

# The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

## Opening Hymn # 793

## Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your  
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple  
3 Fa - ther-like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,  
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,  
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,  
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.  
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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## Confession and Absolution

### Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### Kyrie

- L** Lord, have mercy upon us.
  - C** Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.
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## Exhortation

- L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
  
- L** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
  
- L** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## Confession and Absolution

- L** Let us confess our sin to God our Father:  
O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.
  - C** **We pour out our souls to you because by our own efforts we have failed.**  
**Nothing we have tried has worked. We have tried again and again and still we have failed.**
  - L** O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.
  - C** **Save us from the embarrassment of our failure. Save us from envying those who have apparently succeeded.**  
**Grant us some signs of success, that we not always be ashamed.**
  - L** O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.
  - C** **You know our need. You know our struggles, our brokenness, our sins. You know that without your mercy we can do nothing.**  
**Grant us mercy, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.**  
**Amen.**
  - L** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John:  
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
  - C** **Amen.**
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- L** God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- C** **Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.**
- L** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.
- C** **More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

## Service of the Word

### Psalm

*Psalm 4*

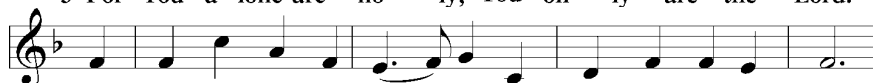
- L** Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!
- C** **O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**
- L** But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.
- C** **Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**
- L** Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.
- C** **There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"**
- L** You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.
- C** **In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**
- 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.**

**AΩ**

## Gloria in Excelsis



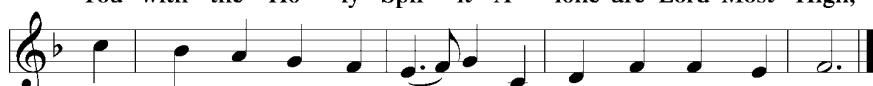
**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### First Reading

Acts 3:11–21

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded.

<sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

1 John 3:1–7

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

**L** 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

# Rite of Confirmation

## Sermon Hymn

## Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted



Come ye souls by sin a - flic - ted, Bowed with fruit - less, sor - row  
Take His ea - sy yoke and wear it; Love will make your o - be - dience  
Bless - ed are the eyes that see Him, Bless the ears that hear His  
Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry, Light to new - ly o - pened



down; By the bro - ken law con - vic - ted, Through the  
sweet; Christ will give you strength to bear it, While His  
voice; Bless - ed are the souls that trust Him, And in  
eyes, Like full springs in de - serts drea - ry Is the

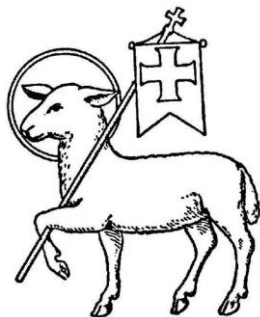


cross, be - hold the crown; Look to Je - sus, Look to  
grace shall guide your feet Safe to glo - ry, Safe to  
Him a - lone re - joice; His comm - and - ments, His comm -  
rest the cross sup - plies. All who taste it, All who



Je - sus, look to Je - sus; Mer - cy flows through Him a - lone.  
glo - ry, Safe to glo - ry, Where His ran - somed cap - tives meet.  
and - ments, His comm - and - ments Then be eome their hap - py choice.  
taste it, All who taste it Shall to rest im - mor - tal rise.

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## Sermon

## Offering

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## Prayer of the Church

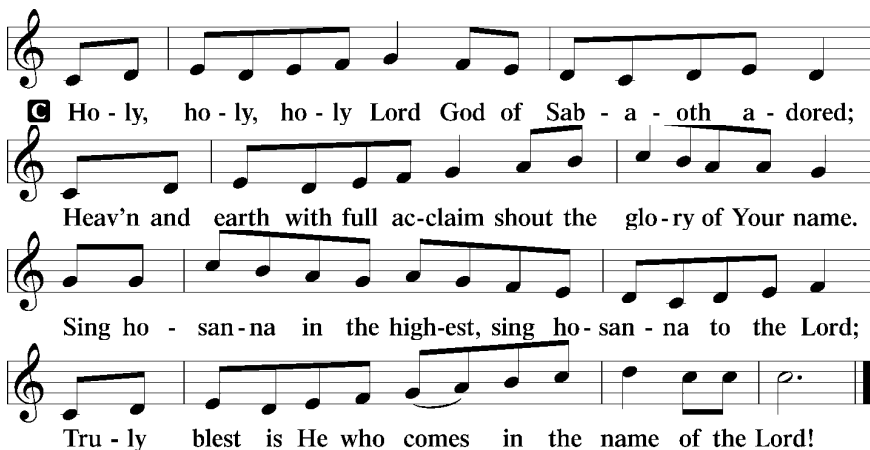
- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

# 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing...

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!



## 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

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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## Distribution

# Distribution Hymn

# My Savior's Love

What tongue could tell my Sav - ior's love What  
 What tune could car - ry on its wings The  
 And when in death this tongue is stilled, My

song of an - gels could de - scribe; Could end-less prais-es be e - nough To  
 beau-ty of that fi - nal breath; What words dare paint the awe-some scene When  
 song of life has reached the end; Though as a flow-er I may wilt This

e - cho full His sac - ri - fice? How wor - thy is the Lamb of God Be -  
 God stood in the stead of man? When Je - sus Christ the ra - diant One Took  
 ev - er - last - ing truth will stand. No death or life could se - pa - rate Me

yond all might or skill of pen; Still we con - fess and strain to - wards Such  
 on the sha - dows of our hate; Then rose a - gain just as the sun With  
 from the love of Christ my Lord; This hope is sure from age to age My

mys - tery and mag - ni - fi - cence.  
 light and power in full - est grace. My  
 song will be for - ev - er - more.

