

# The Transfiguration of Jesus

February 11, 2024

Hymn of Invocation # 814

O Bless the Lord, My Soul



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie  
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;  
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!  
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.  
He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

5 He fills the poor with good;  
He gives the suff'ers rest.  
The Lord hath judgments for the proud  
And justice for th'oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways  
He made by Moses known,  
But sent the world His truth and grace  
By His beloved Son.

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## Confession and Absolution

### Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### Exhortation

- L** 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.
- L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.
- L** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

## Kyrie

- L** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

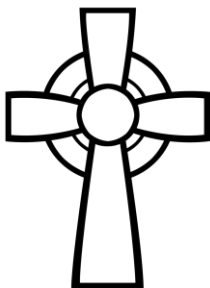
## Confession and Absolution

- 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

*Isaiah 53:4-6*

- L** Surely [Jesus] has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
- C** Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
- L** But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
- C** Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.
- L** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way;
- C** And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.



# Service of the Word

## Psalm

*Psalm 50:1–6*

- L** The Mighty One, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- C** **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.**
- L** Our God comes; he does not keep silence;  
before him is a devouring fire,  
around him a mighty tempest.
- C** **He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**
- L** “Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”
- C** **The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge!**
- 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

- L** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
- C** **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 -  
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.**

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<sup>1</sup>When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>And 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. <sup>3</sup>And 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.”

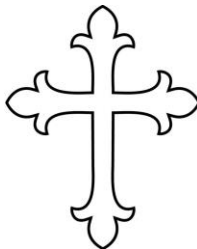
<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, “Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do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

<sup>6</sup>Then 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. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then 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.

<sup>9</sup>When 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.” <sup>10</sup>And 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.” <sup>11</sup>And 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. <sup>12</sup>And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6*

<sup>12</sup>Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup>not 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. <sup>14</sup>But 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. <sup>15</sup>Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup>But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And 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.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>But 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. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In 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. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 9:2–9*

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

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

<sup>2</sup>After 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, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>And 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." <sup>6</sup>For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." <sup>8</sup>And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And 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.

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 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.

## Sermon Hymn # 415

## Jesus on the Mountain Peak



1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak      Stands a - lone in  
2 Trem - bling at His feet we saw      Mo - ses and E -  
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came:      God pro - claim - ing  
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son!      Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing;      Let us, if we dare to speak,  
li - jah speak - ing.      All the proph - ets and the law  
in its thun - der      Je - sus as the Son by name!  
sing be - fore Him,      First and Last and on - ly One.



Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.  
Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing;  
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der,  
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!



Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!  
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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 of the Church

- 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.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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:  
**C** 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.
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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

- P** Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
**C** Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace. Amen.

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymn

### Ancient of Days



Though the na - tions rage, king - doms rise and fall, there is  
Though the dread of night o - ver - whelms my soul, He is  
Though I may not see what the fu - ture brings, I will



still one King reign - ing o - ver all. So, I will not  
here with me. I am not a - lone. O, His love is  
watch and wait for the Sav - iour King. Then, my joy com -



fear for this truth re - mains: that my God is the An - cient of Days.  
sure and He knows my name. For my God is the An - cient of Days.  
plete, stand - ing face to face in the pres - ence of the An - cient of Days.



None a - bove Him, none be - fore Him. All of time in His hands. For His



throne, it shall re - main and ev - er stand. All the pow - er, all the glo - ry, I will



trust in His name. For my God is the An - cient of Days.



## Distribution Hymn

## Before the Throne of God Above



Be-fore the throne of God ab - ove I have a strong and per - fect  
When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -  
Be-hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous -



plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for  
in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my  
ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I Am", the King of glo - ry and of



me. My name is grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His  
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - iour died my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
grace. One with Him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased with His



heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can  
free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.  
Sav - iour and my God, with Christ, my Sav - iour and my God.

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## Distribution Hymn # 430

## My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 Who at my need His life did spend!  
 And for His death They thirst and cry.  
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

- 5 They rise and needs will have  
 My dear Lord made away;  
 A murderer they save,  
 The Prince of Life they slay.  
 Yet cheerful He  
 To suff'ring goes  
 That He His foes  
 From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home  
 My Lord on earth might have;  
 In death no friendly tomb  
 But what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say?  
 Heav'n was His home  
 But mine the tomb  
 Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing,  
 No story so divine!  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 Never was grief like Thine.  
 This is my friend,  
 In whose sweet praise  
 I all my days  
 Could gladly spend!

