

The Transfiguration of Jesus

February 14, 2021

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
G Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession & Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sin to God:
O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, be the God of your people today!
- G** We confess that we have worshiped too many other gods.
We have devoted ourselves to all too many different values.
Turn our hearts to you again!
- P** O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, be the God of your people today!
- G** We confess that we have visited all too many sanctuaries.
We have tried to find the sources of life in all too many other places.
Turn our hearts to you again!
- P** O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, be the God of your people today!
- G** We turn to you, and to you alone, to be our God, our only God.
Forgive our sins. Give us spiritual integrity. Give us wholeness and holiness.
Answer us in the name of Christ, for he has promised to intercede for us.
It is in him that we pray in the fellowship of his body.
Amen.
- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John:
"We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but for the sins of the whole world."
- G** Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 99:1–5, 9

P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

C The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

P The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.

C Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

P The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

C Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

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.

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:1–12

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he said, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” ¹⁰And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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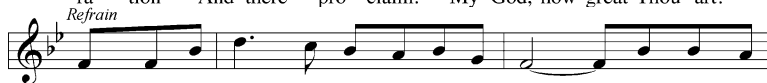
1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



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



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

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Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

²After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Apostles' Creed

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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn

Lord from Sorrows Deep I Call (Psalm 42)



Lord, from sor - rows deep I call when my hope is shak - en;
Storms with - in my trou - bled soul, ques - tions with - out an - swers;
Should my life be torn from me, ev - 'ry world - ly plea - sure;



torn and ru - ined from the fall, hear my des - pe - ra - tion.
on my faith these bil - lows roll, God be now my shel - ter.
when all I pos - sess is grief, God be then my trea - sure.



For so long I've pled and prayed, "God come to my res - cue!"
Why are you cast down my soul? Hope in Him who saves you.
Be my vi - sion in the night; be my hope and re - fuge.



E - ven so, the thorn re - mains; still my heart will praise You.
When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise You.
'Til my faith is turned to sight, Lord my heart will praise You.



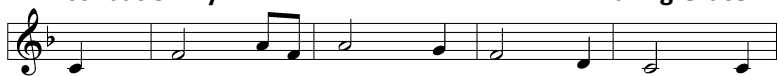
Oh, my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will praise Him.



Sing, oh, sing, through the rag - ing storm; You're still my God, my sal - va - tion.

Distribution Hymn #744

Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton; tune: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; text & tune: public domain

Distribution Hymn #537

Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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Announcements

Bible Study *

Sunday @ 12:30 PM (Zoom) * Please text Pastor Mueller if you have not yet attended and would like a Zoom invitation link sent to your email.

Sunday School

Students in preschool through 8th grade are invited downstairs immediately after Communion for a brief (5-10 minute) period where they can grab a pre-packaged snack, hear a short message and take home materials to work on at home.

Youth Confirmation –Today 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

New Member Class - Tonight 6:00 PM - 7:30PM

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study – 6:30 AM

Wednesday Evening Zoom Bible Study (*The Screwtape Letters*) will resume after Easter.

Ash Wednesday Service will be held at 7:00 PM on February 17th. Please sign up to attend in-person worship at www.saintjamesglencarbon.org or watch Livestream or in our online sermon library.

Titus 2: Women of Faith Bible Study - Please join us this Saturday from 9:00-10:30 AM for an in person Bible study focused on Biblical mentoring for women ages 19 and up. Contact the church office for more information.

Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

We are finishing up our study of Ephesians and making Valentines for the homeless to deliver this Saturday, Feb. 13th at our monthly outreach in Granite City at the Community Care Center from noon-3:00 PM.

Youth Group Mission Trip

Our youth are going on mission! God has called us to active ministry for an 8 day Mission trip to the White Earth Indian Reservation in Callaway, MN from June 19th-26th. This is open to all Jr. and Sr. High youth as well as our congregation adults. Please sign up in the foyer if you are interested in attending the trip. An informational meeting will be held on Feb. 16th at 6:00 PM downstairs at church. If you have any interest, please attend this meeting, or contact the church office.

Life Corner

Mosaic Baby Bottle Campaign –A big “Thank You” to all who participated in the Baby Bottle

Campaign! Today marks the end of the campaign and all bottles should be returned. If you forgot your bottle today, please contact the church office to arrange delivery.

March 13 –Lutherans for Life and Coalition for Life St. Louis – **March on the Arch.**
10a.m. – 2 p.m.

March 25 – 7 p.m. Mosaic Annual Gala with dinner and speaker Mike Huckabee. Reserve your spot now! Seating is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. Contact the church office for more information.

Metro-East Lutheran High School is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Any new students (freshmen or transfer) interested in seeking enrollment at MELHS are invited to go to www.melhs.org to download an admissions packet or contact the school office at 618-656-0043. For more information, contact admissions@melhs.org.

Metro-East Lutheran High School's 41st Annual Auction is going virtual. The Night of Knights Virtual Auction will be held Feb. 19-20. Check out Metro-East Lutheran High School on Facebook to participate in this event, which is the school's biggest fundraiser of the year. MELHS currently is accepting donations of items to be auctioned off during the event. Donations can be dropped off at the school office through Feb. 15. Your generous contribution helps support our mission of delivering academic excellence to develop Christian leaders.



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