

# The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

Hymn of Invocation # 785

We Praise You, O God



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.  
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,  
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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## Confession and Absolution

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  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.

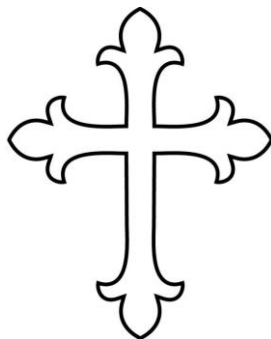
## Confession and Absolution

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- 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  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen

## Reflection on God's Forgiveness

*Isaiah 53:4-6*

- P** Surely [Jesus] has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
- C** Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
- P** But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
- C** 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;
- C** And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.



# Service of the Word

## Psalm

Psalm 138

- P** <sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;
- C** <sup>2</sup>**I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your  
faithfulness,  
for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.**
- P** <sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me;  
my strength of soul you increased.
- C** <sup>4</sup>**All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth,**
- P** <sup>5</sup>and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.
- C** <sup>6</sup>**For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.**
- P** <sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life;  
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
and your right hand delivers me.
- C** <sup>8</sup>**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands**
- 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.**

## Gloria

*To the tune Mendelssohn ("Hark the Herald Angels Sing")*

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.  
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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!"

<sup>1</sup>And Hannah prayed and said,  
“My heart exults in the LORD;  
my strength is exalted in the LORD.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation.  
<sup>2</sup>“There is none holy like the LORD;  
there is none besides you;  
there is no rock like our God.  
<sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.  
<sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble bind on strength.  
<sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.  
The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.  
<sup>6</sup>The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.  
<sup>8</sup>He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.  
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD’s,  
and on them he has set the world.  
<sup>9</sup>“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,  
for not by might shall a man prevail.  
<sup>10</sup>The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces;  
against them he will thunder in heaven.  
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king  
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

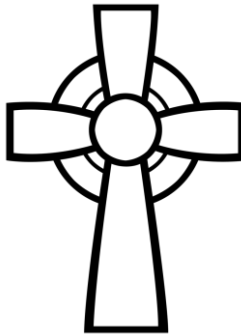
## Epistle

Acts 2:42–47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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**C** Thanks be to God.

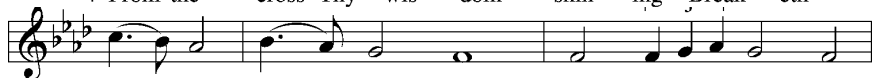


Sermon Hymn # 578

Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 ev - er, beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing, light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
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Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
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 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
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 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
 Throats that shout the hope that  
 fills us,  
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 May the light which Thou dost send  
 Fill our songs with alleluias,  
 Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 To Thee laud and honor be.  
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 Praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 Glory, glory be to Thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

**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.

# 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 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, 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 singing...



## 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

- ☐ **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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## Distribution



# Distribution Hymn

# His Mercy is More



What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -  
 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What  
 What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His



ni - sient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown  
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He  
 blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our  
 wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our  
 stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our



sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.  
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord,  
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.



His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,



new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

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1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure  
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y  
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers  
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



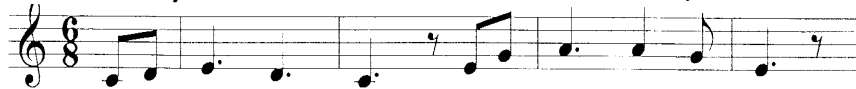
You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,  
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!  
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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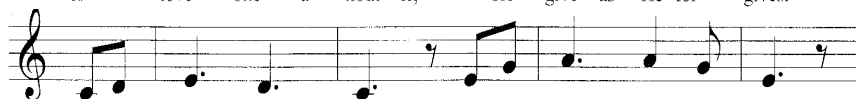
# Oh, How Good It Is



1. Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God  
2. Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share,  
3. Oh, how good it is to em - brace His com - mand



dwells to - ge - ther in spir - it, in faith and un - i - ty.  
to re - joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn.  
to love one a - noth - er, for - give as He for - gives.

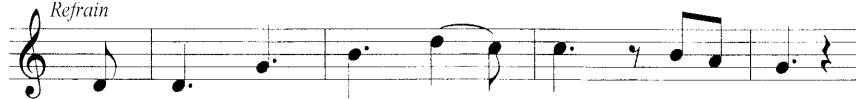


Where the bonds of peace, of ac - cep - tance and love  
For the weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace,  
When we live as one, we all share in the love

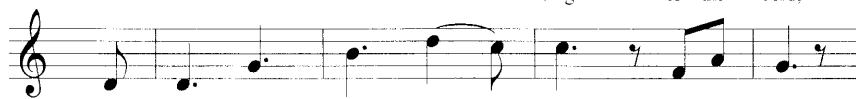


are the fruits of His pre - sence here a - mong us.  
when we of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.  
of the Son with the Fath - er and the Spir - it.

