

# The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

## February 9, 2025

### Opening Hymn

### Lift High the Name of Jesus



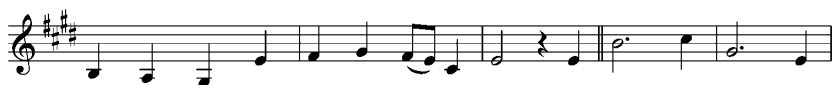
1. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King. Make known the pow - er  
(2. Lift) high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord. His pow'r in us is  
(3. Lift) high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light. No oth - er name on



of His grace, the beau - ty of His peace. Re - mem - ber how His  
great - er than, is great - er than this world. To share the rea - son  
earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He o - pens up our



mer - cy reached and we cried out to Him. He lift - ed us to  
for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that all who see Him  
eyes to see the har - vest He has grown. We la - bor in His



sol - id ground, to free - dom from our sin. Oh sing my soul and  
shine through us might bring the Fa - ther praise.  
fields of grace as He leads sin - ners home.



tell all He's done 'til the earth and heav - ens are filled with His glo - ry.

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## Confession and Absolution

### Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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.

## 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 sins to God our Father: Holy and merciful God,
- C** **in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**
  
- L** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John: "I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of Jesus' name."
- C** **Amen.**

## Reflection on God's Forgiveness

*Matthew 11:28-30*

- L** [Jesus said:] "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
  - C** **Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,**
  - L** for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
  - C** **For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**
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# Service of the Word

## Psalm 138

Psalm 138

- L** I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
- C** I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.
- L** On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.
- C** All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth,
- L** and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.
- C** For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.
- L** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.
- C** The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.
- 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

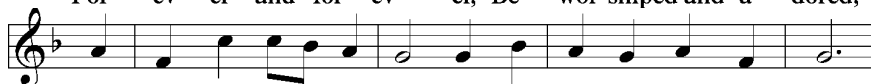
## Gloria in Excelsis



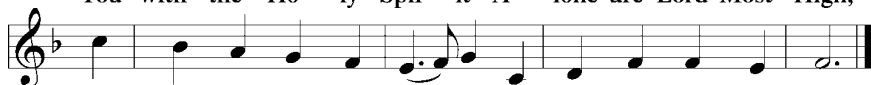
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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.

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 11:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup>And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” <sup>5</sup>And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” <sup>8</sup>So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

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

**C** Thanks be to God

## New Testament Reading

*Acts 17:22–27*

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,

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

**C** Thanks be to God

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**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, <sup>2</sup>and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. <sup>4</sup>And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup>And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup>And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. <sup>7</sup>They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." <sup>11</sup>And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

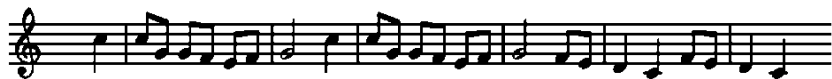
## Nicene Creed

**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.

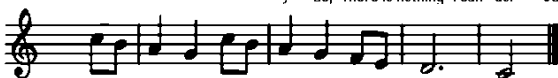
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O ev'ry - one of eager heart, God's message to the world impart. Catch the vi - sion of His mis - sion,  
 All Christendom now hear His Word And let your hearts within be stirred. Catch the vi - sion of His mis - sion,  
 Sons, rise to arms fear not the foe! With royal banners forward go. Catch the vi - sion of His mis - sion,  
 Let Jesus' work your pleasure be, Say, "Here am I, send me, send me!" Catch the vi - sion of His mis - sion,



Proclaim how Jesus lived and died That man might thus be justified; Catch the vi - sion of His mis - sion,  
 To ev'ry nation, ev'ry place, Be Thou a ves - sel of His grace. Catch the vi - sion of His mis - sion,  
 He sets His will before your eyes, And proves His law is good and wise. Catch the vi - sion of His mis - sion,  
 Let not the answer heard from you Be, "There is nothing I can do." Catch the vi - sion of His mis - sion,



Catch the vi - sion of His mis - sion, Al - le - lu - ia!  
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## Sermon

### Offering

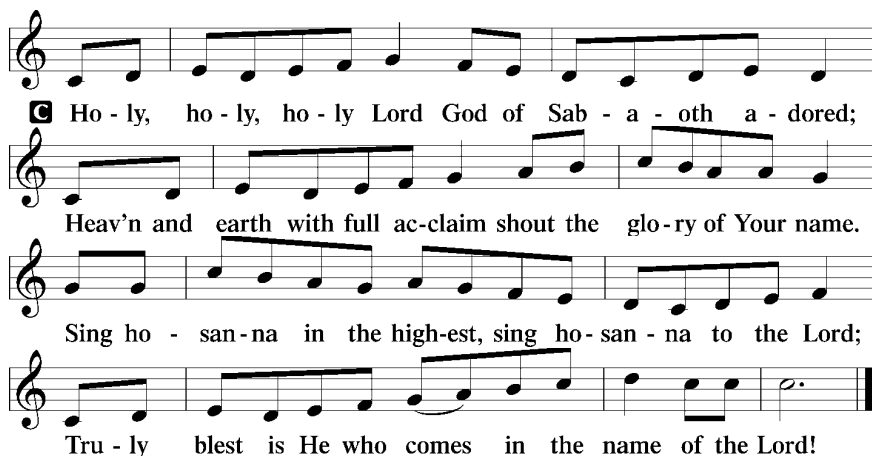
### Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- L** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- L** 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

- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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

- L** 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."

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## 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.

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymn # 688

### “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake



1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My  
 2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
 3 “My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
 4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the  
 way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,  
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,  
 soul’s sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - ’ry guile to free,  
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,  
 O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
 In suf - f’ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the  
 e’er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
 of the soul And lead you to your heav’n - ly goal.”  
 bat - tle’s strain The crown of heav’n - ly life ob - tain.



