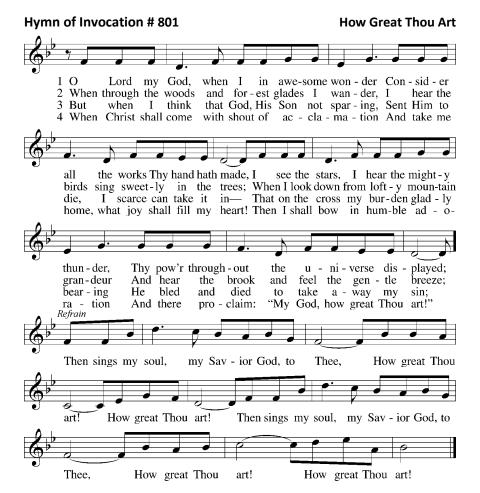
# The Transfiguration of Our Lord February 19, 2023



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# **Confession and Absolution**

#### Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **Exhortation**

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

#### **Kyrie**

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

#### Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

#### Absolution

- P Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Savior Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the 

  → Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen

- P Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?
- P The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
- But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

# Service of the Word

Psalm 99

- The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth guake!
- The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
- P Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!
- The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- **P** Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!
- Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the LORD, and he answered them.
- In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.
- O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- **P** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!
- 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

- P Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
- We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, We give You thanks for Your great glory,
  O Lord God, King of Heaven, Father Almighty.
  Lord Jesus Christ, the one and only Son,
  Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
  You take away the sins of the world

You take away the sins of the world -

Receive our prayer and have mercy on us.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone, Jesus, with the Holy Spirit, are Most High
In the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

<sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

### **Revelation Reading**

Revelation 12-14

¹And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. ²She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. ³And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. ⁴His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. ⁵She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, ⁵and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

<sup>7</sup>Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. <sup>10</sup>And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and

the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup>And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

<sup>13</sup>And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. <sup>14</sup>But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. <sup>15</sup>The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. <sup>16</sup>But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. <sup>17</sup>Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

<sup>1</sup>And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. <sup>2</sup>And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup>One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. <sup>4</sup>And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

<sup>5</sup>And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup>It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup>Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, <sup>8</sup>and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slain. <sup>9</sup>If anyone has an ear, let him hear:

<sup>10</sup>If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must be be slain.

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup>It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. <sup>13</sup>It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, <sup>14</sup>and by the

signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. <sup>15</sup>And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. <sup>16</sup>Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, <sup>17</sup>so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup>This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

<sup>1</sup>Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. <sup>2</sup>And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, <sup>3</sup>and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. <sup>4</sup>It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, <sup>5</sup>and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

<sup>6</sup>Then 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. <sup>7</sup>And 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."

<sup>8</sup>Another angel, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality."

<sup>9</sup>And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, <sup>10</sup>he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup>And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."

<sup>12</sup>Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

<sup>13</sup>And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

<sup>14</sup>Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. <sup>15</sup>And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to

reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe." <sup>16</sup>So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped. <sup>17</sup>Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup>And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, "Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe." <sup>19</sup>So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. <sup>20</sup>And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

stadia.

## Holy Gospel Matthew 17:1–9

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But

Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **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.



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## Sermon

#### Offering

Please take a moment to sign and pass the "Record of Friendship" booklet or use the QR code located on the inside cover of the booklet.

#### **Prayer Response**

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

# Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- 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 saying:

#### Sanctus

- P Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
- Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna, in the highest.

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:

Glory to You, O Lord in the highest.

## **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.

#### The Words of Our Lord

#### **Agnus Dei**

- P Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
- Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

  Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace. Amen.

#### **Distribution Hymn**

#### Lord from Sorrows Deep I Call



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;





For so long I've pled and prayed, "God come to my res - cue!" you cast Why are 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.

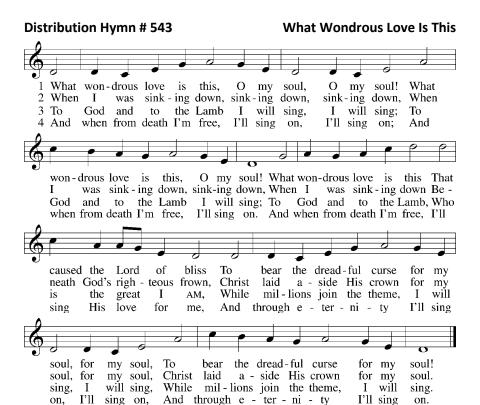


Oh, my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will praise Him.



