

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

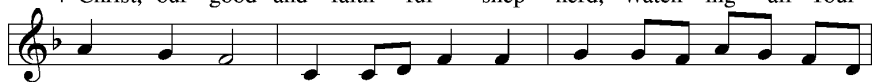
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Hymn of Invocation # 540

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



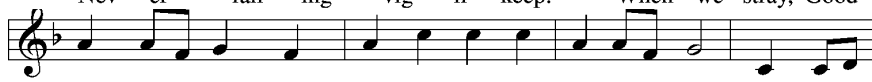
1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



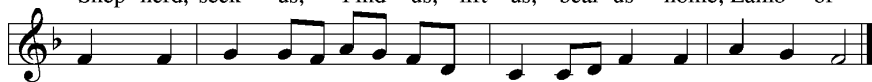
A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es
lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unailing
To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father,
Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
There to share Your wedding feast.

△ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.

Confession and Absolution

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Kyrie

To the tune New Britain ("Amazing Grace")

Look down in mercy on us, Lord.
Receive our prayers and praise,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word,
For your amazing grace.

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

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sin to God:
O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, be the God of your people today!
- C** **We confess that we have worshiped too many other gods.**
We have devoted ourselves to all too many different values.
Turn our hearts to you again!
- P** O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, be the God of your people today!
- C** **We confess that we have visited all too many sanctuaries.**
We have tried to find the sources of life in all too many other places.
Turn our hearts to you again!
- P** O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, be the God of your people today!
- C** **We turn to you, and to you alone, to be our God, our only God.**
Forgive our sins. Give us spiritual integrity. Give us wholeness and holiness.
Answer us in the name of Christ, for he has promised to intercede for us.
It is in him that we pray in the fellowship of his body.
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

- P** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you I cry all the day.
- C** **Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**
- P** For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
- C** **Abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 105:1–11, 37–45

- P** ¹Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
- C** ²**Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!**
- P** ³Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- C** ⁴**Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!**
- P** ⁵Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- C** ⁶**O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**
- P** ⁷He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
- C** ⁸**He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,**
- P** ⁹the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,
- C** ¹⁰**which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**
- P** ¹¹saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."
- C** ³⁷**Then he brought out Israel with silver and gold, and there was none among his tribes who stumbled.**
- P** ³⁸Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.
- C** ³⁹**He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.**
- P** ⁴⁰They asked, and he brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.
- C** ⁴¹**He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.**
- P** ⁴²For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.
- C** ⁴³**So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.**
- P** ⁴⁴And he gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil,
- C** ⁴⁵**that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the LORD!**
- 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**

Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"
God who flung the stars in space, God who formed the human race,
God the mind and God the cause, God the source of nature's laws,
God of wisdom, pow'r, and love, God of gods, all gods above.
Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

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God who saw your creatures fall, loved them still, and loved them all,
Gave your only Son to prove what is mercy, what is love;
And the Spirit, given free, recreates your family.
Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1–3; 15:1–5; 17:4–8

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

⁴"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."

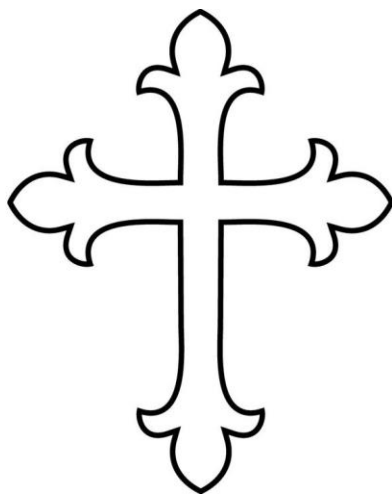
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

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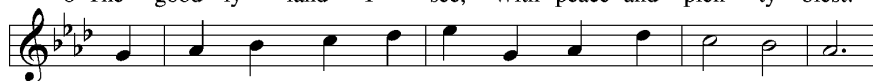


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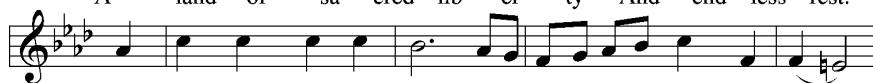
The God of Abraham Praise *sts. 1, 3, 5-9*



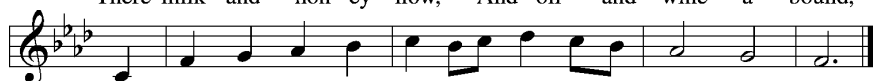
1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
 5 Though na - ture's strength de - cay, And earth and hell with-stand,
 6 The good - ly land I see, With peace and plen - ty blest:



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
 Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
 To Ca - naan's bounds I urge my way At His com-mand.
 A land of sa - cred lib - er - ty And end - less rest.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
 The wa - t'ry deep I pass, With Je - sus in my view,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, And oil and wine a - bound,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
 And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
 And through the howl - ing wil - der - ness My way pur - sue.
 And trees of life for - ev - er grow With mer - cy crowned.