Sav - ior's love, My Sav - ior's love. What

could com - pare, what tongue could tell My Sav - ior's love.

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1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll

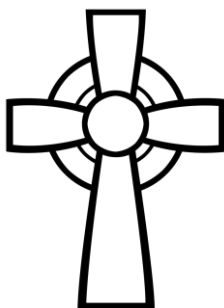


caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
 is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
 sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



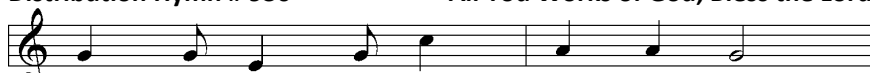
soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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Distribution Hymn # 930

All You Works of God, Bless the Lord



1 All you works of God, bless the Lord!  
 2 Sing, you sun and you moon a - bove,  
 3 Frost of win - ter with song so cold,  
 4 Hills and moun - tains, now sing His worth,



All you an - gels, now bless the Lord;  
 Stars of heav - en, now sing His love;  
 Dews of sum - mer, your song un - fold;  
 All you green things that grow on earth;

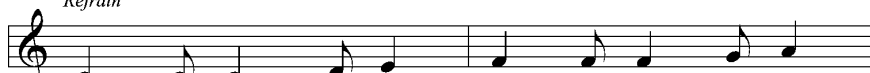


Come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,  
 Dew and show - ers, you winds that blow,  
 Light and dark - ness, you day and night,  
 Seas and riv - ers, you springs and wells,

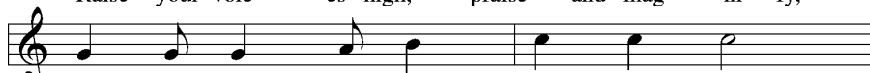


Praise the Lord and His maj - es - ty:  
 Heat and fire, you ice and snow:  
 Clouds of thun - der, you light - nings bright:  
 Beasts and cat - tle, you birds and whales:

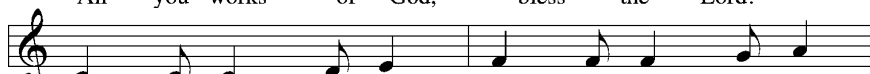
*Refrain*



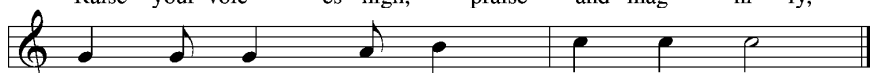
Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,



All you works of God, bless the Lord!



Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,



All you works of God, bless the Lord!

5 Come, humanity, sing along,  
 Sing, you people of God, a song;  
 Priests and servants, your Lord now  
 bless,  
 Join, you spirits and souls at rest:  
 Refrain

△ 6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of  
 heart;  
 All you humble, His praise impart;  
 God the Father and Son adore,  
 Bless the Spirit forevermore!  
 Refrain

## The Dismissal

### Nunc Dimittis

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
  - C** **Amen.**
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# This Week at-a-Glance

## Today

- Worship Service – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School – 10:45 AM
- Adult Bible Study - 10:45 AM
- Discovering Christianity– 6:00 PM

## Wednesday

- Men's Bible Study 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM
- Youth Group – 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

## Saturday

- Women's Bible Study – 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

## Announcements

**Seder Supper** - Please join us for a Seder Supper on April 20th from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. No tickets are required, but registration is requested. Please sign up for this event in the Narthex or call the church office.

### April Ministry Spotlight: St. James Education Team

**Education Deacon:** William Ellington

**Sunday School Teachers:** William Ellington, Eric Robinson, Stacey Staake, Nic Schatte, McKenzie Brakenhoff, Suzie Robinson, Shala Carson

**Adult Bible Study Leaders:** Aaron Mueller, Tina Barnard

Check out our Women's Bible Study "I Have Set My King on Zion":

- Saturdays, 9-10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall - 12 weeks long
- If you plan to bring your kids, please contact William at 618-407-4558 or [williamellington@saintjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:williamellington@saintjamesglencarbon.org)

We are planning a VBS-style Summer Sunday School program centered on the Armor of God (Ephesians 6).

- This program will last all of June and July (9 weeks). We will have a launch party during Sunday School on June 2. We will have a closing party during Sunday School on July 28.
- **We are looking for adult volunteers for each week of the program.**
- If you would like to volunteer, please contact William at 618-407-4558 or [williamellington@saintjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:williamellington@saintjamesglencarbon.org)

We are always looking for new teachers and substitute teachers! Help us cultivate a knowledge of and love for God's word! If you would like to serve our church in this way, please contact William at 618-407-4558 or [williamellington@saintjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:williamellington@saintjamesglencarbon.org)

## Youth Annual Yard Sale

As you start your Spring Cleaning, please be looking for items that you would be willing to donate to the Youth Yard Sale. The Yard Sale will be on Saturday, June 15. Items can be dropped off at church the week before. Funds raised will help with expenses for the Mission Trip and the 2025 Youth Gathering.

## Youth Mission Trip

Anyone interested in joining the Youth Group for our Mission Trip to Minnesota should get a deposit of \$100 to Stacey Staake or Ruth Thompson today. If you have any questions, talk to Ruth Thompson.



We are grateful to the many people who tell us that they have sampled [Craving Answers Craving God](#) and found it to be time well spent. Our most recent episode (number 88) takes up the subject of “legalism.” Is it good or bad to be a legalist? The podcast is **Craving Answers Craving God**. Listen at your convenience and let us know what you think!

## 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

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