## Nunc Dimittis

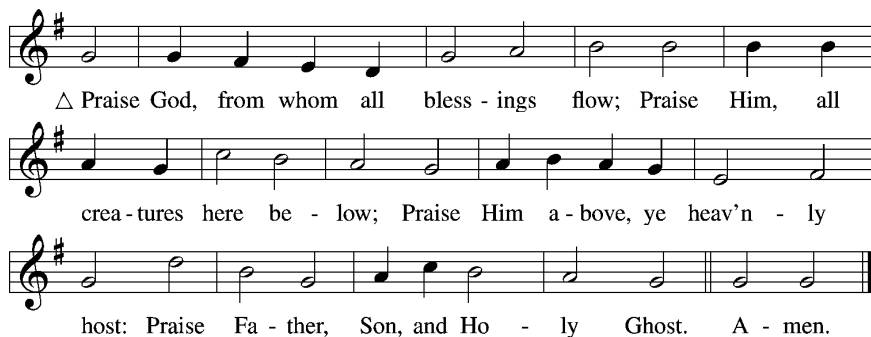
**P** Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.

**C** **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 # 805

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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## Benediction

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** 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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## This Week at-a-Glance

### Today

- Worship Service – 9:00 AM
- [Sunday School – 10:45 AM](#)
- [Adult Bible Study - 10:45 AM](#)
- Youth Confirmation – 11:45 AM, Downstairs

### Wednesday

- [Men's Bible Study 6:30 – 7:30 AM](#)
- Ash Wednesday Worship Service - 6:30 PM

## Announcements

### February Ministry Spotlight: Altar Guild

The role of the Altar Guild extends far beyond creating an aesthetically pleasing atmosphere, encompassing a variety of tasks that contribute to the smooth functioning of worship services. One of the primary responsibilities of the Altar Guild is preparing and maintaining the communion trays and their contents. This task involves attention to detail and a deep sense of reverence. The Guild not only sets up the trays but also ensures their cleanliness.

In addition to communion preparations, the Altar Guild takes charge of adorning the narthex and the church entrance with thematic decorations. These visually appealing displays serve as a warm welcome for worshippers and create an atmosphere that reflects our St. James community. The Guild's creative touch contributes to the overall ambiance of the church, enhancing the worship experience for the congregation.

They are also instrumental in preparing for special ceremonies, ensuring that every detail aligns with the significance of the event.

The work of the Altar Guild requires a collaborative effort, and they are always in need of more helping hands. Volunteers, whether able to commit to one Sunday a month or desiring a more involved role, are welcome to join the team. Nic Schatte, the contact person for the Altar Guild, can be reached at [nic@saintjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:nic@saintjamesglencarbon.org).

Did you notice the color change in the sanctuary? The decorations in the church have been changed to white to mark Transfiguration Sunday, the last Sunday in the season of Epiphany. White symbolizes divinity, purity, and joy. It is also a reminder of Jesus' clothes that became as white as light, dazzling white, radiant, and intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.

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As a Christian, what is your understanding of the religion of Islam? Both religions are descended from Abraham. What are the similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam? If you had a chance to witness your faith to a Muslim, how would you do it? That's the topic of our most recent episode of **Craving Answers Craving God**. Check it out!

[2025 LCMS Youth Gathering](#) – All youth who will be between the ages of 13-20 on July 15, 2025 are invited to a brief informational meeting right after worship on February 25<sup>th</sup> to learn more about the next Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA. We will meet in the sanctuary immediately following the service.

### **Ministry Clarity - INTENTIONALLY MOVING FORWARD WITH MISSION & MINISTRY**

St. James held a congregational ministry planning event/dinner late last year. Our discussion was led by Pastor Tom Eggebrecht from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. The purpose of this event was to present opportunities, previously defined by the Ministry Planning Team, that can help us bridge the gap between where we are now in ministry and where we want to be based on our Mission Pillars (Community, Healing, Restoration). This was a very successful event that provided great insight. The Ministry Planning Team is now in the process of taking the information gathered at the event and using it to create a ministry plan for each of our three pillars. This is a very exciting process that should be completed by mid-spring. At that time, it will be presented to the congregation for review/approval.

#### **We encourage everyone to please:**

- Pray for this process - That God would lead us to understand His will for St. James.
  - Pray for our Ministry Team - That each member would seek God's will and apply it to this process of creating a ministry plan to His glory.
  - Approach any Ministry Team member with questions you may have.
    - Eric Robinson
    - Shanna Covarrubius
    - Nic Schatte
    - Stacey Staake
    - Joe Rathert
    - Aaron Mueller
    - Cheryl Schnicker
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**Mark your calendars and join us for the following additional Easter season services:**

Wednesday, Feb. 14 @ 6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Wednesday, Feb. 21 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Lent Worship Service
Wednesday, Feb. 28 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Lent Worship Service
Wednesday, March 6 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Lent Worship Service
Wednesday, March 13 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Lent Worship Service
Wednesday, March 20 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Lent Worship Service
Thursday, March 28 @ 6:30 PM	Holy Thursday Worship Service
Friday, March 29 @ 6:30	Good Friday Worship Service
Sunday, March 31@ 9:00 AM	Easter Worship Service

**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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