The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026

395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

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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.

Confession and Absolution

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L O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

L Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John:
"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

C **Amen.**

Reflection on God's Forgiveness *Romans 8:35-39*

L Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

C **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**

L For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth,

C **Nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord**

Service of the Word

Psalm *Psalm 90:1–12*

L Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

L You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

C **For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

L You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

C **in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**

L For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

C **You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

L For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

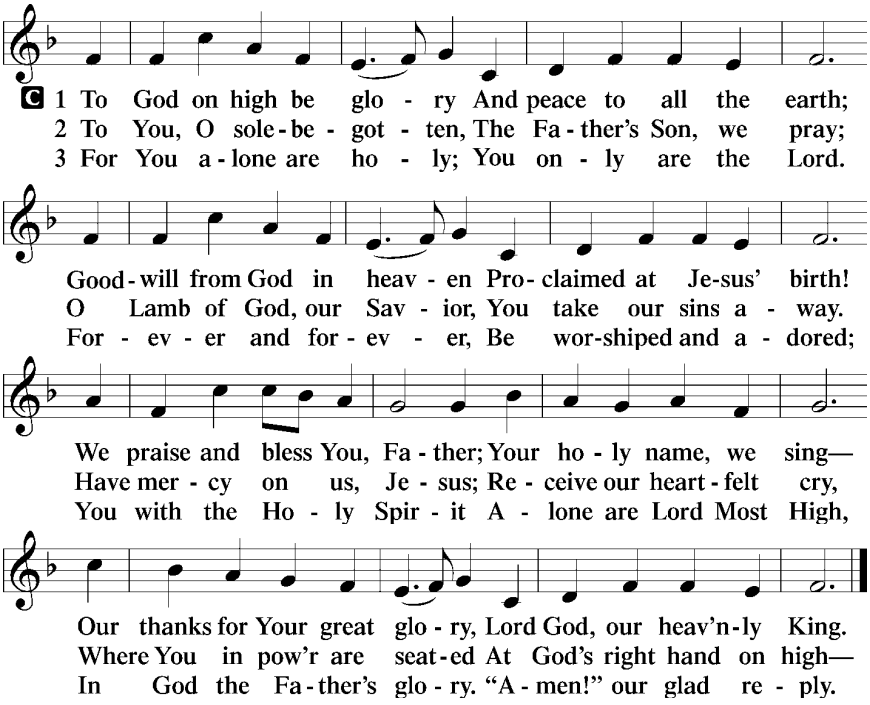
C **The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

L Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

C **So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

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



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Old Testament Reading *Zephaniah 1:7–16*

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests. 8 And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. 9 On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.
10 "On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. 11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' 13 Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." 14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

New Testament Reading *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need
to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the
day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying,
"There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them
as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But
you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.
[5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night
or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep
awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get
drunk, are drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober,
having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether we are
awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another
and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:31–46*

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

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

[31][Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels
with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. [32]Before him will be
gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a
shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33]And he will place the sheep
on his right, but the goats on the left. [34]Then the King will say to those on his
right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world. [35]For I was hungry and
you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and
you welcomed me, [36]I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you
visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' [37]Then the righteous will
answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or
thirsty and give you drink? [38]And when did we see you a stranger and
welcome you, or naked and clothe you? [39]And when did we see you sick or in
prison and visit you?' [40]And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as
you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'
[41]"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into
the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. [42]For I was hungry and
you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, [43]I was a
stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick
and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44]Then they also will answer, saying,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or
in prison, and did not minister to you?' [45]Then he will answer them, saying,
'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did
not do it to me.' [46]And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the
righteous into eternal life."

