

# The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 2024

Hymn of Invocation # 802

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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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.

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## 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 Romans 5:  
"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- C** **Amen.**

## Reflection on God's Forgiveness

*Psalm 40:1-3*

- P** I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
  - C** **He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,**
  - P** and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
  - C** **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**
  - P** Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.
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# Service of the Word

## Psalm

*Psalm 62*

- P** For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
from him comes my salvation.
- C** **He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress;  
I shall not be greatly shaken.**
- P** How long will all of you attack a man  
to batter him,  
like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?
- C** **They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.  
They take pleasure in falsehood.  
They bless with their mouths,  
but inwardly they curse.**
- P** For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,  
for my hope is from him.
- C** **He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress;  
I shall not be shaken.**
- P** On God rests my salvation and my glory;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
- C** **Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.**
- P** Those of low estate are but a breath;  
those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter than a breath.
- C** **Put no trust in extortion;  
set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**
- P** Once God has spoken;  
twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God,  
**C** **and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.  
For you will render to a man  
according to his work.**
- 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 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

*Isaiah 52:7—53:12*

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” <sup>8</sup>The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. <sup>11</sup>Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

<sup>13</sup>Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. <sup>14</sup>As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— <sup>15</sup>so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. <sup>1</sup>Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he

opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? <sup>9</sup>And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup>Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 7:29–35*

<sup>29</sup>This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

<sup>32</sup>I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the world, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup>I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:14–20*

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

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

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

<sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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

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

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## 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

## In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less babe!  
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the world by dark - ness slain.  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death this is the pow'r of Christ in me.



This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to save!  
Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a - gain!  
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!  
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis - fied;  
And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand;



My com - for - ter, my all in all here in the love of Christ I stand.  
for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live,  
for I am His and He is mine bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
Till He re - turns or calls me home here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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## Sermon

### Offering

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### Prayer of the Church

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

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## 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 # 570

### Just as I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Distribution Hymn # 621

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence

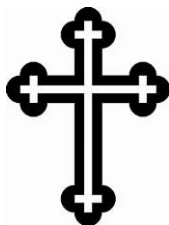


For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
 As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - quish As the dark-ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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## Distribution Hymn

## Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Sav-ior say, "Thy  
Lord, now in - deed I find Thy  
For no - thing good I have the throne,  
And when, be - fore the strength in - deed is small, Child of weak - ness, watch and  
pow'r and Thine a - lone, Can change the lep - er's  
by stand Thy grace to claim; "Je - sus wash my gar - ments  
pray, spots Find in me thine all in all,"  
white And melt the heart of stone.  
save," In the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.  
My lips shall still re - peat.

Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

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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 # 918

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.  
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
 Thee; I will ev - er give to 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
- High School Mission Trip Meeting – 11:45 AM, Sanctuary
- Discovering Christianity – 6:00 PM

## Wednesday

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

## Announcements

**[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 today, immediately following Bible Study at 11:45 AM in the sanctuary.

**January Ministry Spotlight: Life Team** –[Mosaic Baby Bottle Campaign](#); Please pick up your mosaic baby bottle in the narthex. 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](mailto:cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org).

**College Students on Mission, Summer 2024:** If you missed the door offering and would like to help support our college students who are leading mission trips this summer, check out [College Students on Mission](#), or contact Cheryl at [cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org) for a link to their mission fundraising page.

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**Glen-Ed Pantry:** Next time you purchase your family's favorite breakfast cereal, consider getting an extra box to donate to Glen-Ed Pantry. All types of cereal – oatmeal, whole grain or kids' favorites – are always needed. Donation Idea: Use your reward points from the grocery store to purchase pantry donations. Questions about Glen-Ed Pantry? Contact the church office.

## **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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