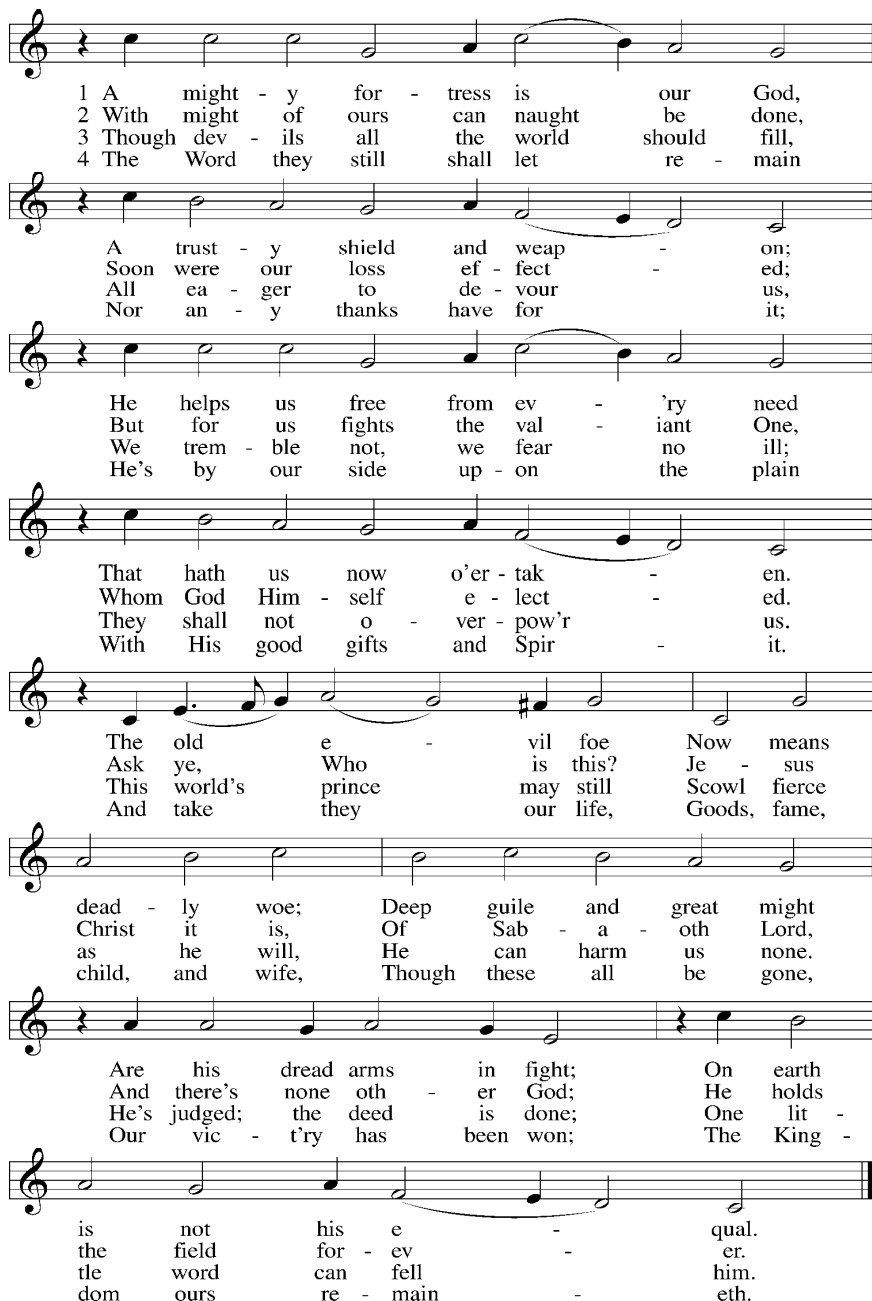


Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

656 A Mighty Fortress is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none,
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is the not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can - fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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.

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

Romans 5:8-11

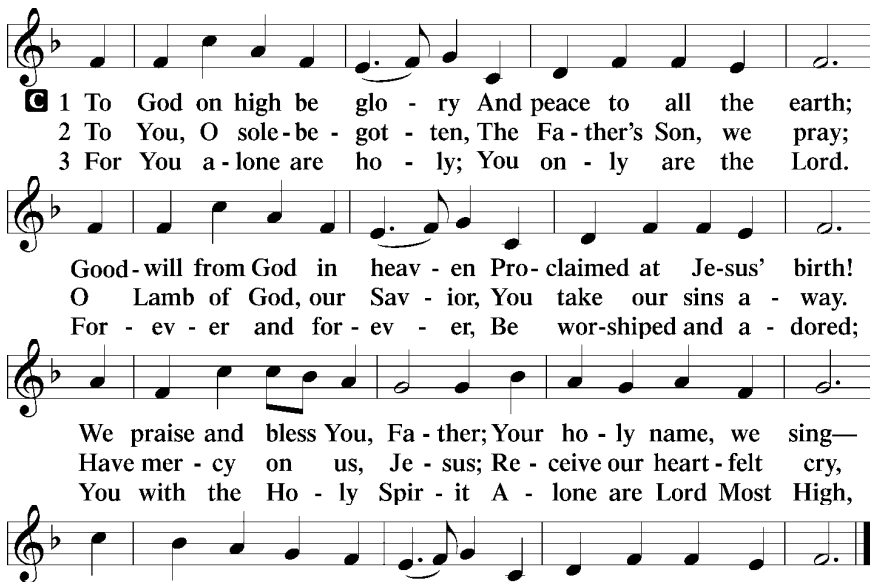
- L** God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
 - C** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.
 - L** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much 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.
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Service of the Word

Psalm 46

- L** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- C** **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**
- L** though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- C** **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- L** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.
- C** **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**
- L** The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- C** **Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.**
- L** He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.
- C** **"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"**
- L** The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- 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.

