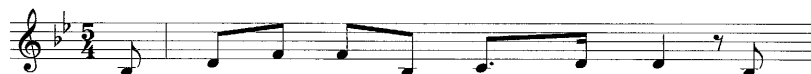


The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Opening 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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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Exhortation

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**

- P** 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.**

- P** 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

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- 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

1 Corinthians 15:20, 54-57

- P** Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
 - C** **Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?**
 - P** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
 - C** **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
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Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 150

- P** Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!
- C** Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!
- P** Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
- C** Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
- P** Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- C** Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!
- 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



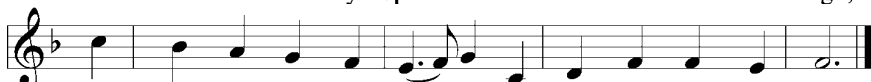
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
- 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
- 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

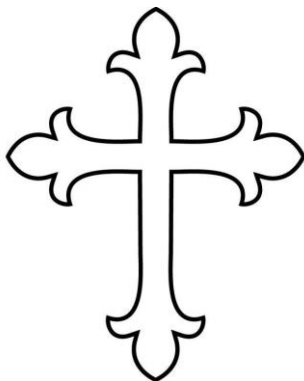
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

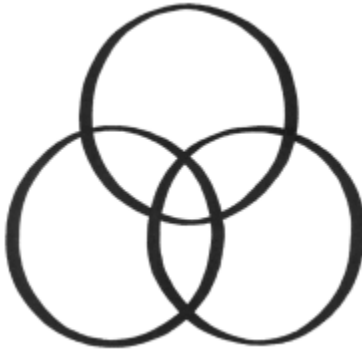
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

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.



Sermon Hymn

Oh, How Good It Is



1. Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God
 2. Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share,
 3. Oh, how good it is to em - brace His com - mand



dwells to - ge - ther in spir - it, in faith and un - i - ty.
 to re - joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn.
 to love one a - noth - er, for - give as He for - gives.

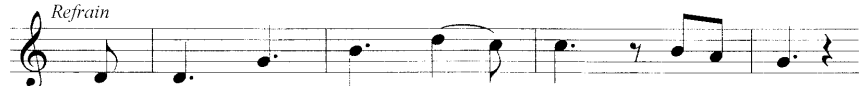


Where the bonds of peace, of ac - cep - tance and love
 For the weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace,
 When we live as one, we all share in the love



are the fruits of His pre - sence here a - mong us.
 when we of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.
 of the Son with the Fath - er and the Spir - it.

Refrain



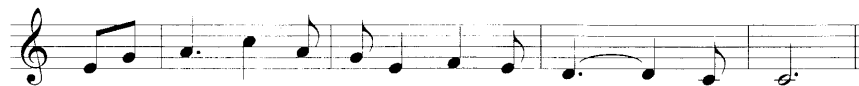
So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;



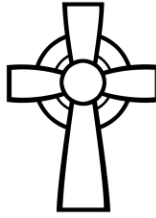
and with one heart we'll live out his Word.



Till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come



For He dwells in the pre - sence of his peo - ple.



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

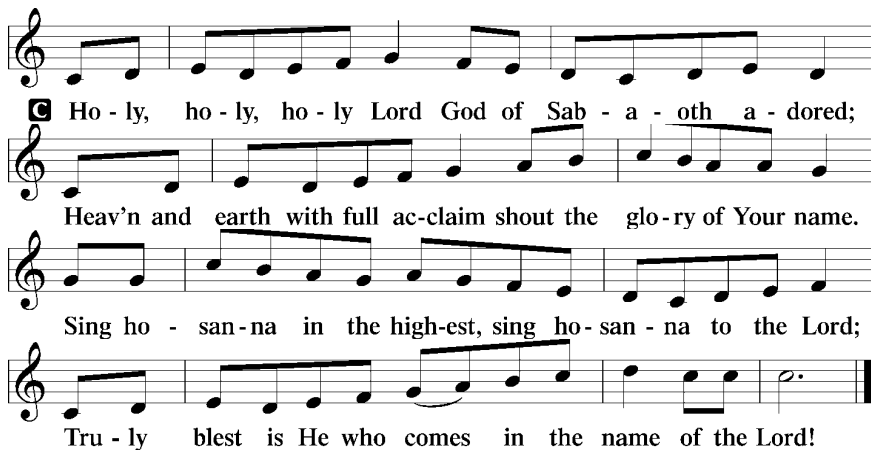
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

- 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. 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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

