

# The Second Sunday after Christmas

January 8, 2023

Hymn of Invocation #644

The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.  
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more  
And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;  
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,  
O bless-ed heav'n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.  
And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
That we, like saints be-fore us, May see You face to face.

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## Confession and Absolution

### 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.  
**C** Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.
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## Confession

- P** Let us confess our sin to God our Father:  
O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.
- C** **We pour out our souls to you because by our own efforts we have failed.**  
**Nothing we have tried has worked. We have tried again and again and still we have failed.**
- P** O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.
- C** **Save us from the embarrassment of our failure. Save us from envying those who have apparently succeeded.**  
**Grant us some signs of success, that we not always be ashamed.**
- P** O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.
- C** **You know our need. You know our struggles, our brokenness, our sins. You know that without your mercy we can do nothing.**  
**Grant us mercy, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.**  
**Amen.**

## Absolution

- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from Romans 5:  
"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- C** **Amen.**

## Reflection on God's Forgiveness

- P** God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- C** **Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.**
- P** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.
- C** **More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.**
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## *Service of the Word*

Psalm

Psalm 2

- P** Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
- C** **The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,**
- P** “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”
- C** **He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD holds them in derision.**
- P** Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- C** **“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”**
- P** I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
- C** **Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.**
- P** You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”
- C** **Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.**
- P** Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
- C** **Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**
- C** **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**
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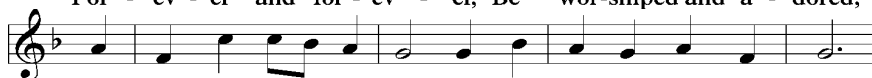
## Gloria in Excelsis



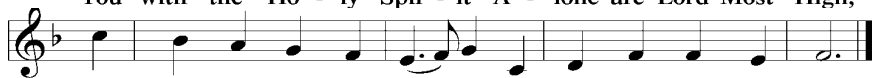
- 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 42:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup>“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

<sup>2</sup>“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. <sup>3</sup>I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup>But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup>Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. <sup>6</sup>Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

<sup>8</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

<sup>9</sup>“I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup>Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’

<sup>12</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

<sup>13</sup>“I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. <sup>14</sup>But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup>So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. <sup>16</sup>Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.’

<sup>18</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

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<sup>19</sup>“I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. <sup>20</sup>But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup>I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. <sup>22</sup>Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, <sup>23</sup>and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you as your works deserve. <sup>24</sup>But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. <sup>25</sup>Only hold fast what you have until I come. <sup>26</sup>The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, <sup>27</sup>and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. <sup>28</sup>And I will give him the morning star. <sup>29</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 3:13–17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## Sermon Hymn

By Grace Alone

Out of the depths I cry to You; Lord, hear my voice of  
Your par-don is a gift of love; Your grace a-lone must  
Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more a-

plead-ing. Bend down Your gra-cious ear, I pray, Your hum-ble  
save us. Our works will not re-move our guilt; the strict-est  
bound-eth. His help-ing love no lim-it knows; our ut-most

ser-vant heed-ing. If You re-mem-ber each mis-  
life would fail us. Let none in deeds or mer-its  
need it sound-eth. Our kind and faith-ful Shep-herd

deed, and of each thought and word take heed, who can re-  
boast, but let us own the Ho-ly Ghost, for He a-  
He, who will set all His peo-ple free from all their

main be-fore You? On-ly by grace, by grace a-lone.  
lone can change us: On-ly by grace, by grace a-lone.  
sin and sor-row: On-ly by grace, by grace a-lone.

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## Sermon

## Offering

## Prayer Response

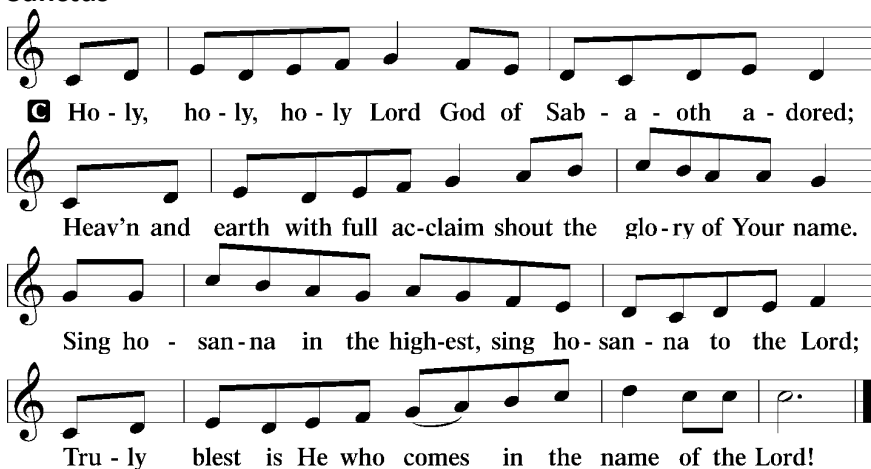
- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.  
**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; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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## 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

