

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025

Opening Hymn: His Mercy is More



What love could re-mem-ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
What pa-tience would wait as we con-stant - ly roam? What
What rich-es of kind-ness He lav-ished on us. His

ni-scient, all know-ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown
Fa-ther, so ten-der, is call-ing us home? He
blood was the pay-ment; His life was the cost. We

in-to a sea with-out bot-tom or shore, our
wel-comes the weak-est, the vil-est, the poor. Our
stood 'neath a debt we could nev-er af-ford. Our

sins, they are man-y; His mer-cy is more.
sins, they are man-y; His mer-cy is more. Praise the Lord,
sins, they are man-y; His mer-cy is more.

His mer-cy is more. Strong-er than dark-ness,

new ev-'ry morn. Our sins, they are man-y; His mer-cy is more.

Text: Matt Papa; Matt Boswell

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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** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- L** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John:
"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."
- C** Amen.

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Isaiah 53:4-6

- L** Surely [Jesus] has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
- C** **Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**
- L** But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
- C** **Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.**
- L** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way;
- C** **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 103:1-13

- L** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
 - C** **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**
 - L** who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
 - C** **who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
 - L** who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
 - C** **The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.**
 - L** He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
 - C** **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
 - L** He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
 - C** **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
 - L** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
 - C** **as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**
 - L** As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
 - 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**
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Gloria in Excelsis



- 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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

¹Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

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

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

²⁷[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. ³²"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

Apostles' Creed

C 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. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I 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: 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my
2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by
3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,
God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -
night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And
grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let
moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not
take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -
me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -
fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man
side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good
par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -
wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with
her - it As all You said holds true. In life and
all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And
me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then
death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where
trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

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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.

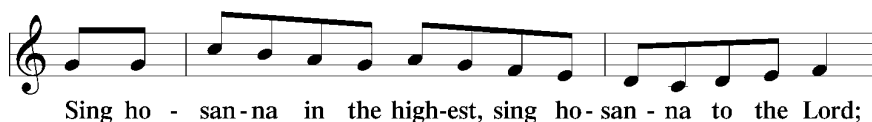
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

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Sanctus



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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

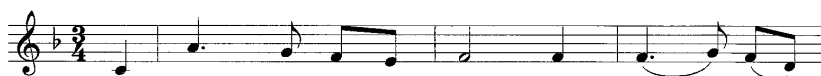
Agnus Dei

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

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Distribution Hymn: I Need Thee Every Hour



I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious
 I need Thee ev - 'ry hour; stay thou near
 I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy or
 I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, teach me Thy
 I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, Most Ho - ly



Lord; no ten - der voice like thine can peace af -
 by; temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when Thou art
 pain; come quick - ly and a - bide, or life is
 will; and Thy rich pro - mis - es in me ful -
 One; O make me Thine in - deed, Thou Bles - sed

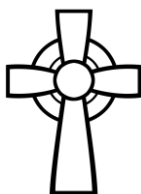


ford.
 nigh.
 vain. I need thee, O I need thee; ev - 'ry hour I need thee. O
 fill.
 Son!



bless me now, my Sa - vior; I come to thee.

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 Tune: Robert Lowry
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Distribution Hymn: 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871; Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–68
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Distribution Hymn: Jesus Paid It All



I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy
 Lord, now in - deed I find Thy
 For no - thing good have I Where
 And when, be - fore the throne, I

strength in - deed is small, Child of weak - ness, watch and
 pow'r and Thine a - lone, Can change the lep - er's
 by Thy grace to claim; "Je - sus wash my gar - ments
 stand in Him com - plete, died my soul to

pray, Find in me thine all in all."
 spots And the melt the heart of stone.
 white In the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
 save," My lips shall still re - peat.

Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

Text: Elvina M Hall; Tune: John T Grape

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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: 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling
joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,
Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,
O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

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

Monday

- Elders Meeting – 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. Questions about Altar Guild? Reach out to Nic Schatte at nic@saintjamesglencarbon.org to learn more!

Our newest release of **Craving Answers Craving God** focuses on a controversial subject. What does the Bible have to say about homosexuality? How does a Christian engage this issue in a way that honors God while showing love for one's neighbor? It's a sensitive and important topic on our latest episode of **Craving Answers Craving God**.

Call Committee Update

The call committee has been reviewing pastoral candidates and will be conducting interviews this month. When we have names to present to the congregation, we will schedule a congregational call meeting and provide the congregation with more information. Please continue to pray for our church, the committee, and the pastor God has in mind for St. James.

Glen-Ed Pantry Needs and News

February is Healthy Eating Month at Glen-Ed Pantry. Did you know that client families choose their own foods, and the Pantry encourages healthy shopping choices? Help the pantry stock their shelves with healthy options by donating foods such as whole grain pasta, fruit packed in 100% juice, low sodium vegetables, soups and sauces as well as items that are fat-free and sugar free. Donation idea: Consider using your reward points from the grocery store to purchase pantry donations. Questions about Glen-Ed Pantry? Call Tina Barnard - 618-406-1932

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

St. James Guiding Statement

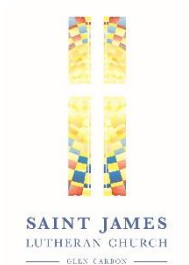
Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.

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