The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023



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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

- ightharpoons 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.

Exhortation

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- Who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

- P Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John:
 - "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- C Amen.

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

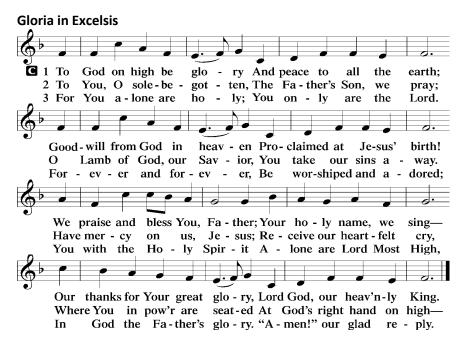
Isaiah 53:4-6

- P Surely [Jesus] has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
- Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
- But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
- Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.
- P All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;
- And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Service of the Word

Psalm Psalm 27:1–9

- The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
- P Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
- One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
- P For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
- And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
- P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
- You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."
- P Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
- 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

Daniel 7:1-14

¹In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter. ²Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. ³And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ⁴The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it. 5And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.' 6After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it. ⁷After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. 81 considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

⁹As I looked,

thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.

10 A stream of fire issued
and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹¹I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

13I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.
14And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Revelation 4—5

¹After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." ²At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ³And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. ⁴Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, ⁶and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each

holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12-25

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

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
 16the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their

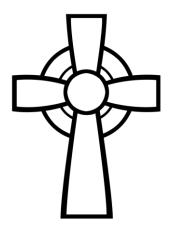
nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan..

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

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.





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Sermon

Offering

Prayer Response

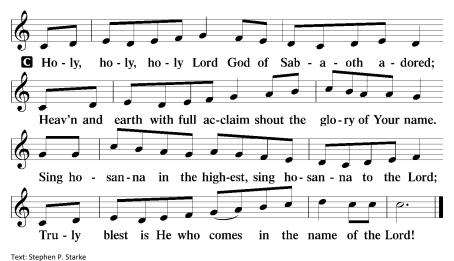
- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

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.
- 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:

Sanctus



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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Holy, Holy, Holy



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Before the Throne of God Above



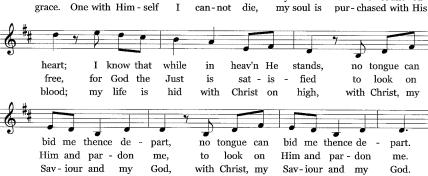
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plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I Am", the King of glo - ry and of



me. My name is grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - iour died my sin - ful soul is count - ed grace. One with Him - self I can - not die. my soul is pur - chased with His



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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

Sunday

- 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

Tuesday

Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study 6:30 – 7:30 AM

OUR CHOSEN TO SHINE (501c3) HONDURAS MISSION... is set for 2023! Dates have changed to June 3rd - 10th. There will be an informational meeting the home of Lauri Cunningham (Trinity Edwardsville) on 1/28 @ 3pm. 3915 Sequoia Drive, Edwardsville. Please contact Lauri for any questions 618-978-9700.

Chili Cook-off and Family Game Night – Sunday, February 19th @ 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

There are still tickets available, but registration is 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!** Call Cheryl with any questions – 618-531-2186

Registration is now open for the 2023 LCMS Life Conference, 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. Details can be found at https://www.lcms.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> at https://www.csl.edu/support/seminary-guild/ 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."

Card Shower

For Valentine's Day, 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.

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 larryoleary@saintjamesglencarbon.org 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@stiamesglencarbon.org.



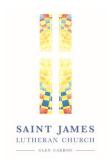
The Bible says that "No one has ever seen God." Why not? Do you ever wish that God would more fully reveal himself to you and the world? Our most recent episode of **Craving Answers Craving God** addresses the issue of "The Hiddenness of God." You'll find this new installment on our

St. James website at saintjamesglencabon.org.

Metro-East Lutheran High School invites you to an Open House on Sunday, Feb. 5, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Come tour our campus, meet our teachers, chat with administrators and get answers to your questions about everything from academics to extracurriculars to tuition assistance. For more information, call the school office at 618-656-0043 or email admissions@melhs.org.



St. James Attendance



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