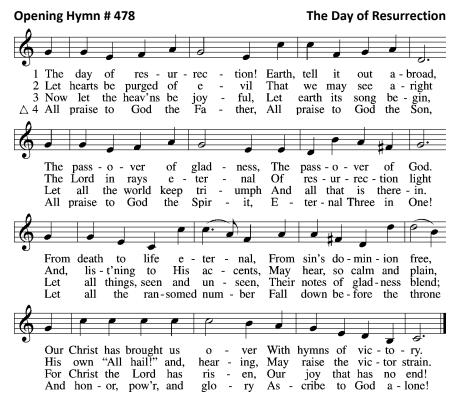
The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024



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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

- \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the \mathbf{H} Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Kyrie

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

Confession and Absolution

- P I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.
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Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Psalm 40:1-3

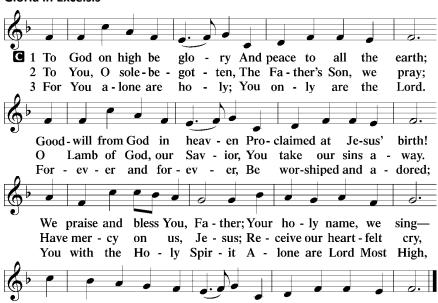
- P I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
- **P** and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
- He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
- P Many will see and fear, and put their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

Service of the Word

Psalm Psalm 3

- P O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;
- many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God.
- P But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.
- I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill.
- P I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
- I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.
- Arise, O LORD!
 Save me, O my God!
 For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;
 you break the teeth of the wicked.
- Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!
- 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



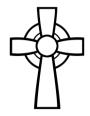
Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke



¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



Epistle James 5:13–20

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

¹⁹My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:18-26

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸While [Jesus] was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. ²⁶And the report of this went through all that district.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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.

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From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

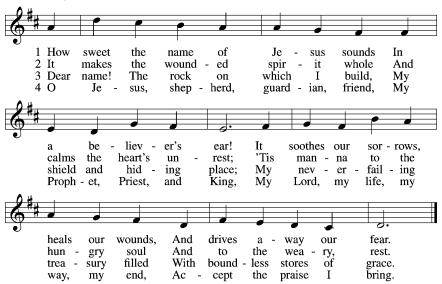
I believe in the Holy Spirit,

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.

Sermon Hymn # 524

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



5 How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought! But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought. 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath; And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!

Sermon

Offering

Please take a moment to sign and pass the "Record of Friendship" booklet or use the QR code located after the "Announcements" section of this bulletin.

Prayer of the Church

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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- It is truly meet, 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



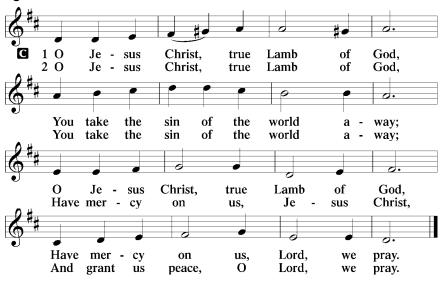
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Lord's Prayer

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.

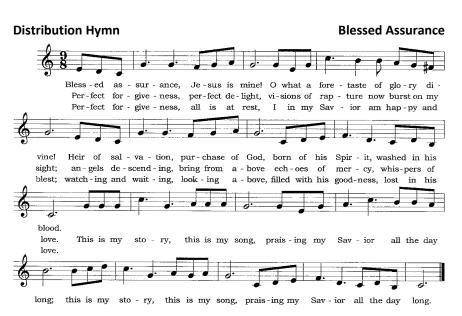
The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



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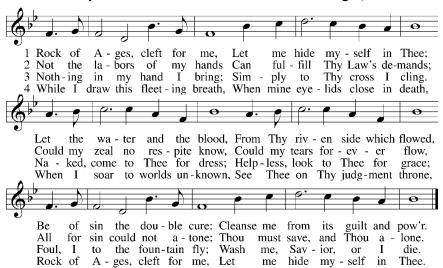
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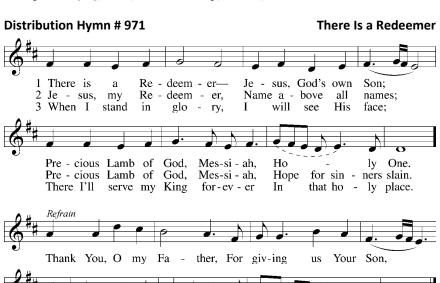
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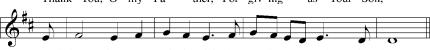
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Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



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And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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The Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis



Benediction

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.
- 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
- <u>Discovering Christianity</u> 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 (excluding May 18 & May 25)
- 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

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

Women's Bible Study will not meet Saturday, May 18 or 25. Bible Study will resume at 9am June 1.

High School Senior Recognition

Please contact Cheryl in the office if you have a student graduating High School this year. We would love to recognize them on May 19 in worship and celebrate with them after service in Fellowship Hall.

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.



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; <u>run the race if you'd like</u>; 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

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 plan is available today by scanning the QR code, in print in the narthex, on the bulletin board, on the homepage of our website and has been 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.

Metro-East Lutheran High School has an opening for a full-time English teacher to join our dynamic and growing school community for the 24/25 school year. Interested candidates should send a resume to Dr. Jay Krause, Principal, at jay.krause@melhs.org. If you have specific questions please call 618-656-0043.

St. James Guiding Statement

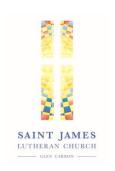
Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.

St. James Mission Pillars

Healing Community Restoration



St. James Attendance



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Healing

What is Healing?

The belief that all humans are broken and damaged is a confession that we need healing. Jesus gives us this healing in his death and resurrection, then calls us to give that healing to others through the love and acceptance of Christian community.

Aspirational Target

All members of St. James willing to share with and able to help one another in a welcoming space provided by St. James.

GOALS

SPECIFIC - MEASURABLE - ACTIONABLE - RELEVANT

- By the end of first quarter, 2025, design a functional, accessible space that facilitates congregating of members for conversations, training, and social activities that is unanimously adopted by the congregation. To be functional, the design will include areas for private meetings, group meetings, and large social gatherings.
- By the end of first quarter, 2025, develop a list of at least 10 volunteers willing to provide Biblical advice on various topics (e.g., depression, post-partum depression, grief care, financial stress, divorce care) and train these volunteers.
- By the end of 2025, have an increase of 10% of members who have shared a personal struggle with another member.
- Include in the 2025 budget, with unanimous consent, \$2500.00 for a community fund designed to assist members who are facing a financial emergency or severe financial distress.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact the Ministry Planning Team

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