### Agnus Dei

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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# Distribution Hymn # 411

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see as the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.  
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.  
 The night and the day are both a - like.  
 The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.  
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

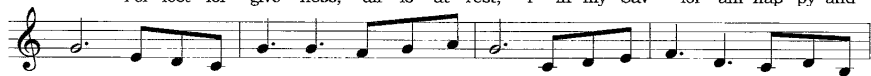
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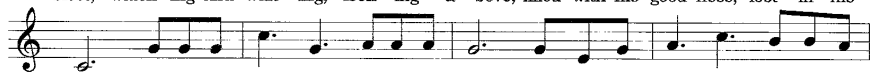
## Blessed Assurance



Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di -  
Per - fect for - give - ness, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my  
Per - fect for - give - ness, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and



vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his  
sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of  
blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his



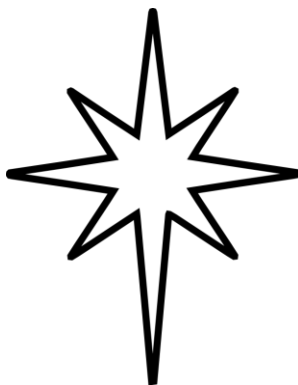
blood.

love. This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day  
love.



long; this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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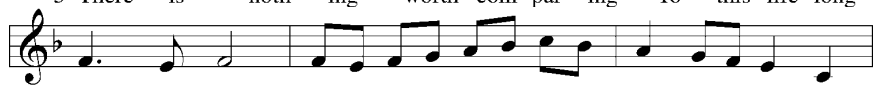


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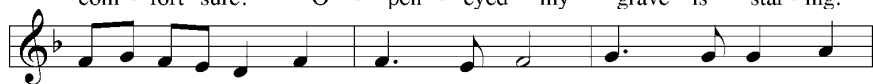
## God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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## The Dismissal

## Nunc Dimittis

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Benediction

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
  - C** **Thanks be to God.**
  - P** 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.**
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# Announcements

## Sundays

- **Worship Service** – 9:00 AM
- [Adult Bible Study and Sunday School](#) - 10:30 AM Downstairs

## Tuesdays

- [Youth Group](#) 6:30 - 8:00 PM

## Wednesdays

- [Men's Bible Study](#) 6:30 – 7:30 AM

**New Year – New Opportunities:** We still have a great need for adult volunteers to help with Youth Group. Please contact Stacey Staae or Cheryl in the church office for more information.

2023 Member Giving Envelopes are available on the credenza in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl in the church office 618-288-6120 or [cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org)

If you are interested in learning more about Christianity or are interested in joining St. James Lutheran Church, or maybe you just want to hang out and talk about the Story of the Bible, please see Pastor Aaron or contact the church office about joining the [new member class](#) beginning January 15th. Babysitting is available upon request.

**Youth Confirmation** - Youth confirmation classes begin January 15th. They will be held on Sundays following Sunday school/Bible study. Please contact Pastor Mueller if your child will be attending.

Registration is open for the St. James [“Art of Marriage” retreat](#) March 10-11 to be held at the Four Points by Sheridan in Fairview Heights. Register online or with a form available on the church bulletin board. Registration is limited. Please register ASAP.

**Save the Date – Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 PM**

## [Chili Cook-off and Family Game Night](#)

Bring the family, your favorite pot of chili and game for a night of fun and fellowship! If chili isn't your forte, bring a dessert to share! Drinks and sides will be provided. Prizes will be awarded!! For more information or questions call Tina Enke 618-795-0102, Jen Weber 618-407-5322, or the church office.

2022 Member Giving Statements will be distributed via email by January 15<sup>th</sup>. If you do not receive your statement, or if you have questions/concerns, please contact Cheryl in the church office.

OUR CHOSEN TO SHINE (501c3) HONDURAS MISSION... is set for 2023! Dates are: May 27 – June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Missions are a life changing opportunity for those we serve and our team. We are a medical mission serving in the areas of dental, optical, medical, children and evangelism! (You do not need to have a medical background to join us.) In January of 2020, our Chosen to Shine team of 10 adults and 12 college students served 211 people in dental care, 969 in medical, 345 received new and sometimes their first pair of glasses! In Evangelism we shared the gospel with 753 people in a week's time! We placed water filters in the homes of two families, offering them water for 10 years and the ability to sell clean water for income. We offer partial scholarships to students in high school or college. Students 16-17 must be accompanied by a parent. Our team will be set by January 15, 2023. If you would like more information or to donate, please contact Lauri Cunningham (Trinity Edwardsville) 618-978-9700.



[St. James Attendance](#)



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