

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026

782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - - ior
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - - ing

New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and

nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,
Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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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.
- L** 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.

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 112:1-9

- L** Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments!
- C** His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- L** Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.
- C** Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.
- L** It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.
- C** For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.
- L** He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.
- C** His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.
- L** He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.
- 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

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

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?”

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?

Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

579 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His
2 Its light of holiness im-parts The knowl-edge
3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in
4 But those who scorn-ful - ly dis-dain God's Law shall

will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ-teous-
of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -
works of love a - bound It shows what deeds are His de -
then in sin re - main; Its ter - ror in their ear re -

ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.
tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.
light And should be done as good and right.
sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

- 5 The Law is good; but since the fall
Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die
And has no pow'r to justify.
- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne,
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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Sermon – Pastor John Lukomski

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

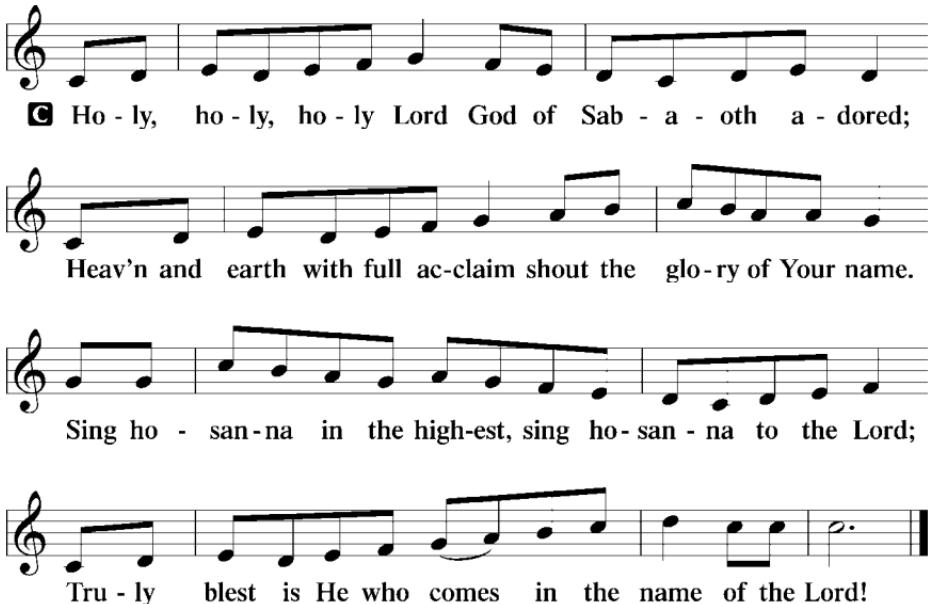
L Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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!

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

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, Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Come, Share the Lord



1. We gath - er
2. We'll gath - er
3. He joins us



here in Je - sus' name, His love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing
soon where an - gels sing, we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing
here, He breaks the bread. The Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the



flame. For through His lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one. Come take the bread,
King. Now we an - ti - ci - pate the feast for which we wait. Come take the bread,
dead. The One we love the most is now our gra - cious host. Come take the bread,



come drink the wine, come share the Lord.
come drink the wine, come share the Lord.
come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

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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 brightness of God.
3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow 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 Righteousness, shine on my path,
When we have run with patience the race,

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

Refrain

In Him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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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.

662 Onward, Christian Soldiers



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,

With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.
Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.
But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:

Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,
Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;

For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!
One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.
This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.

Refrain

On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war,
With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor John Lukomski) – 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- Discovering Christianity Class – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- Sunday School – 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Wednesday

- Men's Bible Study – 6:30 AM (Downstairs)
- Wednesday Community Group – 10:00 AM (Downstairs)

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Saturday

- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM
- Circle of Friends (LWML) – 10:00 AM

Announcements

Please welcome our newest brother in Christ who is baptized today: Jamie Nathaniel Strawn, born January 8, 2026 into the Landon and Emma Strawn family; Sponsors: Xavier Zaragoza and Dela Zaragoza.

Bunko and Snacks – February 15 @ 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to bring a snack. Drinks and plates will be provided. Bunko rounds will be played with prizes awarded. Childcare will be provided but registration is required. Please contact Jen Weber, jen@stjamesglencarbon.org to register for childcare or any additional questions.

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

St. James is participating in the Mosaic Baby Bottle campaign. We encourage you to stand with us as we support life by filling a baby bottle with your spare change or donation. Bottles are in the narthex and can be returned anytime up to February 15th.

For more information about this and other Life Ministry Opportunities, please contact Janice Lanto or the church office.

Mark your calendars: Ash Wednesday is February 18th. Please join us for Ash Wednesday service and the following mid-week Lenten and Easter services:

Feb 25 – Midweek Lenten Service @ 6:30 PM

Mar 4 – Fellowship Meal @ 6:30 PM

Mar 11 – Midweek Lenten Service @ 6:30 PM

Mar 18 – Midweek Lenten Service @ 6:30 PM

Mar 25 – Midweek Lenten Service @ 6:30 PM

Apr 2 – Holy Thursday @ 6:30 PM

Apr 3 – Good Friday @ 6:30 PM

Apr 5 – Easter Sunday @ 9:00 AM; Easter Brunch immediately following worship

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.

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