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:12–19

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²[Jesus said:] “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’

¹⁹The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

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 $\dagger$ everlasting. Amen.

There Is One Gospel

There is one Gos-pel on which I stand for all e - ter - ni -
There is one Gos-pel to which I cling, all else I count as
There is one Gos-pel where hope is found, the emp - ty tomb still
And in this Gos-pel, the church is one, we do not walk a -
- ty. It is my sto - ry, my Fa - ther's plan, the Son has res - cued
loss. For there, where jus - tice and mer - cy meet, He saved me on the
speaks. For death could not keep my Sav - iour down, He lives and I am
- lone. We have His Spir - it as we press on to lead us safe - ly
me. Oh, what a Gos - pel, oh what a peace. My high - est joy and my
cross. No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I car - ry the
free. Now on my Sav - iour I fix my eyes, my life is His and His
home. * And when in glo - ry still I will sing of this old sto - ry that
deep - est need. Now and for - ev - er, He is my light. I
weight of sin. For He has brought me from death to life. I
hope is mine. For He has prom - ised I too will rise. I
res - cued me. Praise to my Sav - iour, the King of life. * I
stand in the Gos-pel of Je - sus Christ.
stand in the Gos-pel of Je - sus Christ.
stand in the Gos-pel of Je - sus Christ.
stand in the Gos-pel of Je - sus Christ.

5 And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Savior the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Sermon – Pastor Tony Boos

Offering - Please record your attendance in the Friendship Book 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

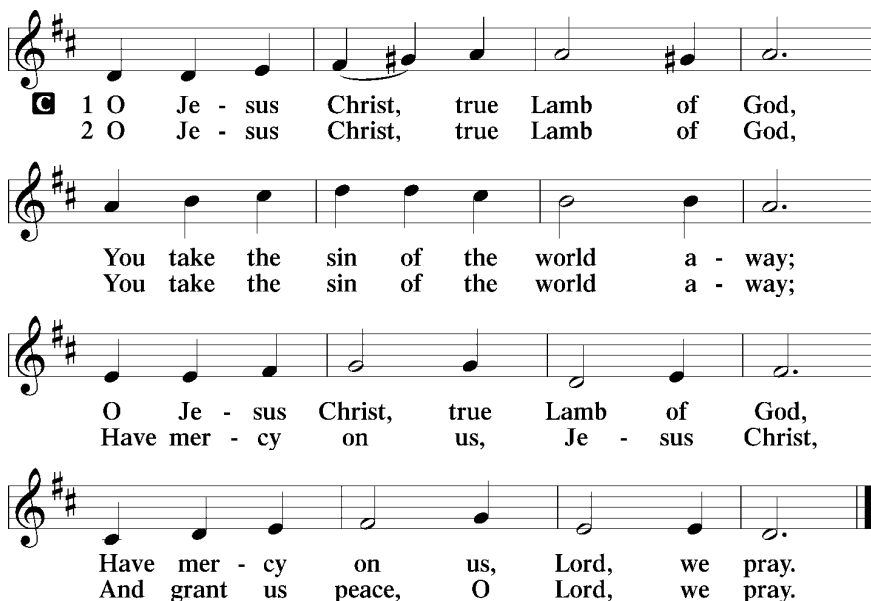
- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is 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.

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830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re-deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

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642 O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
 To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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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 John wrote, “...this is (God’s) commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us” (1 John 3:23). As believers in Jesus, God calls us to community. Please take time to greet and get to know one another after our last song. If you see someone you don’t know, introduce yourself. Now receive God’s blessing.

Benediction

- L** Let us bless the Lord
C Thanks be to God
L The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

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 George Gude) – 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- [Sunday School](#) – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- [Community Group Mixer](#) – 4 PM

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](#) today 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

[Special Voters' Meeting](#) - Please plan to attend an upcoming Voters' Meeting on Sunday, November 1st following our worship service, where the Sanctuary Design Committee will share an overview of the planned sanctuary updates. Following the presentation, three specific items will be brought before the congregation for discussion: (1) additional funding for improvements beyond the originally approved budget, (2) a modification to the altar platform and sacristy and (3) a decision regarding the future of our existing organ (whether to retain, relocate, donate, or sell it). Your participation is encouraged as we make these important decisions together for the future of St. James. Childcare will be provided.

[Glen-Ed Pantry Thanksgiving Basket Project](#)

Help us bless over 150 local families this Thanksgiving! Grab a shopping list in the back of church to donate 10 specific dinner items, or share a freewill offering. Donations are accepted through November 8. Questions? See Bev Tiemann



Death is a subject that most people are reluctant to talk about. Christians talk about the death of Jesus, and at some point, must think about the inevitability of personal death. But when is it appropriate to discuss this important topic with children? We attempt to answer that question on the most recent edition of [Craving Answers Craving God](#).

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.

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