

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

644 The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more
And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,
O bless-ed heav'n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.
And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be-fore us, May see You face to face.

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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.
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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

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** 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

Psalms 80:7–19

- L** Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- C** You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.
- L** You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.
- C** The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.
- L** It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.
- C** Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
- L** The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.
- C** Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,
- L** the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.
- C** They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face!
- L** But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!
- C** Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!
- L** Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis



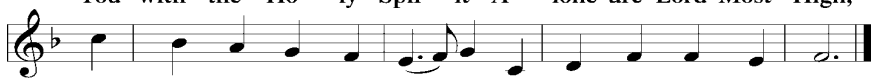
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1–7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³³[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country.

³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’

³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.
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Every Promise

1. From the break - ing of the dawn to the set - ting of the
 2. When I stum - ble and I sin, con - dem - na - tion press - ing
 3. When I'm faced with an - guished choice, I will lis - ten for Your
 4. Hope that lifts me from de - spair; Love that casts out ev - 'ry
 sun, I will stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word. Words of
 in, I will stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word. You are
 voice, and I'll stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word. Through this
 fear, as I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word. Not for -
 pow - er, strong to save, that will nev - er pass a - way; I will
 faith - ful to for - give, that in free - dom I might live. So I
 dark and trou - bled land, You will guide me with Your hand, as I
 sak - en, not a - lone, for the Com - fort - er has come; And I
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word. For Your
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word. Guilt to
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word. And You've
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word. Grace suf -
 cov - e - nant is sure, and on this I am se - cure: I can
 in - no - cence re - stored; You re - mem - ber sins no more. So I'll
 prom - ised to com - plete ev - 'ry work be - gun in me. So I'll
 fi - cient, grace for me; Grace for all who will be - lieve. We will
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise from Your word.
 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word.
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Sermon – Pastor Jonathan Lange

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Prayer Response

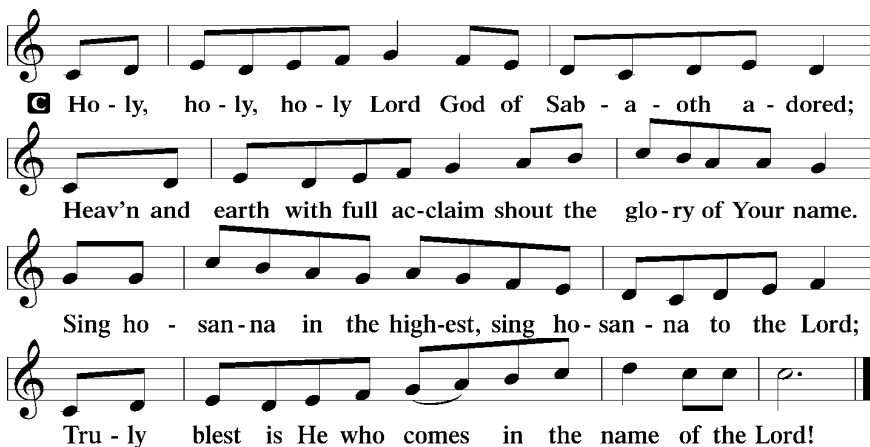
- ☐ Lord, in Your mercy,
☒ hear our prayer.

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

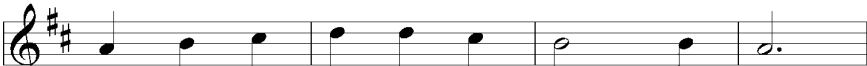
L Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

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.”

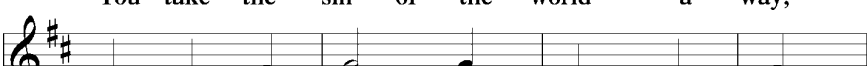
Agnus Dei



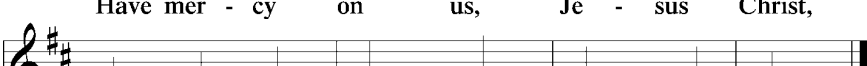
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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.

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Keep the Feast



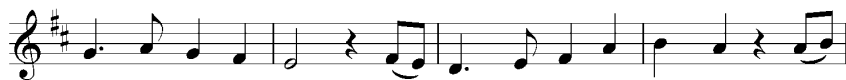
1. Joy - ful - ly we join You at Your ta - ble, plead - ing not our
2. Who is fit to feast with such a Sav - ior? Who His san - dals
3. Hap - py sign of friend - ship and re - un - ion with the bless - ed



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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861 Christ Be My Leader



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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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 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.
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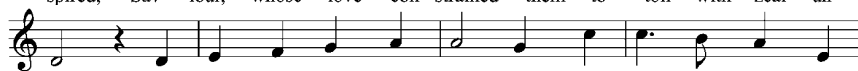
Facing a Task Unfinished



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)

CHORUS

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



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

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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)
- [Sunday School](#) – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)

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

Want to get connected in more Community at St. James? Join the [Community Groups](#) on Sunday, October 25th from 4-5pm for our annual Community Group Mixer! This event is for people already in Community Groups AND for people interested in knowing more about Community Groups. Please contact Shanna Covarrubias or another Community Group leader with questions.
Shanna@stjamesglencarbon.org

St. James Lutheran Church in Glen Carbon is hiring a **Ministry Coordinator!**

Position Details:

- **Hours:** Part-time (10–15 hours per week)
- **Key Responsibilities:** Help coordinate ministry and fellowship opportunities, assist with worship bulletins and quarterly newsletters, support IT and digital announcements, assist Pastor as needed and collaborate on church communication platforms. Work closely with and sub for Church Administrator when needed.

If you have a heart for ministry and organizational skills, we'd love to hear from you!

How to Apply:

- **Contact:** Call Cheryl at [618-531-2186](tel:618-531-2186)
- **Email:** Send your resume to cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org

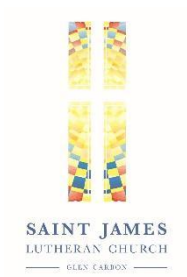
If you have any questions or would like to share a comment, please feel free to reach out to one of our St. James Elders at elders@stjamesglencarbon.org.

Thank you to all our visitors for joining us today! We would love to connect with you. Please complete a visitor card located in the pew or sign in the register in the entryway so we can reach out!

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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