

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

605 Father Welcomes

Refrain



Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a - gain.
Live in the peace of God.

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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

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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

- 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 145:1–14; antiphon: v. 19

- L** I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
 - C** **Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**
 - L** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
 - C** **One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**
 - L** On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
 - C** **They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.**
 - L** They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
 - C** **The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
 - L** The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.
 - C** **All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!**
 - L** They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,
 - C** **to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
 - L** Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
 - C** **The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.**
 - L** The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
 - 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



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 - 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

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

Romans 7:14–25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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C Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25–30

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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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.

Sermon – Pastor Stanish Stanley

Offering - Please register your attendance in the Friendship Books located in each pew.

Prayer Response

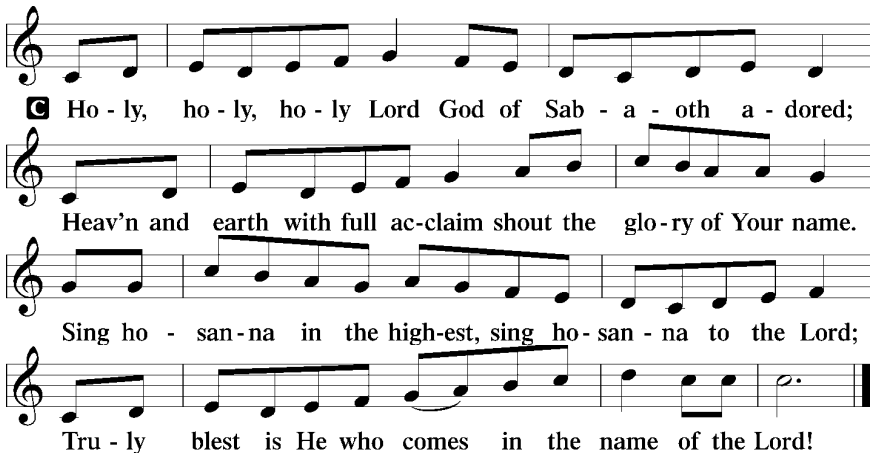
- L** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

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!

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,



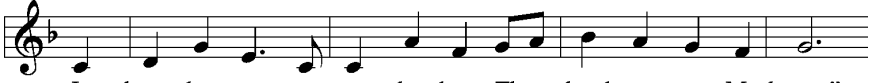
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



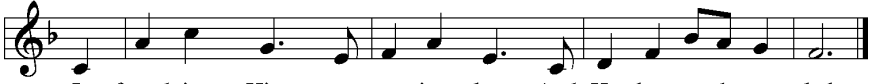
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;



I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - ling days are done.

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Facing A Task Unfinished



1. Fac - ing a task un - fin - ished, that drives us to our
2. Where oth - er lords be - side Thee hold their un - hin - dered
3. We bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the hands of
4. O Fa - ther who sus - tained them, O Spir - it who in -



knees. A need that, un - di - min - ished, re - bukes our sloth - ful
sway; where forc - es that de - fied Thee, de - fy Thee still to -
those who gave their lives pro - claim - ing that Je - sus died and
spired, Sav - iour, whose love con - strained them to toil with zeal un -



ease. We, who re - joice to know Thee, re - new be - fore Thy
- day. With none to heed their cry - ing for life, and love, and
rose. Ours is the same com - mis - sion, the same glad mes - sage
- tired. From cow - ard - ice de - fend us, from leth - ar - gy a -



throne the sol - emn pledge we owe Thee— to go and make Thee
light, un - num - bered souls are dy - ing and pass in - to the
ours; fired by the same am - bi - tion, to Thee we yield our
- wake! Forth on Thine er - rands send us to la - bour for Thy



known. *(To Verse 2)*
night.
powers.
sake.

CHORUS

We go to all the world, with king - dom hope un - furled. No



oth - er name has power to save but Je - sus Christ, the Lord.

