

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024

Hymn of Invocation

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.
Wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be - fore,
O my soul. I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name.
The sun comes up; it's a new day dawn - ing.
You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger.
And on that day when my strength is fail - ing,
It's time to sing Your song a - gain. What -
Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For
the end draws near and my time has come,
ev - er may pass and what ev - er lies be - fore me,
all Your goodness I will keep on sing - ing,
still my soul will sing your praise un - end - ing,
let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes. (Bless the)
ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find. (Bless the)
ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er - more. (Bless the)

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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.

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** Holy, Holy, Holy you are, O LORD of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glory.
- C** **Your holiness frightens us. It fills us with awe. It fills us with wonder. What else can we do but fall down before you and confess our woe? We are lost. We are a people of unclean lips and unclean thoughts. The light of your holiness only reveals the darkness of our sin.**
- P** Holy, Holy, Holy, you are, O LORD of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glory.
- C** **Your holiness is white hot, converting our sin. Send your seraphim to us with burning coals from your altar, that our guilt be taken away, and our sin forgiven.**
- P** Holy, Holy, Holy you are, O LORD of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glory.
- C** **Your holiness is frightening, all consuming. Sanctify us to your service. Make us holy, that we might be your people, that we might reflect your glory and serve you forever. In the name of Jesus we pray, who ever stands before the altar of heaven, our mediator, who presents before your holy majesty our prayer and supplication, now and evermore. Amen.**
- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from John 3:
"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."
- C** **Amen.**

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Psalm 86:3-5

- 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.**
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Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 111

- P** Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- C** **Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**
- P** Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
- C** **He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**
- P** He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
- C** **He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**
- P** The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;
- C** **they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**
- P** He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
- C** **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!**
- 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.

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 8

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21–28

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

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

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.**

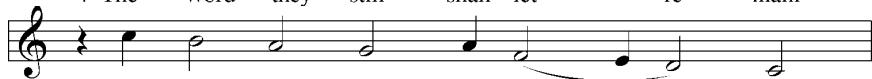


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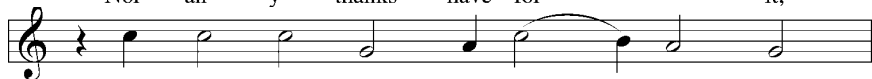
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



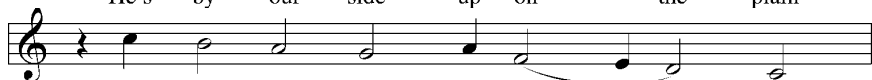
1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



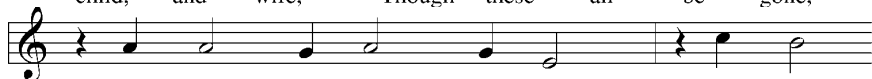
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is; Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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.
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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

- 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 # 633

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthral;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!
- △ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Distribution Hymn # 821

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the

scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of
 scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the

tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.
 tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.

Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in
 Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der

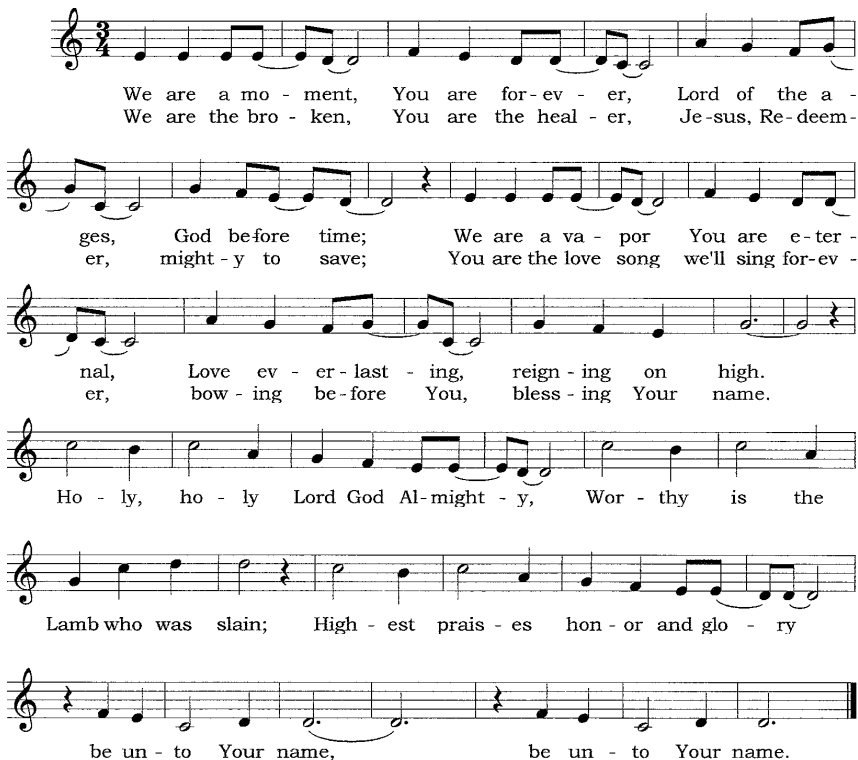
like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both
 like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of

ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

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Distribution Hymn

Be Unto Your Name



We are a mo - ment, You are for - ev - er, Lord of the a -
We are the bro - ken, You are the heal - er, Je - sus, Re - deem -
ges, God be - fore time; We are a va - por You are e - ter -
er, might - y to save; You are the love song we'll sing for - ev -
nal, Love ev - er - last - ing, reign - ing on high.
er, bow - ing be - fore You, bless - ing Your name.
Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God Al - might - y, Wor - thy is the
Lamb who was slain; High - est prais - es hon - or and glo - ry
be un - to Your name, be un - to Your name.

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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 # 849

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



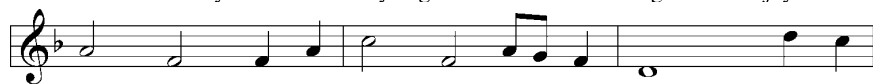
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



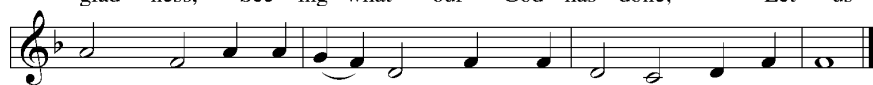
at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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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
- Discovering Christianity – 6:00 PM

Wednesday

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

Announcements

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.

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.

Metro East Lutheran High School invites you to an Open House on Sunday, February 4th. Stop by anytime between 1:00 – 3:00 PM 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

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