

# The Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025

## Opening Hymn

## O Church, Arise

O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the  
Our call to war: where love the cap - tive soul, but to  
Come see the cross, and love the mer - cy meet, as the  
So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - ery stride, give

call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
rage a - gainst the cap - tor. And with the sword that makes the  
Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -  
grace for ev - ery hur - dle, that we may run with faith to

they would are strong in the strength that God has gi -  
neath His feet, we will the fight with faith has val -  
win the prize for of a Con - quer - or good and has ris -  
faith -

ven. With shield of faith and belt of every a -  
or. When faced with trials, on is rolled a -  
en! And as saints of old stone old still line the way, we'll stand a -  
ful. As saints of old stone old still line the way, and we know the  
re - tell - ing

gainst the de - vil's lies, An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle  
out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for  
mer - ges from the grave, this we hear their march con - tin - ues  
tri - umphs of His grace, whose bat - tle and hun - ger

cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
which He died: an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.  
'til the day ev - ery eye and heart shall see Him.  
for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

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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.

## 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** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Reflection on God's Forgiveness

- 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 29

- P** <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C** <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- P** <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.
- C** <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- P** <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- C** <sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- P** <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- C** <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- P** <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- C** <sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- P** <sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!
- 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 - shiped 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.

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

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

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**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 of the world to come. Amen.

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1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long  
 in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:  
 Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -  
 trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -  
 more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized  
 va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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## Sermon

### Offering

### Prayer of the Church

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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.

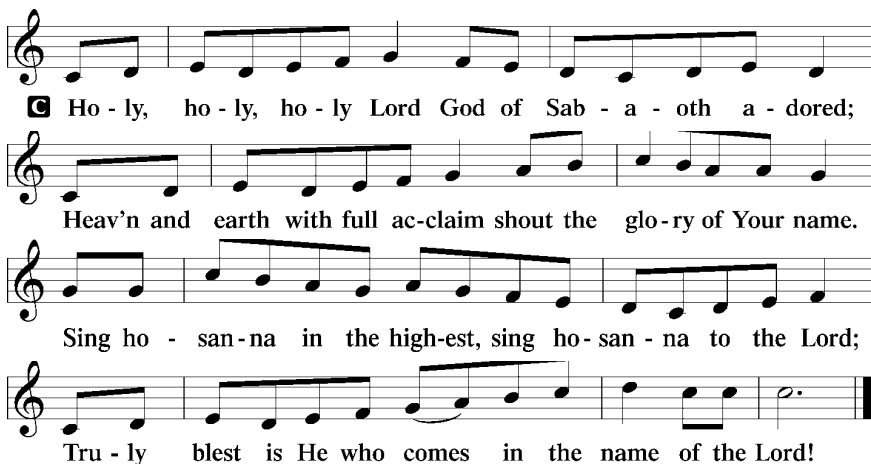
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**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 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.


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The Words of Our Lord


**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”


Agnus Dei



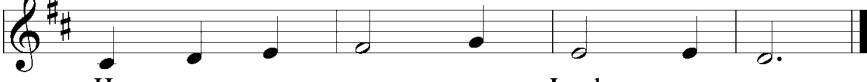
**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution





# Distribution Hymn

By Grace Alone

Out of the depths I cry to You; Lord, hear my voice of  
 Your par-don is a gift of love; Your grace a-lone must  
 Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more a-

plead-ing. Bend down Your gra-cious ear, I pray, Your hum-ble  
 save us. Our works will not re-move our guilt; the strict-est  
 bound-eth. His help-ing love no lim-it knows; our ut-most

ser-vant heed-ing. If You re-mem-ber each mis-  
 life would fail us. Let none in deeds or mer-its  
 need it sound-eth. Our kind and faith-ful Shep-herd

deed, and of each thought and word take heed, who can re-  
 boast, but let us own the Ho-ly Ghost, for He a-  
 He, who will set all His peo-ple free from all their

main be-fore You? On-ly by grace, by grace a-lone.  
 lone can change us: On-ly by grace, by grace a-lone.  
 sin and sor-row: On-ly by grace, by grace a-lone.

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# Distribution Hymn

# Blessed Assurance



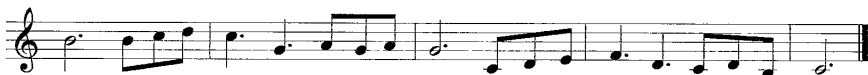
Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di -  
 Per - fect for - give - ness, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my  
 Per - fect for - give - ness, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and



vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his  
 sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of  
 blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his

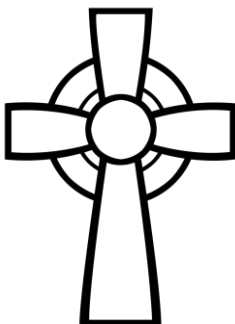


blood.  
 love. This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day  
 love.



long; this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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# Distribution Hymn # 563

# Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty  
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -  
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the  
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in  
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through  
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'  
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.  
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies, This  
 then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For  
 me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

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## The Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve  
 you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

**C** Amen.

## 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.

# Closing Hymn # 411

## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.  
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.  
 The night and the day are both a - like.  
 The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.  
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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## This Week at-a-Glance

### Today

- Worship Service – 9:00 AM
- [Adult Bible Study, Sunday School](#) & Youth Confirmation – 10:45 AM

### Tuesday

- [Second Tuesday Women's Bible Study](#) – 6:00 PM

### Wednesday

- [Men's Bible Study](#) – 6:30 AM
- [Jr & Sr High Youth Group](#) – 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM (Staake Home)

### Sunday (January 19)

- [Special Congregational Meeting – Immediately following worship](#)
- No Adult Bible Study, Youth Confirmation, Sunday School

## Announcements

[The Special Congregational Meeting](#) scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to January 19<sup>th</sup> immediately following service. Topic of discussion will be 2025 budget approval.

### [Second Tuesday Women's Bible Study](#)

Our next meeting will be this Tuesday Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in the fellowship hall. Text Shala Baker with any questions at 618-315-0788.

### [Call Committee Update](#)

The call committee submitted nominations to the district in December for further information on each candidate. The committee continues to meet in preparation for the interview process. If you have questions or concerns, please speak to a member of the committee or email [callcommittee@stjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:callcommittee@stjamesglencarbon.org). Please continue to pray for the committee, our church, and the person God will provide for us.

**Lutheran Young Adults** (January): LYA will be meeting at the Gruben home for a game night on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30p. Bring a game, snack, desert, or drink to share. And don't forget to invite a friend!

**[Kitchen Note:](#)** As you are using the kitchen and notice we are running low on something, please write it on the notepad on the fridge. If there is an immediate need, please let Jen Weber know at [jen@stjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:jen@stjamesglencarbon.org)

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## **St. James Life Ministry - Advocating, Educating, and Caring for All Human Life**

January is Life Month! To celebrate life, we are excited to be hosting a [baby bottle campaign](#)! The campaign begins today! Bottles are available in the narthex and should be returned by February 16th. Funds collected from this campaign help support Mosaic. Mosaic transforms lives by providing free, life-affirming pregnancy & sexual health services, education & Christ-centered support. You can also find out more about Mosaic and donate online at <https://www.supportmosaic.org/donate/>. Mosaic has many volunteer opportunities such as throwing baby showers, stuffing packets or being a prayer warrior. You can find more information at <https://www.supportmosaic.org/volunteer/>

## **St. James Community Groups: A Great Way to Get Into Community!**

Mark your calendar for Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall for a community group mixer! Whether you currently attend a Community Group, would like more information about our groups, or would just like to join us in fellowship, this event is for everyone.

## **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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