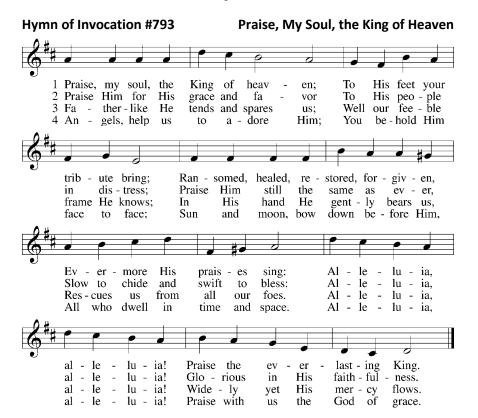
# The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023



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### **Confession and Absolution**

#### Invocation

- $lap{P}$  In the name of the Father and of the  $lap{H}$  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

- Let us confess our sins to God our Father: Holy and merciful God,
- in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

#### **Absolution**

- P Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Savior Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the 

  → Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen

#### **Reflection on God's Forgiveness**

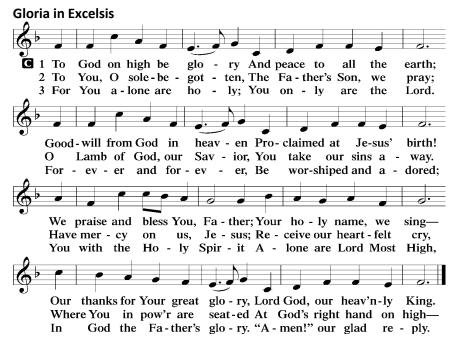
1 Corinthians 15:20, 54-57

- P Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?
- P The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
- But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Service of the Word

Psalm Psalm 40:1–11

- P I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
- P He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.
- Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!
- P You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.
- Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.
- P Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."
- P I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.
- I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.
- As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!
- 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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#### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 49:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his guiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." 5And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup>he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

**Epistle** Revelation 3

<sup>1</sup>"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.

"'I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup>Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup>Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. <sup>4</sup>Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup>The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. <sup>6</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

<sup>7</sup>"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

8"'I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. 9Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet and they will learn that I have loved you. 10Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. 11 am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. 12The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. 13He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

<sup>14</sup>"And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

<sup>15</sup>"I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! <sup>16</sup>So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup>I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. <sup>19</sup>Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup>Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. <sup>21</sup>The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

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

Holy Gospel John 1:29–42a

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

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.





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### Sermon

#### Offering

Please take a moment to sign and pass the "Record of Friendship" booklet, or use the QR code located on the inside cover of the booklet.

#### **Prayer Response**

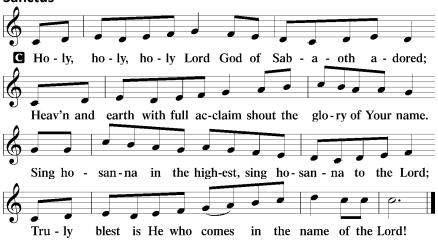
- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

### Service of the Sacrament

#### **Preface**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- 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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:





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#### **Lord's Prayer**

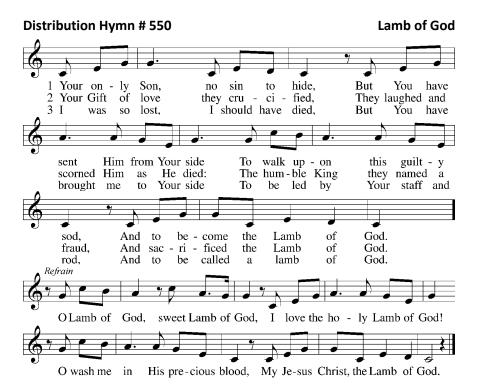
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

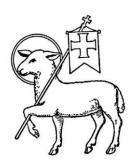


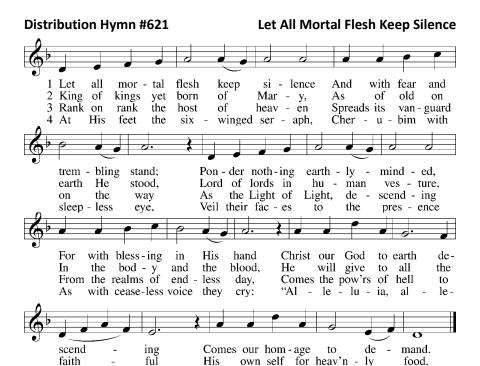


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#### The Dismissal

#### **Nunc Dimittis**



#### **Benediction**

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

#### Sundays

- Worship Service 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study and Sunday School 10:30 AM Downstairs
- Youth Confirmation Following Sunday School, Downstairs
- New Member Class 6:00 PM 7:30 PM

#### **Tuesdays**

Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM

#### Wednesdays

Men's Bible Study 6:30 – 7:30 AM

A collection is being taken for two summer mission trips: Jack Blair will be leading a mission trip to Hungary and Happy will be leading a mission trip to Costa Rica where they will have the opportunity to serve and witness to the community. You can give directly to the church office, or online to Jack's mission trip online at <u>JustGiving-Jack</u> and/or to Happy's Mission trip at <u>JustGiving-Costa Rica</u>

Chili Cook-off and Family Game Night Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 PM
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.

#### "Art of Marriage" retreat March 10-11

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity! **Registration is open and limited.** This St. James – Good Shepherd combined event will be held at the Four Points by Sheridan in Fairview Heights. Register online or with a form available on the church bulletin board. **Please register ASAP.** 

Registration is now open for the <u>2023 LCMS Life Conference</u>, which will be held March 2–3 at the LCMS International Center in St. Louis and online. The conference will provide Lutherans with resources to faithfully proclaim what God's Word teaches about life, health, marriage and family.

For <u>Valentine's Day</u>, we will be showing our love for our homebound members by holding a card shower for them. What is a card shower? We will provide a packet of cards for you to take home where you can fill the cards with a message, Bible verse, picture from the kids, or word of encouragement and return them to church for delivery. The cards are available for pick up in the church narthex Sunday, January 29th and are due back at church on Sunday, February 5th. We will need volunteers to hand-deliver cards in the Glen Carbon

area after church on Sunday, February 11th. Please contact the church office if you are interested in being a volunteer at contact@stjamesglencarbon.org.

**Concordia Seminary Guild Luncheon** is scheduled for Feb 3rd at 11:30 AM. For more information, please visit the <u>Seminary Guild Website</u> and select "Attend Seminary Guild Events."

## St. Paul Early Childhood Learning Center in Hamel, IL is looking to fill the following job positions:

- FT Infant Room Teacher From \$14/hr (inc. full benefits)
- Teacher's Aid From \$13/hr

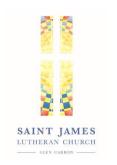
For further qualifications and requirements, please search for St. Paul Early Childhood Learning Center on Indeed.com or you may contact Ronda Johnson at 618-633-3252."

**St. James Livestream** has been and continues to be a wonderful opportunity for our members and for many viewers living away. We have been blessed with an amazing technology team that has worked consistently, every week, to make this happen. Now it's our turn to help...our technology team needs volunteers to learn how to help with the livestream! No experience necessary! Please contact Larry O'Leary at <a href="mailto:larryoleary@saintjamesglencarbon.org">larryoleary@saintjamesglencarbon.org</a> for more information!

Calling all prayer warriors! St. James would like to form a prayer team to pray for our members and their specific prayer concerns. If you would like to be a part of this team, please contact Cheryl at the church office or via email at cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org.



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