The Baptism of our Lord January 9, 2022

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the

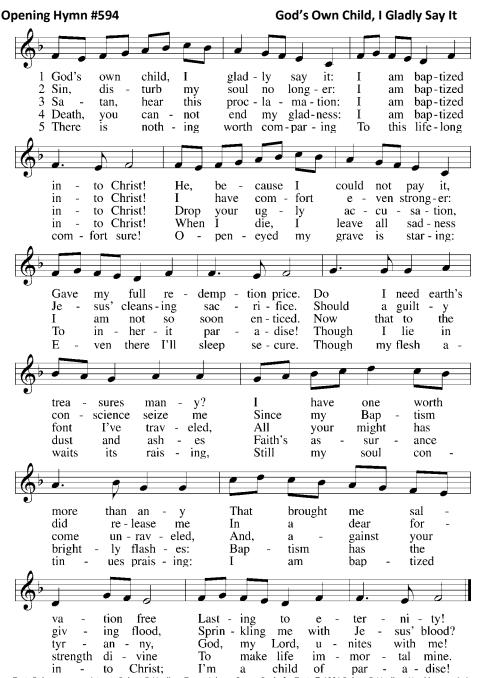
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Kyrie

- **P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession & Absolution

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from John 3: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."
- C Amen.



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Psalm Psalm 29

- P Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- P The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.
- The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- **P** The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- P The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- P May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, isnow, forever. Amen.

Epistle Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Luke 3:15–22

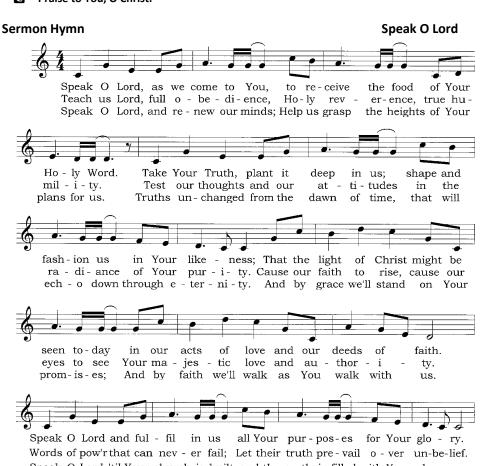
- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

 18 So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. 19 But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, 20 added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

- This is the Gospel of the Lord. \mathbf{P}
- Praise to You, O Christ.



Speak O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry. Tune & Text: Keith Getty; Stuart Townend; Text and tune: © 2005 Thankyou Music. Used by permission: CCLI no. 11373734

¹After these things, when the anger of King Ahasuerus had abated, he remembered Vashti and what she had done and what had been decreed against her. ²Then the king's young men who attended him said, "Let beautiful young virgins be sought out for the king. ³And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom to gather all the beautiful young virgins to the harem in Susa the capital, under custody of Hegai, the king's eunuch, who is in charge of the women. Let their cosmetics be given them. ⁴And let the young woman who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti." This pleased the king, and he did so.

⁵Now there was a Jew in Susa the citadel whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, son of Shimei, son of Kish, a Benjaminite, ⁶who had been carried away from Jerusalem among the captives carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away. ⁷He was bringing up Hadassah, that is Esther, the daughter of his uncle, for she had neither father nor mother. The young woman had a beautiful figure and was lovely to look at, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter. ⁸So when the king's order and his edict were proclaimed, and when many young women were gathered in Susa the citadel in custody of Hegai, Esther also was taken into the king's palace and put in custody of Hegai, who had charge of the women. ⁹And the young woman pleased him and won his favor. And he quickly provided her with her cosmetics and her portion of food, and with seven chosen young women from the king's palace, and advanced her and her young women to the best place in the harem. ¹⁰Esther had not made known her people or kindred, for Mordecai had commanded her not to make it known. ¹¹And every day Mordecai walked in front of the court of the harem to learn how Esther was and what was happening to her.

¹²Now when the turn came for each young woman to go in to King Ahasuerus, after being twelve months under the regulations for the women, since this was the regular period of their beautifying, six months with oil of myrrh and six months with spices and ointments for women— ¹³when the young woman went in to the king in this way, she was given whatever she desired to take with her from the harem to the king's palace. ¹⁴In the evening she would go in, and in the morning she would return to the second harem in custody of Shaashgaz, the king's eunuch, who was in charge of the concubines. She would not go in to the king again, unless the king delighted in her and she was summoned by name.

