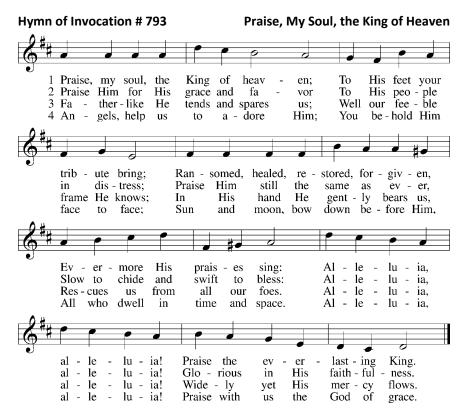
The Last Sunday of the Church Year November 26, 2023



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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

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

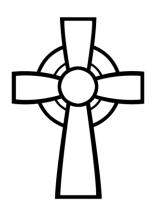
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless 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

 → Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Matthew 11:28-30

- P [Jesus said:] "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
- **P** for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.



Service of the Word

Psalm		Psalm 148
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P	¹ Praise the LORD!	
	Praise the LORD from the heavens;	
	praise him in the heights!	
C	² Praise him, all his angels;	
	praise him, all his hosts!	
P	³ Praise him, sun and moon,	
	praise him, all you shining stars!	
C	⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,	
	and you waters above the heavens!	
P	For he commanded and they were created.	
C	⁶ And he established them forever and ever;	
	he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.	
P	⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,	
	you great sea creatures and all deeps,	
C	⁸ fire and hail, snow and mist,	
	stormy wind fulfilling his word!	
P	⁹ Mountains and all hills,	
	fruit trees and all cedars!	
C	¹⁰ Beasts and all livestock,	
	creeping things and flying birds!	
P	¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,	
	princes and all rulers of the earth!	
C	¹² Young men and maidens together,	
	old men and children!	
P	¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,	
	for his name alone is exalted;	
	his majesty is above earth and heaven.	
C	¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,	
	praise for all his saints,	
	for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lo	RD!

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.

C

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!"

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Old Testament Reading

17"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain

or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,

and their descendants with them. ²⁴Before they call I will answer;

while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

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

Epistle Revelation 21:1–14

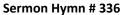
¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



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Holy Gospel John 20:19–22

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

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- 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

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

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.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

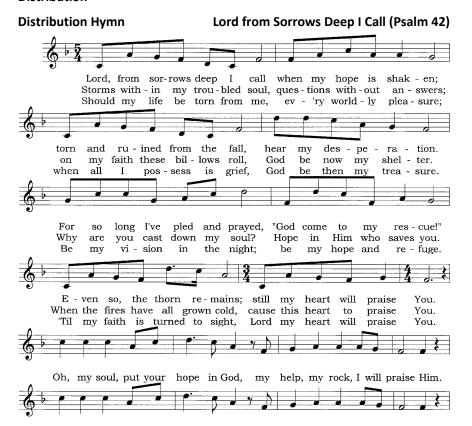
Agnus Dei

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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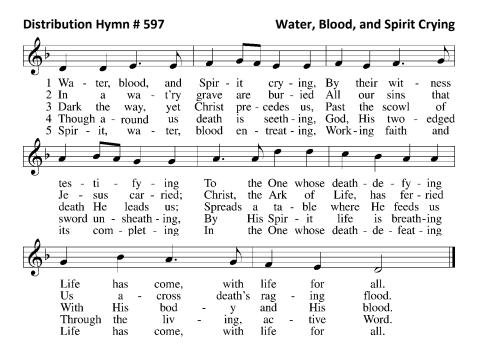
Sing, oh, sing, through the rag-ing storm; You're still my God, my sal-va-tion.

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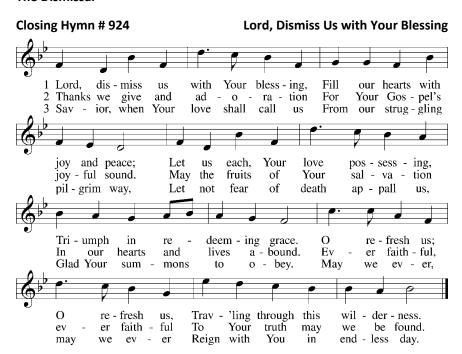
Sure - ty stands; my name is writ ten on his hands. all our race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace. give," they cry, let that die." "nor ran - somed sin - ner the blood, and tells me Ι to am born of God. now draw nigh, and, "Fa - ther, Ab ba, Fa - ther," cry.

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Benediction

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

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

Saturday

• Women's Bible Study – 9:00 AM Downstairs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A <u>Discovering Christianity Class</u> will begin next Sunday afternoon, December 3rd, at 6:00 PM. 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."

Family Christmas Breakfast – Mark your calendars for December 17th and join us for St. James' family Christmas Breakfast following the worship service.

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.

Mercy Ministries

Help Glen-Ed Pantry Gather Fixing's for Christmas Dinner Baskets. A special 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 and designate your donation "holiday baskets."

St. James Prayer Team – Did you know St. James has a prayer team? This team is devoted to continually praying for our church family, community, leaders and individual prayer requests. If you would like more information about becoming a part of our prayer team, or if you have an individual prayer request, please don't hesitate to reach out through the church office or at prayer-team@saintjamesglencarbon.org.

St. James Youth Group Christmas Party – All junior and senior high students are invited to join us for our youth Christmas party on Friday, December 15th. For more information, please contact Stacey Staake at stacey@stjamesglencarbon.org.

Christmas Decorating (Saturday, December 2nd) If you'd like to participate in decorating the church for the Christmas season, please contact Nic Schatte at nic@stjamesglencarbon.org.

Annual Voters Meeting: St. James will hold the annual voters meeting on Sunday, December 10 at 11:45 AM in the sanctuary. Agendas and Proposed 2024 Budget are available in the church narthex, or by contacting the church office.

Please mark your calendars for the children's Christmas Program which will be on Sunday morning December 17th at the beginning of worship service. Practice will be held during Sunday School for the next three Sundays.

St. James Guiding Statement

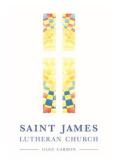
Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.

St. James Mission Pillars

Healing Community Restoration



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