# Distribution Hymn

# The Power of the Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day. Christ on the road to  
 Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the awe - some  
 Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath quakes as its Mak - er  
 Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your suf - f'ring

Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then  
 weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed  
 bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.  
 I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live

nailed to a cross of wood. This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be  
 crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be  
 "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry. This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be  
 won through Your self - less love! This the pow'r of the cross, Son of

- came sin for us, Took the blame, bore the  
 - came sin for us, Took the blame, bore the  
 - came sin for us, Took the blame, bore the  
 God slain for us. What a love, what a

wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.  
 wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.  
 wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.  
 cost, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

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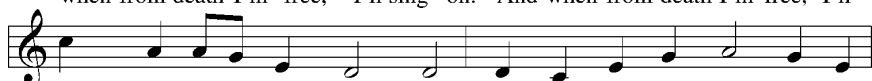




1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



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.

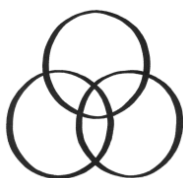
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## The Dismissal

- L** 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

- L** Let us bless the Lord  
**C** Thanks be to God  
**L** 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

# Here I Am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est

make the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_

Here I am, Lord. \_\_\_\_ Is it I, Lord? \_\_\_\_ I have heard you  
 call-ing in the night. \_\_\_\_ I will go, Lord, \_\_\_\_ if you  
 lead me. \_\_\_\_ I will hold your peo - ple in my heart. \_\_\_\_

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## This Week at-a-Glance

### Today

- Worship Service (Pastor Tony Boos) – 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
- Wednesday Morning Community Group – 10:00 AM
- [Jr & Sr High Youth Group](#) – 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM (Staake Home)

### Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM

### Saturday

- [Saturday Morning Women's Bible Study](#) 9:30 AM
- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM

## Announcements

### [Altar Guild – Ministry Spotlight](#)

The Altar Guild's work goes beyond just making the church look beautiful—it's a vital part of making sure everything runs smoothly during our worship services. One of their main tasks is preparing the communion trays with care and reverence.

The Guild also takes on decorating the narthex and church entrance, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for everyone who walks through the door. Their decorations help reflect the spirit of our St. James community and add to the overall worship experience.

They also play a big role in preparing for special ceremonies, making sure the space is just right for the occasion.

Questions about Altar Guild? Reach out to Nic Schatte at [nic@saintjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:nic@saintjamesglencarbon.org) to learn more!



On our most recent [Craving Answers Craving God](#) program, we focused our discussion on the question, "Is the Bible a Love Letter from God?" Certainly the Bible has plenty to say about love. But there is a lot of language regarding judgment and condemnation as well. Check out this latest broadcast offering of **Craving Answers Craving God**.

### [St. James Life Ministry](#) - Advocating, Educating, and Caring for All Human Life

This is the last week of the Bable Bottle Campaign! Bottles are available in the narthex and should be returned by next Sunday, February 16th.

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**"Metro-East Lutheran High School is seeking qualified candidates** to join our rapidly growing school. For the 25/26 school year we are accepting resumes for an English position as well as a Spanish position. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to Dr. Jay Krause, Principal, at [jay.krause@melhs.org](mailto:jay.krause@melhs.org)." For more information on these positions you can also contact him at school at 618-656-0043.

### **Lutheran Young Adults February Events**

- Join LYA for a game night at the Gruben home on February 21 from 6:30-8:00pm. Bring a game, snack, or drink to share!
- LYA will be participating in a trivia night at St. Paul's in Hamel on February 28 from 6:00-9:00pm. Bring a snack or drink to share.

### **Meet Rev. Dale Skeesick**

We are excited to welcome Rev. Dale Skeesick to our St. James family! Rev. Skeesick will be serving in our homebound and hospital ministry.

Rev. Skeesick was born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota. After graduating from Concordia College St. Paul in 1975, he received his first teaching call to Christ Lutheran School, Jacob, Illinois where he served 5 years. He then received a call to serve as teacher at Holy Cross Lutheran School in Collinsville in 1982. After serving there 6 years he entered Concordia Seminary in August 1986. On Father's Day, June 21, 1992, Rev Skeesick was ordained into the Pastoral Ministry and became a pastor in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. He has served churches in Worden, Illinois and Prairietown, Illinois. He also served for a time as a Development Director at Lutheran Hour Ministries in St. Louis. Since retiring in August 2018, he has served Trinity Lutheran, Edwardsville and Holy Cross Collinsville. His primary duties were the visitation of the homebound and shut-ins. In February he will again be serving the elderly of Holy Cross as well as visitations for St. James.

To contact Rev. Skeesick please call him at 618-792-2685 or via email at [daleskeesick@stjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:daleskeesick@stjamesglencarbon.org)

### **Meet our Visiting Pastor – Pastor Tony Boos**

Chaplain Tony Boos is an '02 graduate of Concordia Seminary St. Louis. Before that, he worked 10 years as a Public Information Officer and Contracts Administrator at St. Louis – Lambert International Airport. He is happily married to Jennifer Boos for 31 years. God has blessed them with 6 grown children and 5 grandchildren so far! They recently moved back to the St. Louis area from Troy, MI where he served as an outreach pastor for 18 years. Prior to that, he served 6 years as a missionary to Bosnian Muslim refugees in the St. Louis area. He loves his new role at Meridian Village and is excited to get to know more of the staff and residents..

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## St. James Guiding Statement

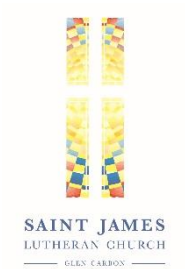
*Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.*

### St. James Mission Pillars

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