¹⁵When the turn came for Esther the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her as his own daughter, to go in to the king, she asked for nothing except what Hegai the king's eunuch, who had charge of the women, advised. Now Esther was winning favor in the eyes of all who saw her. ¹⁶And when Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus into his royal palace in the tenth month, which is the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign, ¹⁷the king loved Esther more than all the women, and she won grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. ¹⁸Then the king gave a great feast for all his officials and servants; it was Esther's feast. He also granted a remission of taxes to the provinces and gave gifts with royal generosity.

¹⁹Now when the virgins were gathered together the second time, Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate. ²⁰Esther had not made known her kindred or her people, as Mordecai had commanded her, for Esther obeyed Mordecai just as when she was brought up by him. ²¹In those days, as Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate, Bigthan and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, who guarded the threshold, became angry and sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus. ²²And this came to the knowledge of Mordecai, and he told it to Queen Esther, and Esther told the king in the name of Mordecai. ²³When the affair was investigated and found to be so, the men were both hanged on the gallows. And it was recorded in the book of the chronicles in the presence of the king.

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This is the Word of the Lord.

C

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

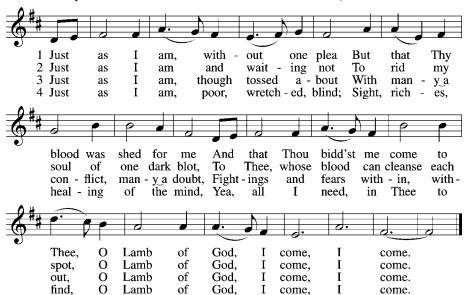
Lord's Prayer

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.

Holy Communion



Just as I Am, without One Plea



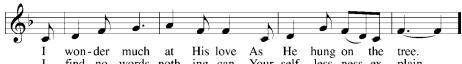
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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- 1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me.
- You gave all Your love, You suf-fered pain; 2 For me For me
- 3 You had no sin. ho - lv Lord. But You were tor-tured, tried;
- 4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er



I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex -On Gol-go - tha all My sins You bled and died. there for My life with God— this Ι owe To You, and You a - lone.









You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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Nunc Dimittis

- \mathbf{P} Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.
- C For my eyes have seen Your salvation,

Which You have prepared before the face of all people;

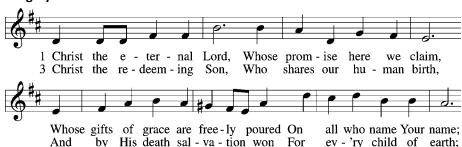
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn #829

Christ the Eternal Lord





With thank-ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne, In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known. That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.

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Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and → give you peace.
- C Amen.

Announcements

Today

- Bible Study 9:15 AM Masks Optional: Adults meet in the sanctuary; Children meet downstairs
- Youth Confirmation 12:00 PM 12:45 PM
- Sunday Evening Prayer 5:30 PM

Tuesday

- Men's Bible Study 6:30 7:30 AM
- Youth Group 6:30 8:00 PM

Wednesday

No Zoom Bible Study

Saturday

Women of Faith Bible Study 9:00 AM



A new episode of **Craving Answers, Craving God** is available. Pastor Aaron and Chuck Rathert take on the question, "Is God in Charge?" Christians believe that he is in charge, but then why do so many things happen that are outside of his



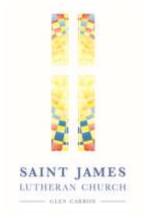
will? Is he active, passive or absent in the exercise of his almighty power? Episode 30 is the newest installment of CACG. Scan this barcode or put **Craving Answers, Craving God** in your search engine, and you'll be directed to the CACG page on the St. James website. Let us know if you enjoy the discussion.

2021 Giving Statements were sent via email and regular mail (to those who requested) on January 4th. If you have not received your statement, please check your "junk" and "spam" folders. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding your giving statement, please contact the church office at 618-288-6120 or cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org.

Digital bulletins are now available via email weekly, and the first edition of the **St. James Quarterly Newsletter** will be released via email by end of January. These will be mailed to everyone who requests to receive it. If you would like to receive this newsletter, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl in the church office 618-288-3120 or cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org.

Trivia Night January 21st: The youth groups of St. James and Good Shepherd will be hosting a trivia night to raise funds for youth attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Texas. Registration forms are available in the church office and online at https://saintjamesglencarbon.org/trivia-night/.

Today we are having a **door offering** for Kathryn Lange to support her college ministry and Josiah Lange to support his mission trip to Honduras.



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