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

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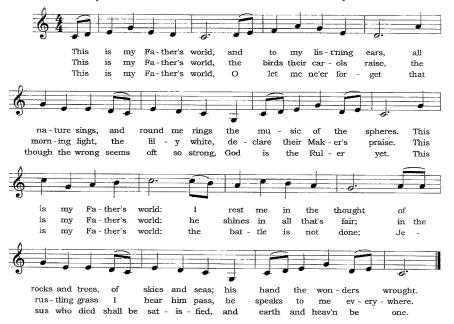
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#### **Distribution Hymn**

#### This Is My Father's World



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#### The Dismissal

#### **Nunc Dimittis**

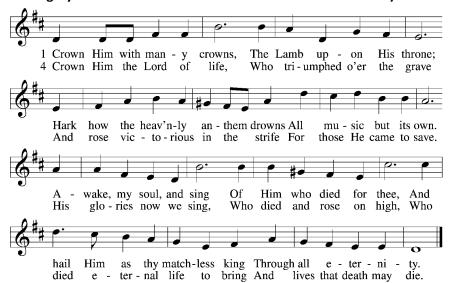
- Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.
- For my eyes have seen Your salvation, Which You have prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Your people

Israel. 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.

#### Closing Hymn # 525

#### **Crown Him with Many Crowns**



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#### **Benediction**

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.
- 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.

#### This Week at a Glance

#### **Today**

- Worship Service 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study and Sunday School 10:30 AM, Downstairs
- Youth Confirmation Following Sunday School, Downstairs
- Chili Cook-off and Family Game Night 5:00 PM

#### Tuesday

• Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM

#### Wednesday

Men's Bible Study 6:30 – 7:30 AM

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Join us for a Trivia Night on Friday, March 3! Help the Youth from St. James and Good Shepherd get to the 2025 Youth Gathering! The Trivia Night will be held in the Auxiliary Gym at Metro-East Lutheran High School on Friday, March 3rd. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the game starts at 7 p.m. The cost is \$25/individual or \$200 for a table of 8. Registration forms are available online or on the church bulletin boards. We hope you will join us!

## Chili Cook-off and Family Game Night - Today @ 5:00 PM

Bring the family, your favorite pot of chili and game for a night of fun and fellowship! If chili isn't your forte, bring a dessert to share! Drinks and sides will be provided. Prizes will be awarded!! For more information or questions call Tina Enke 618-795-0102, Jen Weber 618-407-5322, or the church office.

February is Healthy Eating Month at Glen-Ed Pantry. Did you know that client families choose their own foods, and the Pantry encourages healthy shopping choices? Help the pantry stock their shelves with healthy options by donating foods such as whole grain pasta, fruit packed in 100% juice, low sodium vegetables, soups and sauces as well as items that are fat-free and sugar free.

Donation idea: Consider using your reward points from the grocery store to purchase pantry donations. Questions about Glen-Ed Pantry? Call Tina Barnard - 618-406-1932



Has anyone ever challenged your Christian faith? Have you ever suffered ridicule for being a Christian? What are some of the arguments or challenges people make against believing in Jesus and how do we make a defense? On our most recent installment of Craving Answers Craving God Aaron and Chuck

discuss our call to defend the faith.

Concordia Seminary Guild Lunch - March 3, 2023

Registration: 11:30 a.m. in Koburg Hall - Luncheon: Noon

Program: 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's Translation of the New

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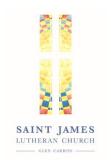
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**Please mark your calendars** to join us for Lent Worship Services which will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, and continue through Holy Week as follows:

Ash Wednesday, February 22 @ 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 1 @ 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 8 @ 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 15 @ 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 29 @ 7:00 PM Holy Thursday, April 6 @ 7:00 PM Good Friday, April 7 @ 7:00 PM Easter Sunday, April 9 @ 9:00 AM



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