## Refrain



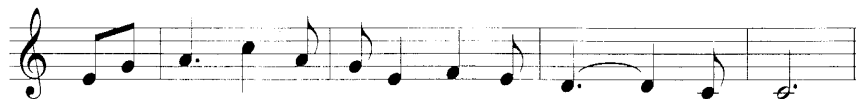
So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;



and with one heart we'll live out his Word.



Till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come



For He dwells in the pre - sence of his peo - ple.

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## The Dismissal

## Closing Hymn # 784

## Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,  
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them  
 of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and  
 for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with  
 I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry



flow in cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
 mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
 pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
 It shall be no longer mine;  
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
 It shall be Thy royal throne,  
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 At Thy feet its treasure store;  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for Thee,  
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

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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
- [Sunday School, 10:45 AM](#)
- [Adult Bible Study, 10:45 AM](#)
- Youth Confirmation 11:45 AM, Downstairs

## Wednesday

- [Mens Bible Study](#) 6:30 – 7:30 AM
- [Youth Group](#) – 6:30 – 8:00 PM

## Thursday

- [Ministry Planning Congregational Event/Dinner](#) 6:00 PM
  - Everyone is encouraged to attend!

## Saturday

- Women's Bible Study – 9:00 AM Downstairs, Lesson 7 (Acts 7:54-60)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Ministry Planning

We are very excited about our congregational event to be held this **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.** **Your input and attendance are vital to this process!** Dinner and childcare will be provided. Please contact Cheryl in the church office to sign up. [cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org) or 618-288-6120.

"A [New Members class](#) will begin on Sunday afternoon, December 3rd, at 6:00pm. If you're interested in joining St. James, looking to learn more about the Bible and Christianity, or just want to hang out and talk about theology, let Pastor Aaron know."

### **November Ministry Spotlight:** – [Property Team](#)

In addition to maintaining our building and property, the Property Team has been hard at work researching and collecting bids for renovating the sanctuary/narthex! To see more about what the property team has been up to, go to <https://saintjamesglencarbon.org/property-team-411/> If you would like to be a part of this team, please contact our Property Deacon, Tim Schnicker at [tim@saintjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:tim@saintjamesglencarbon.org).

**[Operation Christmas Child](#) is underway!** What is Operation Christmas Child? People pack shoebox gifts to bless children in need around the world. After receiving a shoebox gift, children can enroll in a 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey." As a result of what they learn, boys and girls grow in Christ and share Him with others! Please take a shoebox, label and instructions from the narthex or downstairs. These shoeboxes should be packed, wrapped and returned by November 12<sup>th</sup>. To see gift suggestions, please check out the St. James Operation Christmas Child [Shoebox Gift Suggestion Form](#). For more information about youth events or to get involved with the Youth Ministry Team please contact [Stacey Staake](#)

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We live in challenging times. We experience different challenges that require us to make judgments based on our worldview. For Christians, the Bible is at the center of our worldview. Or is it? How does our citizenship in Heaven relate to our citizenship in America? On our most recent episode of **Craving Answers Craving God**, that's our newest timely topic of discussion.

### **Mercy Ministries**

Help [Glen-Ed Pantry Gather Fixing's for Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner Baskets](#). A special Thanksgiving and Christmas meal will be provided this year for Glen-Ed Pantry families. Here's what's most needed: instant potatoes (mashed or au gratin), gravy mixes, stuffing, yams, cranberry sauce, pineapple, canned fried onions and canned carrots and mixed vegetables. If you'd like to donate toward the purchase some perishable items like rolls, turkeys and hams, or pies please visit [www.glenedpantry.org/donors](http://www.glenedpantry.org/donors) and designate your donation "holiday baskets."

Mark your calendars for Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM

Metro-East Lutheran High School invites you to an Open House today. Stop by anytime between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to tour our campus, meet our teachers, chat with administrators, and get answers to all of your questions about the Knight life. For more information, call the school office at 618-656-0043 or email [admissions@melhs.org](mailto:admissions@melhs.org).

### **St. James Guiding Statement**

***Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.***

### **St. James Mission Pillars**

**Healing  
Community  
Restoration**



## [St. James Attendance](#)



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