The Transfiguration of Jesus March 2, 2025



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Christ with us.

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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Kyrie

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

Exhortation

- L Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- L If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- I Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession and Absolution

- 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.
- 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

- L God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- 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.
- More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

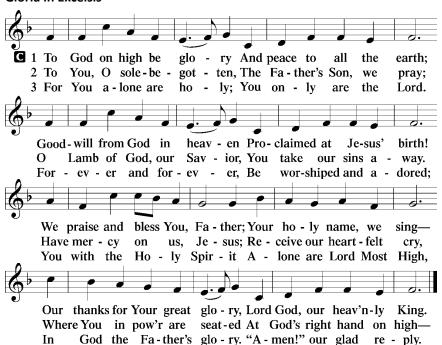
Service of the Word

Psalm 99

- The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- 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 wrong doings.
- **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



Old Testament Reading

In

Text: Stephen P. Starke Deuteronomy 34

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." ⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶ and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹² and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁵but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

- **L** This is the word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel Luke 9:28–36

- L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

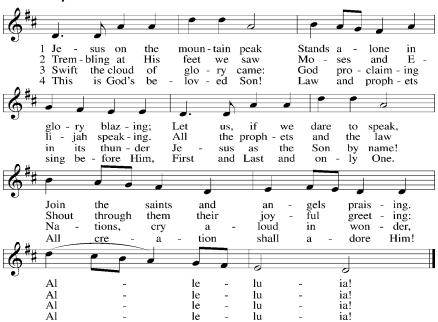
²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

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

Apostles' Creed

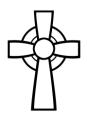
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the 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.

Sermon Hymn: 415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak



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Sermon



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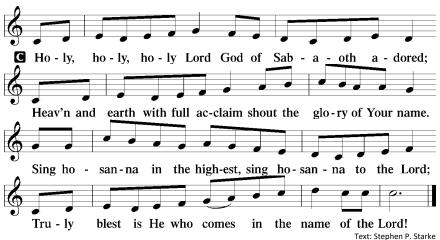
Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **L** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- 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 singing:

Sanctus



Lord's Prayer

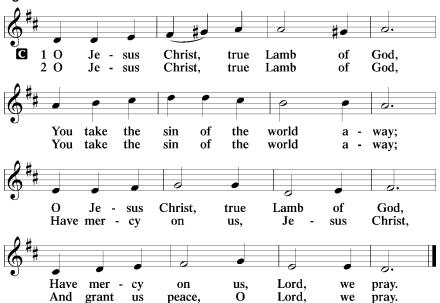
- L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and 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

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 Holood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."





Distribution

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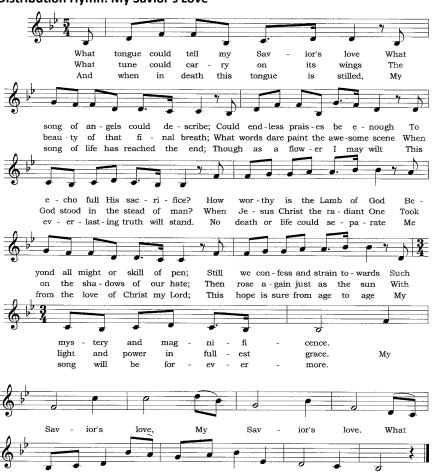
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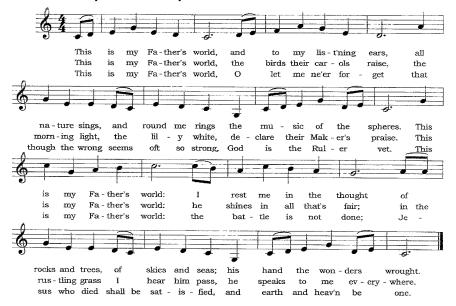
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The Dismissal

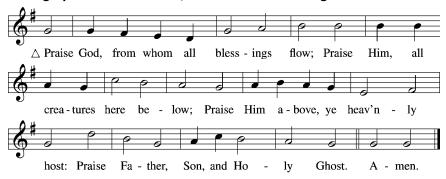
- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 → in peace.
- C Amen.