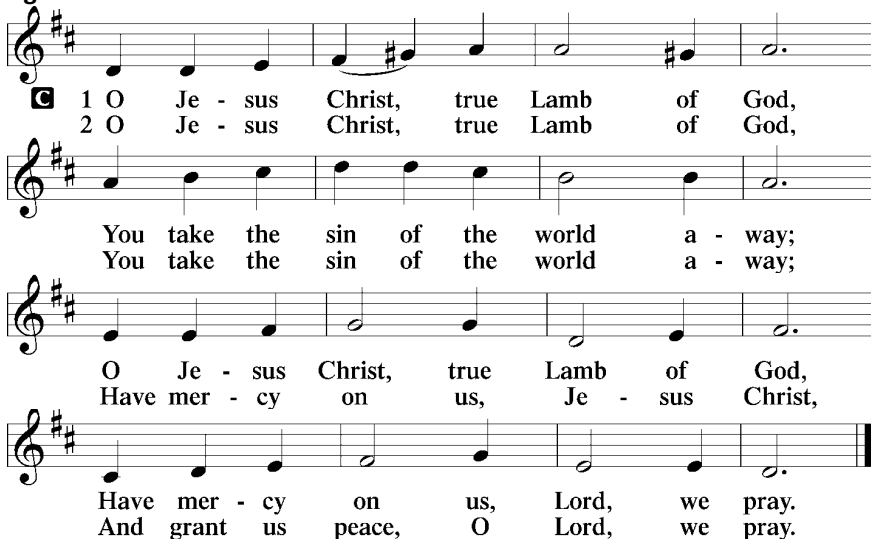
Lord's Prayer

- 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



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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution

Distribution Hymn # 611

Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part, Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it
blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,
Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to—
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of
to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–1873, alt.; Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820–1901; Text and tune: Public domain

Distribution Hymn

The Compassion Hymn



There is an ev - er - last - ing kind - ness You
 And with com - pas - sion for the hurt - ing, You
 We stood be - neath the cross of Cal - v'ry and
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that car - ry this



lav - ished on us when the ra - diance of heav - en came to
 reached out Your hand as the lame ran to meet You and the
 gazed on Your face, at the thorns of op - pres - sion and the
 gos - pel of peace to the fields of in - jus - tice and the



res - cue the lost; You called the sheep with - out a
 dead breathed a - gain; You saw be - hind the eyes of
 wounds of dis - grace; For sure - ly You have borne our
 val - leys of need, To be a voice of hope and



shep - herd to leave their dis - tress for Your streams of for -
 sor - row and shared in our tears, heard the sigh of the
 suf - fring and car - ried our grief as You par - doned the
 heal - ing to an - swer the cries of the hun - gry and



give - ness and the shade of Your rest.
 wea - ry, let the chil - dren draw near. What bound - less
 scoff - er and showed grace to the thief.
 help - less with the mer - cy of Christ.



love, what fath - om - less grace You have shown us, O



God of com - pas - sion! Each day we live, an



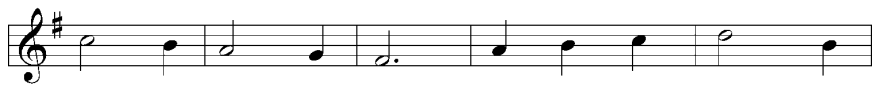
of - fring of praise as we show to the world Your com - pas - sion.

Distribution Hymn # 560

Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
 2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
 bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855–1928; Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838–96; Text and tune: Public domain

The Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis



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 ✠ 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

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

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

Easter Lillies

The Easter lilies have been removed from the altar but are available if you would like the bulbs from the lilies to contact Nic Schatte before May 5 at nic@stjamesglencarbon.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.

2024 MELHS Reunion Palooza

The 2024 MELHS Reunion Palooza will be on Saturday June 22, 2024 from 3pm - 8pm at the Edwardsville Township Park. The Class of 1984 is hosting this special reunion for all alumni and teachers from the 1981-1987 graduating classes to join our 40-year celebration. Please visit our website <https://melhs.fun> for a schedule of events and specific details. The cost to attend is \$20.00/Person. For more information or questions email alum84@melhs.fun. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to reconnect and reminisce!



St. James is excited to be supporting the Glen Carbon's Covered Bridge 5K with volunteers on race day. This is a great community support opportunity for individuals and families. You can serve on the support team on race day; [run the race if you'd like](#); and stay for the festivities of the Glen Carbon Homecoming!

Date: June 15, 2024

Place: Covered Bridge, Main Street

198 S. Main Street

Glen Carbon, IL US 62034

Sign up: St. James' Church Office Bulletin Board Sign-up sheet or contact Jen Weber, jenweber@saintjamesglencarbon.org or the church office.

St. James Ministry Plan

The Ministry Planning team is excited to present the first St. James Ministry Plan! This plan is available today in the narthex, on the bulletin board, on the homepage of our website and will be sent to all members via email (if your current email is on file in the church office) and standard mail to each member household. If you have not received the plan and would like it mailed or emailed to you, please contact Cheryl in the church office.



Was there really a global flood? Is it true that Jonah was swallowed by a giant fish...and survived? Did Moses actually part the Red Sea? Or are these and other Old Testament stories simply illustrative allegories or myths? That's the topic of our newest episode of

[Craving Answers Craving God](#). It's Episode 90 on your favorite podcast platform.

St. James Guiding Statement

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

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