

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2024

Hymn of Invocation #

O Church, Arise

O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the
Our call to war: to love the cap - tive soul, but to
Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - ery stride, give

call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes that lie crushed be -
grace for ev - ery hur - dle, that we may run with faith to

they are strong in the strength that God has gi -
wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val -
neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris -
win the prize of a ser - vant - good and faith -

ven. With shield of faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a -
or. When faced with trials on ev - ery side, we know the
en! And as the stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e -
ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing

gainst the de - vil's lies, An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle
out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
mer - ges from the grave, this vic - tory march con - tin - ues
tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger

cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which He died: an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
'til the day ev - ery eye and heart shall see Him.
for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

A - rise! Shine for your light has

come! A - rise! Shine for the Ris - en

Son! Lift your eyes, we are His ra - di - ant

bride! A - rise! O Church, a - rise!

Confession and Absolution

Invocation

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

Exhortation

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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 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** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from Psalm 103:
"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagles."
C **Amen.**
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- P** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?
- C** **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**
- P** For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth,
- C** **Nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 29

- P** Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C** **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**
- P** The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.
- C** **The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**
- P** The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- C** **He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- P** The voice of the LORD
flashes forth flames of fire.
- C** **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- P** The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- C** **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**
- P** May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!
- C** **Glorify 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

Genesis 1:1–5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

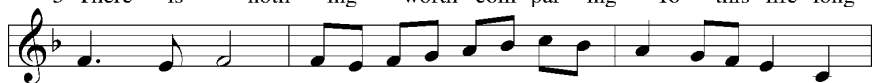
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

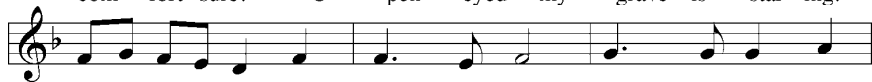
C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



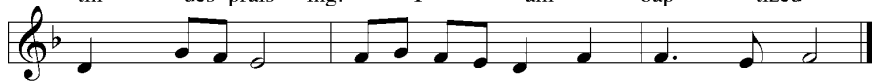
Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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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.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. 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.

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

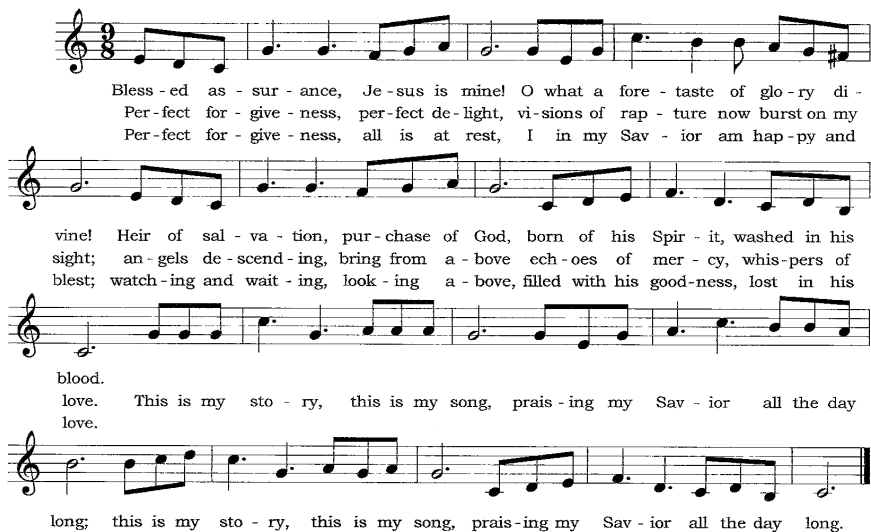
Agnus Dei

- 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.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

Blessed Assurance



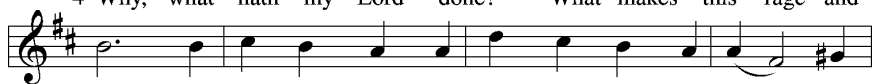
Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di -
Per - fect for - give - ness, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my
Per - fect for - give - ness, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and
vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase 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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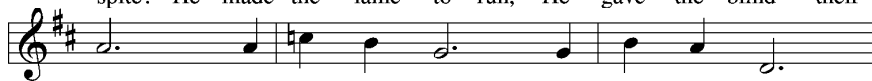




1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



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.

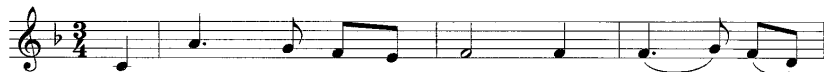
5 They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He
 To suff'ring goes
 That He His foes
 From thence might free.

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.

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

I Need Thee Every Hour



I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious
 I need Thee ev - 'ry hour; stay thou near
 I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy or
 I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, teach me Thy
 I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, Most Ho - ly



Lord; no ten - der voice like thine can peace af -
 by; temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when Thou art
 pain; come quick - ly and a - bide, or life is
 will; and Thy rich pro - mis - es in me ful -
 One; O make me Thine in - deed, Thou Bles - sed



ford.
 nigh.
 vain. I need thee, O I need thee; ev - 'ry hour I need thee. O
 fill.
 Son!



bless me now, my Sa - vior; I come to thee.

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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.
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Closing Hymn # 805

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The image shows a three-staff musical score in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a triangle symbol (△) above the first note. The second staff ends with a double bar line. The third staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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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
- Discovering Christianity – 6:30 PM

Wednesday

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

Saturday

- Women's Bible Study – 9:00 AM
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Announcements

College Students on Mission, Summer 2024: We are collecting a door offering today, located in the narthex on your way out, to support our college students, Jack Blair and Seth Linnenbrink, who are leading mission trips this summer. For more information about their missions, please check out the St. James first quarter newsletter that was sent via email on January 3rd. If you are not currently receiving the newsletter and would like to, please send a note to Cheryl at cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org.

High School Mission Trip: All Jr. and Sr. High Students are invited to be a part of something truly special—a mission trip to the White Earth Indian Reservation in Callaway, MN this summer (July 12-20, 2024). This is a chance to make a real difference, to learn, connect with, and share the gospel with a community in need. Join us for an informative meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2024, immediately following Bible Study at 11:45 AM.

January Ministry Spotlight: Life Team – Please watch for the [Mosaic Baby Bottle Campaign](#). This fundraiser will begin on January 14th and end on February 11th. Baby bottles will be available in the narthex on January 14th. For more information, please see Janice Lanto or contact the church office.

2024 Member Giving Envelopes are available on the credenza in the narthex. If you no longer need envelopes, or you prefer to give online through your financial institution or Tithely, please contact Cheryl in the church office.

2023 Member Giving Statements have been emailed to each member household. If you have any questions or concerns about your statement, or if you would like a print copy, please contact Cheryl at cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org. Print copies will be available the week of January 21st

St. James Administrative Office Hours: The church administrative office will be closed this week. If you have an emergency or need immediate assistance, please contact Pastor Aaron directly.

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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