



SAINT JAMES
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Healing Community Restoration

The Third Sunday of Easter
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Welcome to St James! Our worship here is a tiny fragment of something else: it is part of the worship which is offered to God by Christian people every hour of the day and night, in every part of the world.

When you come to worship here, it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress – a conversation between God and his people which began long before you were born and which will continue long after your death. So, do not be surprised or disturbed if there are some things which you do not understand right away. For a brief moment, you step into the continual stream of worship which is being offered today and which will be offered to the end of time.

During the service there will be a time to approach the altar and take Communion. When we take Communion, we are confessing together that we believe these things: Jesus Christ is our Savior and Lord; we receive Jesus' true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of Communion; we each have done wrong, but we seek the assurance of God's forgiveness and intend, with God's help, to live according to His plan revealed in His Word. If you also believe these things, you are welcome to take Communion with us. If you'd like to take Communion but aren't sure about your beliefs, have questions, or believe something different, please talk to the Pastor or one of the Elders before coming forward.

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!'. It consists of seven staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is written in a simple, accessible style, with many notes being quarter or eighth notes. There are some rests and ties in the music. The lyrics are: How can it be? The One who died has For joy a - wakes as dawn - ing light when Where doubt and dark - ness once had been, they Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they The pow'r that raised Him from the grave now borne our sin through sac - ri - fice, to Christ's dis - ci - ples lift their eyes; A - saw Him and their hearts be - lieved; But preached the truth and pow'r of grace; And works in us to pow'r - fly save; He con - quer ev - 'ry sting of death; Sing, sing hal - le - live He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ, He is blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing hal - le - pour - ing out their lives they gained life, life ev - er - frees our hearts to live His grace; Go, tell of His lu - jah! ris - en. lu - jah. Christ is ris - en He is ris - en in - deed! last - ing. good - ness. Oh, sing hal - le - lu - jah. Join the cho - rus, sing

with the re - deemed. Christ is ris - en, He is ris - en in - deed!

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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession and Absolution

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- 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

Romans 5:8-11

- L** God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- C** **Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.**
- L** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.
- C** **More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 116:1–14

- L** I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- C** **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
- L** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
- C** **Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”**
- L** Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.
- C** **The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**
- L** Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
- C** **For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**
- L** I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
- C** **I believed, even when I spoke, “I am greatly afflicted”;**
- L** I said in my alarm, “All mankind are liars.”
- C** **What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?**
- L** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,
- C** **I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**
- 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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Acts Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 1:17–25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Before You I Kneel



1. Be - fore You I kneel, my Mas - ter and Mak - er, to of - fer the
2. Be - fore You I kneel, and ask for Your good - ness to cov - er the
3. Be - fore You we kneel, our Mas - ter and Mak - er; Es - tab - lish the



work of my hands, for this is the day You've giv - en Your ser - vant;
work of my hands, for pa - tience and peace to shape all my la - bor,
work of our hands. And or - der our steps to seek first Your king - dom



I will re - joice and be glad for the strength I have to live and breathe,
Your grace for thorns in my path. Flow with - in me like a liv - ing stream,
in ev - 'ry small and great task. May we live the gos - pel of Your grace,



for each skill Your grace has giv - en me, for the needs and op - por -
 wear a - way the stones of pride and greed, 'til Your ways are dwell - ing
 serve Your pur - pose in our fleet - ing days. Then, our lives will bring e -



- tun - i - ties that will glor - i - fy Your great name.
 deep in me and a har - vest of life is grown.
 ter - nal praise, and all glo - ry to Your great name.