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 ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

The Lord Almighty Reigns

sts. 1–4



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Sermon - Pastor Tony Boos

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Farewell and Godspeed to William Ellington

Prayer Response

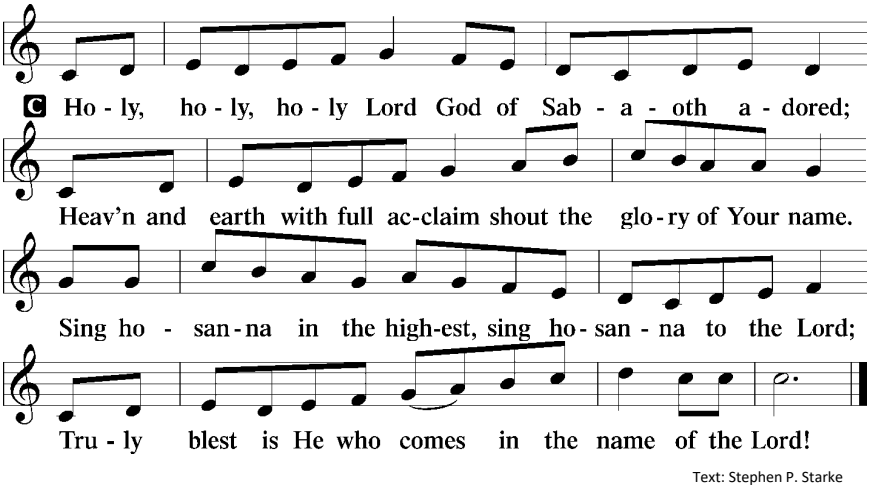
L Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

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



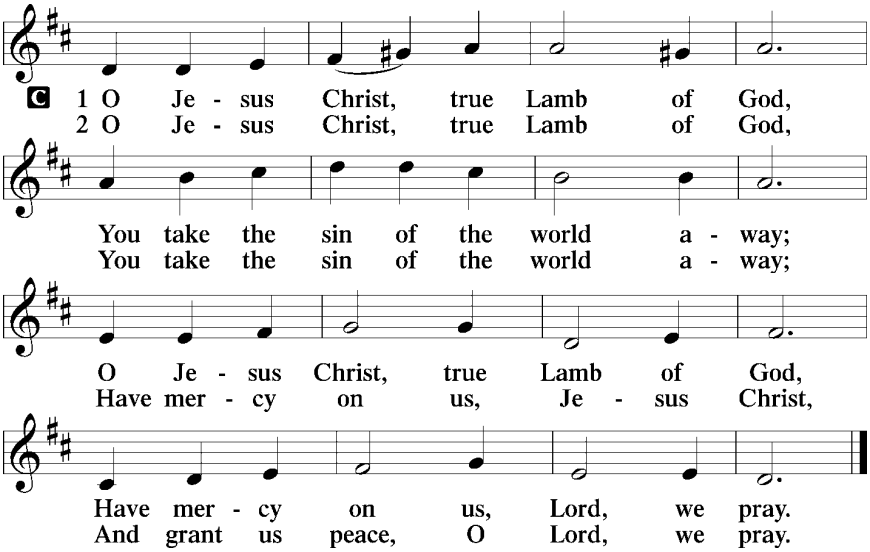
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Lord's Prayer

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

Agnus Dei



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336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



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Keep the Feast

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516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



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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 "For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another" (1 John 3:11). After the last song, please take time to greet one another, and if you see someone you don't know, introduce yourself. The Christian life isn't meant to be lived alone, but in community. 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.**

Christus Victor

sts. 1–3



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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor Tony Boos) – 9:00 AM
- Ellington Reception – 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

Farewell Reception for the Ellington Family
Please join us today immediately following worship for a farewell reception honoring William Ellington and his family. Let's take this opportunity to shower them with love, express our gratitude, and wish them well in their next chapter!

Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meal & Communion
Mark your calendars for **Wednesday evening, November 18th**! We invite you to join us for a time of food and fellowship. The Saint James Music Team will be providing the meal, and Pastor Lange will lead us in Holy Communion along with a short devotional message.

Now Hiring: Part-Time Church Administrator: St. James Lutheran Church in is seeking a detail-oriented and organized individual (20 hours/week) or two individuals (each 10 hours/week) to fill our part-time Church Administrator position. 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.

St. James Lutheran 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**
- **Email:** Send your resume to **cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org**

The **Sanctuary Design Committee** would love to hear from you! Please fill out the paper survey located in the Narthex. Please return to either Cheryl or a member of the committee by November 21st. We will compile the results and feedback at that time. Thank you!

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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