7 There dwells the Lord our king,
 The Lord our righteousness,
 Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
 The Prince of Peace.
 On Zion's sacred height
 His kingdom He maintains
 And glorious with His saints in light
 Forever reigns.

△ 9 The whole triumphant host
 Give thanks to God on high.
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
 They ever cry.
 Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
 I join the heav'nly lays:
 All might and majesty are Thine
 And endless praise!

8 The God who reigns on high
 The great archangels sing,
 And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,
 "Almighty King!
 Who was and is the same
 And evermore shall be:
 Jehovah, Father, great I AM!
 We worship Thee!"

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Credo

To the tune St Denio (“Immortal, Invisible”)

Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive
 Their being and blessing, in you we believe.
 Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,
 Provider and Father, our trust is in you.

And you, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,
 True son of the Father, by angels adored;
 Redeemer incarnate, you paid for our sins,
 And, joined in your rising, our new life begins.

Free Spirit of wisdom and power and love,
 On us, as on Christ, you descend from above;
 You call us, you cleanse us, you open our eyes,
 You keep us in peace, you restore paradise.

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Sermon

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

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

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.

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 our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Sanctus

To the tune Nicaea ("Holy, Holy, Holy")

"Holy, holy, holy!" all the saints in glory
Fill your temple with their song around your golden throne;
"Holy, holy, holy!" with them we adore Thee;
God in three persons, all in Christ as one.

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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

To the tune Olivet ("My Faith Looks Up to Thee")

Meek, slaughtered lamb of God,
Bearing the sinners' load
To buy our peace:
Now risen and enthroned,
With life and glory crowned,
To all the lost and found
Please grant your peace.

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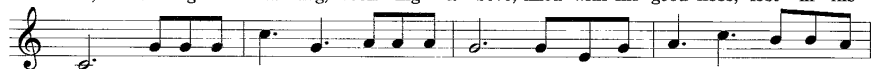
Blessed Assurance



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

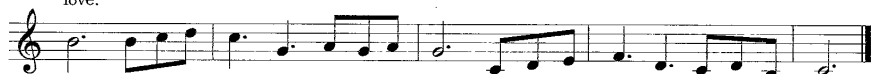


vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his
sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of
blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his



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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Distribution Hymn # 430

My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

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| <p>5 They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He
 To suff'ring goes
 That He His foes
 From thence might free.</p> | <p>6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.</p> |
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- 7 Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

Distribution Hymn # 733

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou-sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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The Dismissal

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.

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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 11:45 AM, Downstairs
- New Member Class 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



There is considerable evidence that more and more people are feeling sad, depressed and isolated. When a Christian feels this way, is there a path out of the valley? On Episode 67 of **Craving Answers Craving God**, Aaron and Chuck discuss this topic and offer suggestions which can help lead to recovery. It's the latest show on our bi-weekly podcast. Give it a listen!

Community Groups

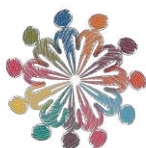
There is a community group ready to welcome you! If you are interested in joining a group, please contact Shanna at Shannacovarrubias@saintjamesglencarbon.org for locations and times available, or call the church office.

"Metro-East Lutheran High School is looking for HOST FAMILIES for foreign students who are interested in attending MELHS for the 23/24 school year. Please prayerfully consider opening your home up for either a semester or the full school year. If you would like to explore this opportunity please contact Dr. Jay Krause at jay.krause@melhs.org or call the school office at 618-656-0043."

In June, [Glen-Ed Pantry suggests donating "summer foods"](#) families need for cookouts, picnics and quick "Little League" meals. Foods like ketchup, mustard, s'more makings and lemonade or cool aide (with sugar) plus items from the Glen-Ed Pantry website's "Most Needed Items" list will be in demand. For more information contact Tina Barnard at barnard.tina00@gmail.com

Metro East Lutheran High School matching grant

Lutheran Foundation has generously agreed to match every dollar donated to the MELHS endowment fund with three dollars, up to \$750,000. This money will be used to provide financial aid to students who need it, helping to make Lutheran education affordable for every family. We will support this initiative with two door offerings - next Sunday, June 25th, and also on July 9th - to allow families who might be traveling one of those Sundays to participate. If you have any questions, please see one of our school board representatives: Mark Eberhart, Eric Robinson, or Dan Staake.



Ministry Opportunities – Get Involved! How are you serving?

Audio and Video Help Needed

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.



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