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Sermon - Pastor Tony Boos

Offering

Prayer Response

- 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

- 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



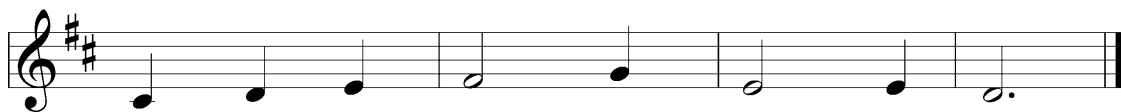
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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

423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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I Come to the Cross



I come to the cross seek - ing mer - cy and grace, I come to the



cross where You died in my place. Out of my weak - ness and in - to Your



strength, humb - ly, I come to the cross. Your arms are o - pen, You



call me by name. You wel - come this child that was lost.



You paid the price for my guilt and my shame. Je - sus, I come,



Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come to the cross. *(Instrumental, then sing again)*

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476 Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow



1 Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'
 2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us
 3 Who are You? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing
 4 Who are we who trav - el with You On our way through
 5 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Is the Eas - ter



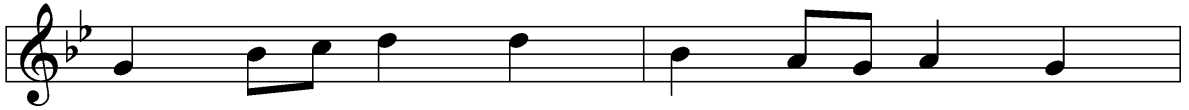
bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,
 stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can You fath - om
 of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor
 life to death? Wom - en, men, the young, the ag - ing,
 hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our wor - ship



Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,
 Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!
 Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion
 Wak - ened by the Spir - it's breath! At the font You
 As the gift of love we bring. You have formed us



we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead;
When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,
on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with Your grace!
claim and name us, Born of wa - ter and the Word;
all one peo - ple Called from ev - 'ry land and race.



We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,
Then You o - pened wide the Scrip - tures
Make each day a new Em - ma - us;
At the ta - ble still You feed us,
Make the Church Your ser - vant bod - y,



Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.
Till our hearts with - in us burned.
On our hearts Your im - age trace!
Host us as our ris - en Lord!
Sent to share Your heal - ing grace!

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The Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

Amen.

Call to Christian Community

- L** The apostle Paul calls us to care for each other in the difficult times and to celebrate with each other in the good times. He wrote, “If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it” (1 Cor. 12:26-27). As the body of Christ, we are called to care for one another in Christian community. Please take time after the blessing, to greet one another and introduce yourself to anyone you don’t recognize. Now receive God’s blessing.

Benediction

L Let us bless the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

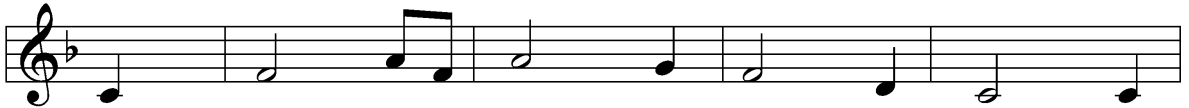
L The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

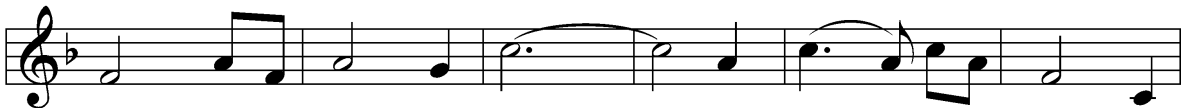
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

744 Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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Tune: Columbian Harmony, 1829, Cincinnati

This Week at-a-Glance

Today

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Saturday

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



Announcements

Mark your calendars and join us for **the St. James spring clean up** this Wednesday, April 22 @ 9:00 AM. We will have the MELHS students assisting us with outdoor and indoor tasks. Adults are needed to assist/supervise. Please contact Tim Schnicker if you are available to assist: tim@stjamesglencarbon.org

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@stjamesglencarbon.org.

If you would like to submit a prayer request or join the Prayer Warriors Team please reach out to prayer-request@stjamesglencarbon.org or call the church office.

St. James offers a quarterly newsletter for our congregation. If you are not receiving the newsletter and would like to, please reach out to cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org or call the church office.

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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