

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

526 You Are the Way; through You Alone



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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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.

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

Confession and Absolution

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- L** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- C** **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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- C** **Amen.**

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

- 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.**
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Service of the Word

Psalm

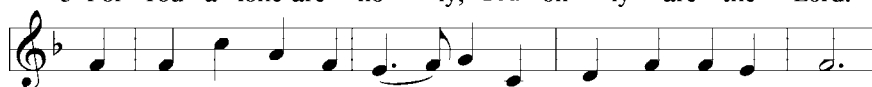
Psalm 146

- L** Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
 - C** **will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
 - L** Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
 - C** **When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**
 - L** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,
 - C** **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**
 - L** who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;
 - C** **the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**
 - L** The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
 - C** **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!**
 - 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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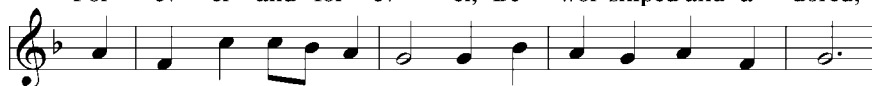
Gloria in Excelsis



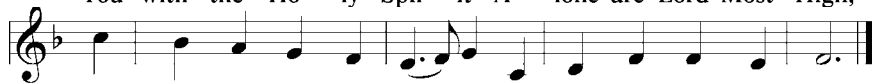
- 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

²And Stephen said:

"Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

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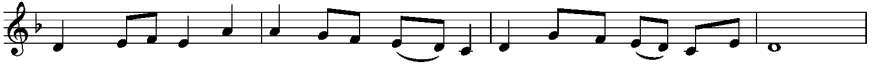
Apostles’ Creed

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.

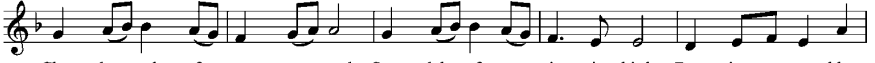
Fullness of Grace



1. Full - ness of grace in man's hu - man fra - il - ty, this is the won - der of Je - sus.
2. Full - ness of grace, the love of the Fa - ther shown in the face of Je - sus.
3. Full - ness of hope in Christ we had longed for, Prom - ise of God in Je - sus.



Lay - ing a - side His pow - er and glo - ry, hum - bly He en - tered our world.
Stoop - ing to bear the weight of hu - man - i - ty, walk - ing the Cal - va - ry road.
Through His o - be - dience we are for - giv - en, op - 'ning the flood - gates of heav'n.



Chose the path of mean - est worth: Scan - dal of a vir - gin birth. Born in a sta - ble,
Christ the ho - ly in - no - cent took our sin and pun - ish - ment. Full - ness of God, de -
All our hopes and dreams we bring glad - ly as an of - fer - ing. Full - ness of life and



cold and re - jec - ted: Here lies the hope of the world.
spised and re - jec - ted: Crushed for the sins of the world.
joy un - speak - a - ble: God's gift in love to the world.

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Sermon - Pastor Jonathan Lange

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

- L** Lord, in Your mercy,
 - C** hear our prayer.
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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

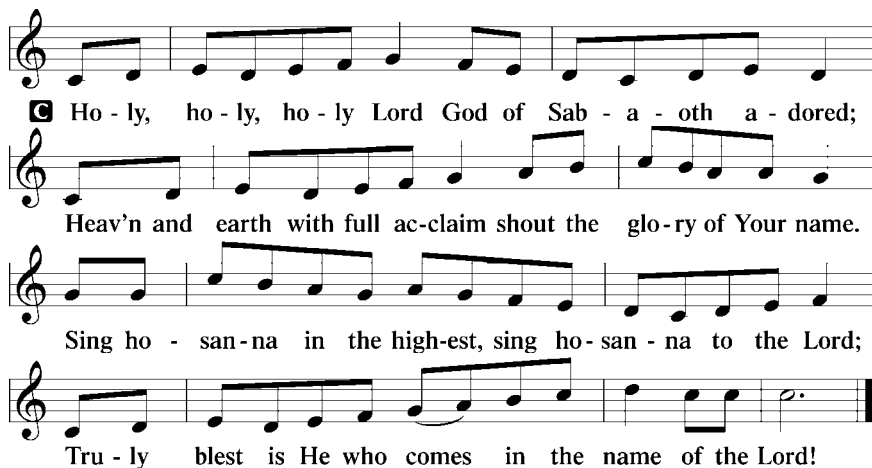
C We lift them to the Lord.

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



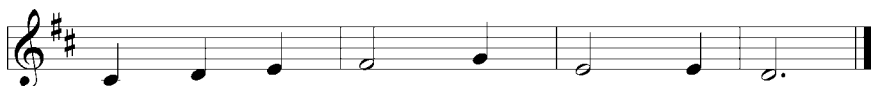
- C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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,
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

801 How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less babe!
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the world by dark - ness slain.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death this is the pow'r of Christ in me.



This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the fiere - est drought and storm.
This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a - gain!
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis - fied:
And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand;



My com - for - ter, my all in all here in the love of Christ I stand.
for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live,
for I am His and He is mine bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ,
Till He re - turns or calls me home here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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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.
- 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 our last song, 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 \dagger give you peace.

C Amen.

Lift High the Name of Jesus



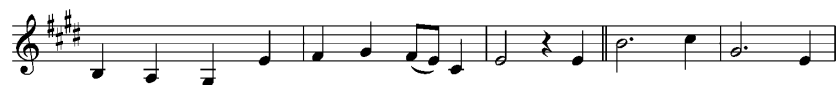
1. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King. Make known the pow - er
2. Lift) high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord. His pow'r in us is
3. Lift) high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light. No oth - er name on



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 Jonathan Lange) – 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

Pastoral Call Process

The Call Committee is accepting pastoral nominations. Today is the last day for submissions. For your convenience, there are nomination forms available in the narthex that can be placed in the offering plate, in the mailbox on the office door, or you can submit your nomination via email to callcommittee@stjamesglencarbon.org.

Second Tuesday Women's Bible Study!

Join us **Tuesday, May 12th at 6pm** as we continue our impactful study, *Divided We Stand: How To Love When We Disagree*. We're turning this session into a festive **Spring Tea Party**, and we'd love to see you there!

- **Optional:** Bring along your favorite tea party fare to share (finger sandwiches, scones, or sweets).
- **Questions?** Text Shala Baker at 618-315-0788.

We can't wait to grow together in faith and fellowship!



Deep societal divisions in our country are producing an alarming amount of hatred. There are some people who seem to think that hating people is virtuous. What does the Bible have to say about hate? Did Jesus ever speak to this question? Is a hateful response ever justified? It's the subject of our most recent discussion on **Craving Answers Craving God**.

College Care Package Update

Finals season is here! Please join us in praying for our college students as they wrap up the year.

We are thrilled to share that **12 care packages** were delivered last week to fuel their studies! A massive thank you to **Thrivent** for funding the goodies and to the **Lange's** for providing the boxes and postage. Your generosity is such a blessing!

Missed Someone?

If your student didn't receive a box, please send their address to the church office so we can get a package to them. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our students!

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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