

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026

405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.

- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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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

- 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

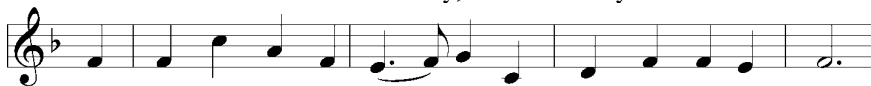
Psalm 29

- L** Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- C** **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**
- L** The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.
- C** **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**
- L** The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- C** **He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- L** The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- C** **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- L** The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- C** **The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**
- L** 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**

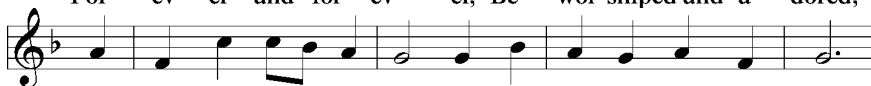
Gloria in Excelsis



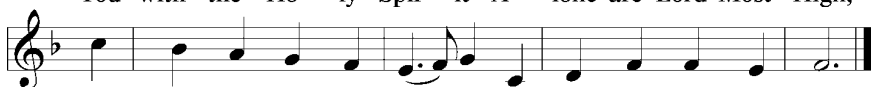
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
- 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
- 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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-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.

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.”

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ.

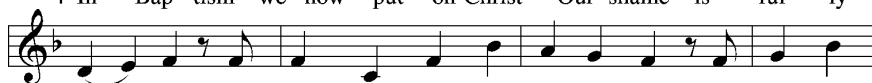
Nicene Creed

- 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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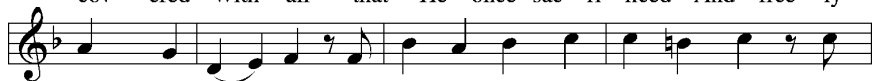
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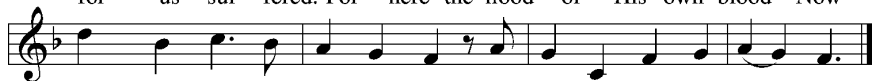
1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
 2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-
 3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-mersed and drowned for-
 4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
 cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-
 ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-
 cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The
 out-ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned
 gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-stroyed And
 for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!
 in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.
 all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.
 makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
 And give God thanks forever!
 It gives the power to uplift
 In all that you endeavor.
 When nothing else revives your soul,
 Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
 And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—
 In Christ a new creation!
 As faithful Christians, live and do
 Within your own vocation,
 Until that day when you possess
 His glorious robe of righteousness
 Bestowed on you forever!

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Offering

Prayer of the Church

- L** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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!

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

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 us, 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

Behold the Lamb

1. Be hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for
2. The bod - y of our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, torn for
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re -

us: And we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who
you: Eat and re - mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that
you: Drink and re - mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may
spond and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the

come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So, we share in this
brings us life, paid the price to make us one. So, we share in this
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So, we share in this
steps of Christ as His bod - y here on earth. As we share in His

Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our
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Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our
suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim: Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the

bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.
bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King.

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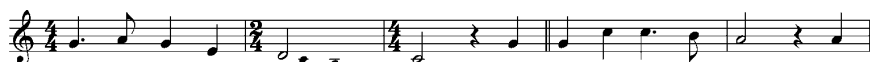
Grace



1. Your grace that leads the sin - ner home, from death to life for -
2. Your grace that reach - es far and wide, to ev - 'ry tribe and
3. Your grace that I can - not ex - plain, not by my earth - ly
4. Let praise rise up and o - ver - flow; my song re - sound for -



ev - - er. And sings the song of right - eous - ness by
 na - - tion, has called my heart to en - ter in the
 wis - - dom. The prince of life, with - out a stain, was
 ev - - er. For grace will see me wel - comed home to



blood and not by mer - - it. *(To Verse 2)*
 joy of Your sal - va - - tion. By grace I am re - deemed. By
 trad - ed for this sin - - er.
 walk be - side my Sav - - iour.



grace I am re - stored. And now I free - ly walk in - to the arms of Christ, my



Lord.

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643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,

The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
 The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.

The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
 Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,

The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
 Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
 U-nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
 Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing

To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
 Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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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.

Call to Christian Community

- L** Jesus once said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35). Jesus calls His followers to live in community. After the blessing, please take time to greet one another, and if you see someone you don’t know, introduce yourself. Now receive God’s blessing.

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.**

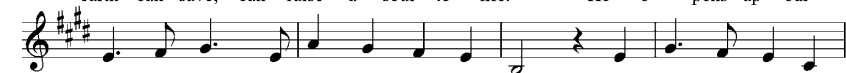
Lift High the Name of Jesus



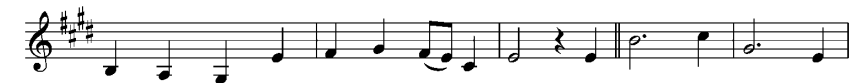
1. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King. Make known the pow - er
(2. Lift) high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord. His pow'r in us is
(3. Lift) high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light. No oth - er name on



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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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor William Engfehr) – 9:00 AM
- [Adult Bible Study](#) – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- [Sunday School](#) – 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Wednesday

- Men's Bible Study – 6:30 AM (Downstairs)

Attendance

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Saturday

- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM
- [Women's Bible Study](#) – 10:00 AM

Announcements

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

This study will take a break in January and February and resume in March. Questions? Please contact Shala Baker.

[Discovering Christianity Classes](#) – Starting Next Sunday (January 18)

You're Invited to Discovering Christianity at St. James! Curious about what we believe? Want to grow in your faith or just connect with others in a welcoming space? Discovering Christianity is the perfect opportunity! These classes are open to everyone—not just new members. Whether you're considering membership, recently transferred, or simply want to learn more about the Christian faith and life at St. James, we'd love to have you join us. No pressure, no prerequisites—just good conversation and the chance to grow together. Classes will be held during the Bible study hour at 10:45 AM. Please contact the office to reserve your spot!

Fellowship Opportunities

[Game Night & Snacks](#) – January 18 @ 6:00 PM

[Bunko and Snacks](#) – February 15 @ 6:00 PM

For more information, please contact Jen Weber, jen@stjamesglencarbon.org

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 will be available in the narthex and should be returned by February 15th. 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/>

If you have any questions or would like to share a comment, please feel free to reach out to one of our St. James Elders at elders@saintjamesglencarbon.org. We are always glad to connect with you

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](#)
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