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Keep the Feast



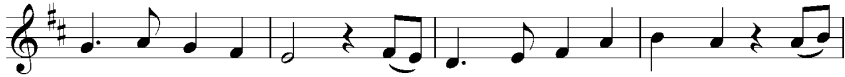
1. Joy - ful - ly we join You at Your ta - ble, plead - ing not our
2. Who is fit to feast with such a Sav - ior? Who His san - dals
3. Hap - py sign of friend - ship and re - un - ion with the bless - ed



right - eous - ness. By Your wealth of mer - cy we are a - ble
could un - tie? Who are we that He would show us fa - vor,
Three in One. Fore - taste of that glo - ri - ous com - mun - ion.



now to feast in con - fi - dence. Take this bread and eat.
grant - ing us this gift of life?
vis - ion of the world to come.



Take this cup and drink. Re - mem - ber how He loved us. Re -



joice and keep the feast.

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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** 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 the last song, 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.**

965 God Bless Our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor Stanish Stanley) – 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)
- Congregation Ice Cream Social for Pastor Brakhage & Family – 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Saturday

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

Announcements

Now Hiring: Part-Time Church Administrator

St. James Lutheran Church is seeking a detail-oriented and organized individual to fill our **part-time Church Administrator** position (**20 hours/week**).

This vital role serves as the central hub of our church operations. Key responsibilities include:

- **Financial & Membership Records:** Managing member databases (Shepherds' Staff), tracking and balancing giving (including Tithely), and generating financial summaries.
- **Human Resources & Compliance:** Serving as the Concordia Plan Services administrator, managing annual renewals, contributions, and required statistical reporting.
- **Office Operations:** Overseeing office and copier supplies, managing building security codes, processing mail, and coordinating estate gifts.

If you have a heart for administration and want to support the ministry of St. James, we would love to hear from you! Please send your resume to cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org or deliver it directly to the church office.

You are warmly invited to an **Ice Cream Social Wednesday evening, July 8th, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** in the fellowship hall! As you know, we have extended a divine call to Pastor Brakhage to serve as our next pastor. This will be a wonderful, casual opportunity for our entire congregation to welcome him, his wife, and their family, and to get to know them better. Come enjoy some delicious ice cream and great fellowship as we look forward to what God has in store for St. James!



Saint James Night at Busch Stadium

Get your tickets to a night of baseball at Busch Stadium on Tuesday, August 11th at 6:45 PM! It will be the Cardinals vs. Philadelphia and it's sure to be a great night! Tickets are located in an area that is not ADA accessible. Tickets are complimentary but do require a reservation. Please contact [Rosie Ellington](#) to reserve your tickets.

A Beautiful Opportunity to Love and Serve Our Neighbors

As a church family, we are called to bear one another's burdens and share God's love in practical ways. We have a wonderful opportunity to do just that by coming together to care for the lawn of one of our own members. This is a perfect, hands-on way for families of all ages to serve side-by-side and be the hands and feet of Jesus for someone in need. Whether you can stay for an hour or the whole morning, your presence is a gift! To help us plan, please sign up in the narthex or reach out to Devin Brakenhoff at devin@stjamesglencarbon.org. Let's bless our church family together!

Save the Date: Please mark your calendars for July 22nd for the [Glen Carbon Village Worker's luncheon](#). We will host the luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Contact Jen Weber for more information!

Sisterhood Event: Anchored in Hope

Saturday, August 8 | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Find your footing, trade the chaos for peace, and secure your spot today for a day of biblical teaching and genuine fellowship at our **Anchored in Hope** sisterhood event!

- **Location:** St. James Lutheran Church (146 N Main St, Glen Carbon, IL)
- **Who:** Open to all women aged 13 and older.
- **Cost:** Free! However, we ask that you participate in our snack ingathering for a local Christian youth center. If you are able, please bring a box of snacks (homemade or purchased) in their original, sealed wrapping.
- **Childcare:** Available upon request when you register.

Registration closes on July 31st. Bring a friend—just make sure to register her separately! **Questions?** Contact Cheryl at the church office at (618) 228-6120.

The St. James [Member Education Assistance Application](#) is now open through August 2026.

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.

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



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