

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

Hymn of Invocation # 474

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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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.

Exhortation

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But 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 and Absolution

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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
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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 116:1-14

- P** I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
 - C** Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
 - P** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
 - C** Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"
 - P** Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.
 - C** The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.
 - P** Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
 - C** For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;
 - P** I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
 - C** I believed, even when I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted";
 - P** I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."
 - C** What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?
 - P** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
 - C** I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
 - 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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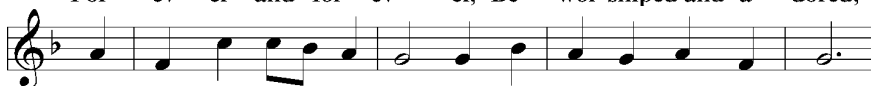
Gloria in Excelsis



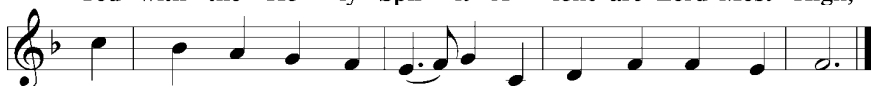
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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

Acts Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, .

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³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.

²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just

as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Sermon Hymn

Speak O Lord



Speak O Lord, as we come to You, to re-ceive the food of Your
Teach us Lord, full o - be - di-ence, Ho-ly rev - er-ence, true hu-
Speak O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your



Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in Your like - ness; That the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak O Lord and ful - fil in us all Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un-be-lief.
Speak O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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Sermon

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Prayer of the Church

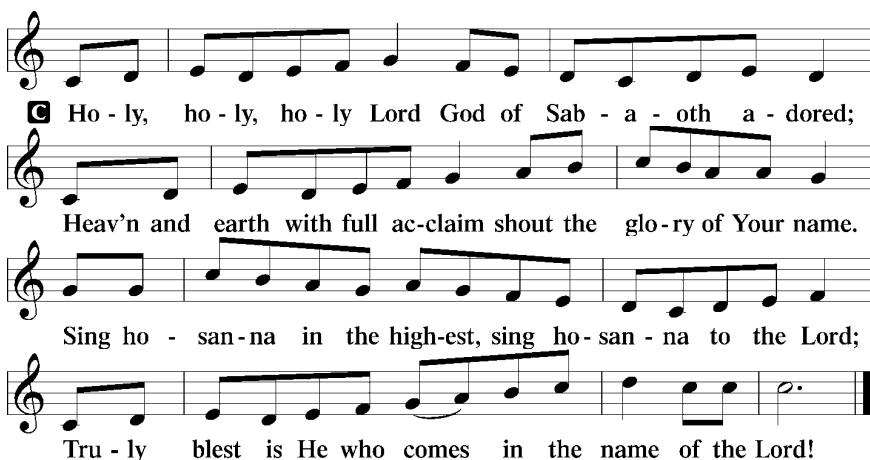
- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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!


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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



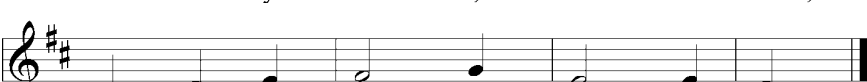
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution



All I once held dear, built my life up - on, all this
Now my heart's de - sire is to know You more, to be
Oh, to know the power of Your ris - en life, and to



world re - veres and wars to own, all I once thought gain I have
found in You, and known as Yours, to pos - sess by faith what I
know You in Your suf - fer - rings, to be - come like You in Your



count - ed loss; Spent and worth - less now, com - pared to this.
could not earn: All sur - pas - sing gift of right - eous - ness. Know - ing
death, my Lord; So with You to live, and nev - er die.



You, Je - sus, know - ing You, there is no great - er thing. You're my



all, no - thing less, You're my joy, my right - eous - ness, and I love You, Lord.

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Distribution Hymn # 618

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Refrain
 Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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Distribution Hymn # 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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The Dismissal



Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
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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This Week at a Glance

Sunday

- Worship Service – 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study and Sunday School (downstairs) 10:30 AM

Tuesday

- NO YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday

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



[Have you completed the
VisionPath Survey?](#)

VisionPath Survey →



You are invited and greatly encouraged to

attend the St. James Vision Event on Thursday, May 4th 6:00 – 8:00 PM in the Church Fellowship Hall. Tom Eggebrecht from Lutheran Church Extension Fund will discuss our survey, the Vision Process and lead us in some activities to help us complete the VisionPath Process and define St. James' guiding statement. RSVPs for dinner and/or babysitting are encouraged, but not required. Please contact Cheryl in the Church office 618-288-6120 or cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date: St. James' Vision Event. Please mark your calendars to join us for this **ALL MEMBER EVENT**. Dinner and babysitting will be provided. Watch for more information.

Youth Annual Yard Sale

As you start your Spring Cleaning, please be looking for items that you would be willing to donate to the Youth Yard Sale. The Yard Sale will be on Saturday, June 17. Items can be dropped off at church the week before. Funds raised will help with expenses for the Mission Trip and the 2025 Youth Gathering.

The St. James Youth Group is planning a **Mission Trip to Northern Minnesota** from July 7-15. We are looking for Junior High and High School Youth as well as adults to make the trip with us. Please contact Ruth Thompson (ruth.thompson@melhs.org or 314-985-0805) if you would like more information.

Community Groups

There is a community group ready to welcome you! If you are interested in joining a group, please contact Shanna at Shannacovarrubias@saintjamesglencarbon.org for locations and times available, or call the church office.

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday School Needs YOU!

We are very blessed with wonderful Sunday School teachers that share Jesus every week with our children. With summer approaching, and a new summer Sunday school program beginning in June, it's a perfect time to give them a break! To that end, we are seeking aides to assist with the Sunday morning program. There is No preparation or experience necessary. The program and curriculum is set, but adults are needed to help assist the leader on Sunday mornings. If you feel called to serve in this way, please contact Cheryl in the church office or email at cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org

Sunday School Teacher Needed for the "Grades 3-5" class starting in August. If you feel called to serve in this way, please contact Cheryl in the church office.

Volunteers Needed to Help with Audio and Video

No experience required. The media ministry and technology team is in need of individuals that can assist with audio or video and cameras during worship and other events at St James.

All tasks are easy to learn regardless of your age! Whether you have never done any of them or are an experienced audio engineer or video producer, your help would be greatly appreciated and welcomed. If you are interested or have questions regarding this opportunity, please email Larry O'Leary larry@stjamesglencarbon.org or contact the church office.

The Altar Guild is in need of volunteers! This could be a great individual or family service opportunity. If you're available to assist one Sunday per month or more, contact judyreese@saintjamesglencarbon.org or call the church office for more information!

Help Fill Glen-Ed Pantry's Shelves with Most-Needed Items. Consider donating some items Glen-Ed Pantry always needs: pasta side dishes, hamburger helper meal starters, oatmeal, breakfast bars, pop-tarts, saltines, other crackers, jelly, ketchup, mayo, mustard, all condiments, spices, white sugar, flour, cooking oil, pancake syrup, laundry detergent and dish soap. **Donation Idea:** Glen-Pantry runs because of volunteers. Go to www.glenedpantry.org and find out about regular or special project volunteer opportunities.



[St. James Attendance](#)



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