

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5, 2023

Hymn of Invocation

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.

Wor-ship His ho-ly name. Sing like nev-er be-fore,

O my soul. I'll wor-ship Your ho-ly name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawn-ing.
You're rich in love and You're slow to an-ger.
And on that day when my strength is fail-ing,

It's time to sing Your song a-gain. What-
Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For
the end draws near and my time has come,

ev-er may pass and what ev-er lies be-fore me,
all Your goodness I will keep on sing-ing,
still my soul will sing your praise un-end-ing,

let me be sing-ing when the eve-ning comes. (Bless the)
ten thou-sand rea-sons for my heart to find. (Bless the)
ten thou-sand years and then for ev-er more. (Bless the)

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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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Kyrie

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

Confession of Sins

- P** Holy, Holy, Holy you are, O LORD of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glory.
- C** Your holiness frightens us. It fills us with awe. It fills us with wonder.
What else can we do but fall down before you and confess our woe?
We are lost. We are a people of unclean lips and unclean thoughts.
The light of your holiness only reveals the darkness of our sin.
- P** Holy, Holy, Holy, you are, O LORD of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glory.
- C** Your holiness is white hot, converting our sin.
Send your seraphim to us with burning coals from your altar,
that our guilt be taken away, and our sin forgiven.
- P** Holy, Holy, Holy you are, O LORD of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glory.
- C** Your holiness is frightening, all consuming.
Sanctify us to your service.
Make us holy, that we might be your people,
that we might reflect your glory and serve you forever.
In the name of Jesus we pray, who ever stands before the altar of
heaven,
our mediator, who presents before your holy majesty our prayer and
supplication,
now and evermore. 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

Romans 5:8-11

- 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.**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 112:1-9

- P** Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments!
 - C** **His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
 - P** Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.
 - C** **Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**
 - P** It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.
 - C** **For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.**
 - P** He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.
 - C** **His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.**
 - P** He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.
 - 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

P Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

C We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You,
We give You thanks for Your great glory,
O Lord God, King of Heaven, Father Almighty.
Lord Jesus Christ, the one and only Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world -
Receive our prayer and have mercy on us.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone, Jesus, with the Holy Spirit, are Most High
In the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:3–9a

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

⁶Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.

⁷The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

⁸The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. ⁹A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

¹⁰The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. ¹¹The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.

¹²The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night.

¹³Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!"

¹And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. ²He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. ³Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth. ⁴They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone. ⁶And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.

⁷In appearance the locusts were like horses prepared for battle: on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, ⁸their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; ⁹they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. ¹⁰They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails. ¹¹They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.

¹²The first woe has passed; behold, two woes are still to come.

¹³Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God, ¹⁴saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” ¹⁵So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶The number of mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand; I heard their number. ¹⁷And this is how I saw the horses in my vision and those who rode them: they wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire and of sulfur, and the heads of the horses were like lions’ heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths. ¹⁸By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths. ¹⁹For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents with heads, and by means of them they wound.

²⁰The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, ²¹nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

¹Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. ²He had a little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, ³and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. ⁴And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down.” ⁵And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven ⁶and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay, ⁷but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

⁸Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, “Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.” ⁹So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, “Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.” ¹⁰And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter. ¹¹And I was told, “You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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 ✝ everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

This Is My Father's World

This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears, all
This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise, the
This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for-get that

na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres. This
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their Mak-er's praise. This
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul-er yet. This

is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
is my Fa-ther's world: the bat-tle is not done; Je-

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus-ting grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev-ery-where.
sus who died shall be sat-is-fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

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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.
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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

- P** Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
C Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna, in the highest.
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:
Glory to You, O Lord in the highest.
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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

- P** Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
- C** Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace. Amen.
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Distribution Hymn # 570

Just as I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871; Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–68; Text and tune: Public domain

Distribution Hymn # 560

Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
 2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
 3 Wash me and take a - way do each stain; Let noth - ing
 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
 bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855–1928; Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838–96; Text and tune: Public domain

Distribution Hymn # 425

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748; Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872; Text and tune: Public domain

The Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis

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 # 643

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv-ing, To God ev-er - liv-ing,
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.
His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks - giv-ing
To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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.**

This Week at a Glance

Today

- 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
- Youth Group Trip to Winter Jam

Tuesday

- Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Wednesday

- Men's Bible Study 6:30 – 7:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[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

Register now to reserve your spot for this event! Call Cheryl with any questions – 618-531-2186

[February is Healthy Eating Month at Glen-Ed Pantry](#). Did you know that client families choose their own foods, and the Pantry encourages healthy shopping choices? Help the pantry stock their shelves with healthy options by donating foods such as whole grain pasta, fruit packed in 100% juice, low sodium vegetables, soups and sauces as well as items that are fat-free and sugar free.

Donation idea: Consider using your reward points from the grocery store to purchase pantry donations. Questions about Glen-Ed Pantry? Call Tina Barnard - 618-406-1932

Card Shower

Thank you to everyone that took cards to personalize. Please drop your cards in the box located in the church entryway! 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.

Metro-East Lutheran High School invites you to an Open House today, 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.

Registration is now open for the [2023 LCMS Life Conference](https://www.lcms.org), 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>

Community Groups are a fantastic way to be “in community” with your St. James family! If you are not currently participating in a community group, and would like more information, please contact Shanna@stjamesglencarbon.org or call the church office. Current community groups are meeting as follows:

Mondays - 6:30pm in Collinsville / Glen Carbon

Mondays - 6:30pm in O'Fallon

Tuesdays - 6:00pm in Maryville

Wednesdays - 6:30pm in Glen Carbon

Wednesdays - 10am in Glen Carbon

Thursdays – 6:30PM Bi-weekly in Caseyville



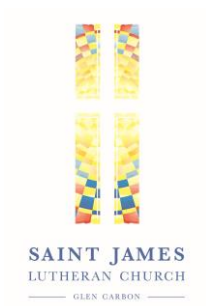
SAVE THE DATE – April 1st – St. James Spring Workday

Please mark your calendars for a day of service on the church property. We will work on landscaping, indoor and outdoor maintenance and cleaning. We need you - many hands make light work!

Coming Soon! March 3rd Trivia Night @ MELHS to benefit the St. James and Good Shepherd youth who will be attending the 2025 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Please watch for more information on our website and bulletin boards at church!



[St. James Attendance](#)



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