* [son of Margo Latimer and brother of Guy Latimer (St. James)], *Diane Sommers* [sister of Janet Frosch (St. James)], *Gloria Evans* [mother-in-law of Randall Sullivan (St. James)], *Zachary Hartfiel* [nephew of Charles Hartfiel], *JoAnne Meyer* [mother of Pastor Meyer], *Carole Heller* [mother of Juanita Clifford (St. James)], *Elizabeth Woelmer* and their *pre-born son, Josiah* (at-risk pregnancy) [wife of Rev. David Woelmer of Grace, Smithville] and *all of our sick and shut-ins*.

+++ST. JAMES...**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** was held last Saturday. Coltgr Jon Ervin Legett, son of Zachary Legett and Madyson Iselt, born February 22, 2025 received the gift of Holy Baptism (February 21, 2026). His sponsors were Ferman Iselt, Vickie Iselt, Amber Dockery, Nadja Hathcoat [witness], and Mandye Ervin [witness]. God bless this child and keep him steadfast in the faith.

\*\*\***TLHS Raffle:** TODAY is the last day to buy raffle tickets!!! Tickets are \$20 and all proceeds support the high school. Prizes include a \$1500 travel voucher, a \$1000 Visa gift card, a Savage Axis 22-250 with scope, a grilling and fire pit package, Stihl battery powered items with a \$300 gift card to Paige Tractors, and more! There will even be bonus draws this year! See Miriam or Sarah Meyer to get yours, and be sure to watch the drawings each day this week on Facebook as part of their National Lutheran Schools week celebration!

+++St. James Noodle Making and Fundraiser: St. James LWML will be making noodles on Tuesday, March 17, beginning at 8:30am. All volunteers are welcome to help! We are also in need of Gold Medal flour donations. Please drop them off at the church or parish hall before March 17. If you would like to pre-order noodles, we are selling them for \$10 a pound. Please place your order with Lynetta Latimer or Sandra Lay. Thank you for your support!

\*\*\***ST. JAMES**...would like to express their **THANKS** to Jacob Phillips for donating and installing the new seal on the refrigerator at the parish hall. Thanks so much Jacob!!!

+++Grief Share...anyone that is interested can check out the local **Grief Share** group which will begin a weekly support group beginning March 3 and running through May 26 from 6-8pm at the FBC in Lexington. For more information, contact Cheryl McGary at (512) 731-7888.

\*\*\***St. James**...we have a variety of cards available individually or by the box...see either Ruth Meyer or Sandra Lay!

+++**Around the Word Devotions**...Daily devotions are a great way to be in the Word of God, to pray to Him, to confess His Holy Name, etc.. And so, "Around the Word Devotions" is being provided for all members. This devotional is based on our Sunday morning lectionary, and provides a weekly theme and a brief, daily devotion on the readings. It can also be found online on our Church website, [trinity.stjames.org/devotions](http://trinity.stjames.org/devotions), or at [whatdoesthismean.org/devotions](http://whatdoesthismean.org/devotions).

\*\*\***Sunday Morning and Thursday Morning Bible Studies**...Our Sunday morning Bible study is on the holy liturgy, with which we worship the Lord our God. (TLH 15-31) Come learn about and grow in the rich Biblical theology of our Divine Worship as Lutheran Christians. Also, our joint-congregation, Thursday morning Bible study at St. James (10-11 AM) is a journey through the *Book of Acts*. All who are free to attend are welcome to do so.

+++Devotional book available: Copies are available in the office of Ruth Meyer's "**Truth Notes**." This devotional is based on her past blog post and point to God's timeless truths in a

changing world. Books are \$15 each. See either Sandra Lay or Ruth Meyer to purchase yours!  
\*\*\*BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK...Holy Trinity-Don Holmes, 6;...St. James-Nathan Iselt, 5; Carter  
Speer, 5; Haley Brown, 7.  
+++ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK...Holy Trinity-Troy & Candace Walch, today;...St. James-  
Jeremy & Candy Brown, today.