Benediction

- 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.

Closing Hymn: 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor Jonathan Lange) 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study 10:45 AM (Fellowship Hall)
- <u>Sunday School & Youth Confirmation</u>— 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Wednesday

- Men's Bible Study
 6:30 AM
- Wednesday Morning Community Group 10:00 AM
- Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30 PM

Thursday

- AA Meeting 6:30 PM
- Caseyville Community Group 6:00 PM (Schnicker Home)

Saturday

- Saturday Morning Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM
- AA Meeting 1:30 PM

Announcements

Join the St. James Technology Team

Technology plays a vital role in supporting the ministry and mission of St. James. From live streaming our services to managing our website, maintaining our network, and ensuring our office technology runs smoothly, our church relies on various digital tools and systems to serve our congregation effectively. While much of this technology operates seamlessly once set up, occasional updates, configurations, troubleshooting, and upgrades are necessary (because let's face it, computers have minds of their own). That's where our Technology Team comes in! We are looking for volunteers with a passion for technology who can help maintain and enhance our digital infrastructure (and occasionally turn things off and on again).

How You Can Help

Do you have experience setting up computers or printers? Have you ever successfully untangled a mess of cables without questioning your life choices? Are you comfortable configuring networks or managing cloud services? Maybe you're skilled in web design, video production, or office applications like Microsoft Word and Excel? Whether you have extensive technical expertise or are simply eager to learn and contribute, there's a place for you on our team! Here are some key areas where we could use your help:

- **Network & Wi-Fi Management:** Assist in maintaining network hardware, configuration, and security (bonus points if you can explain why turning it off and on works 99% of the time).
- Computer & Software Maintenance: Support office computers, software, and peripherals (yes, including the printer that only works when it feels like it).
- Cloud Services & Storage: Help manage Google Workspace, cloud storage, and backups (because even our church needs a backup plan).
- Website Development & Maintenance: Assist with updating and designing our WordPress website (we promise it's more fun than it sounds!).
- **Technical Consultation:** Provide insight on purchases, installations, configurations, and long-term maintainability (or just tell us which gadgets are actually worth buying).

Join Us!

By volunteering with the Technology Team, you can use your skills to support the church and help spread God's message in today's digital world. Plus, you'll earn eternal gratitude, the occasional coffee, and the knowledge that you're the reason everything keeps running smoothly.

If you're interested in getting involved, please reach out to our Deacon of Technology, Larry O'Leary, at larry@stjamesglencarbon.org.

We appreciate your willingness to serve and look forward to welcoming you to the team (we promise we're more fun than your last IT helpdesk experience)!

Just a reminder that **Jr and Senior High Youth Group** will not be meeting at the Staake home on Wednesdays during Lent. All youth are encouraged to attend the midweek services together!

Second Tuesday Women's Bible Study

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 11th from 6-8pm in the fellowship hall. We will be covering session 4 of "Whatever - Keeping Your Heart in Tune with Whatever Life Brings". If you'd like, please bring your favorite sweet or savory dip to share. Text Shala Baker with any questions at 618-315-0788.

Mark your Calendars to join the <u>Life Team</u> for the **2025 Illinois Pro-Life March** in Springfield, Illinois on Tuesday, March 25th! Please sign up in the narthex. Contact the church office with any questions.

- Carpool leaves St. James promptly at 9:00 AM
- Matins at Trinity Lutheran Church @ 11:00 AM, Lunch Following (suggested \$6 donation)
- Rally @ 1:00 PM
- March @ 2:00 PM
- Return to St. James immediately following the march.

Property Team Update

- The lower-level carpet has been ordered, and soon there will be opportunities to help with demo and painting.
- The final review for phase one of the new sanctuary lighting is complete, and the order has been placed. The installation plan is in progress.
- Mark your calendars for the week of March 24 for an opportunity to lend a hand with spring cleanup.
- Plans are in place to refresh the upstairs bathrooms by painting and renewing the exhaust fans.
- Looking ahead to late spring or early summer, some concrete repairs will be made around the building, and the parking lot will be resealed and repainted.

<u>Campus Planning Team Update</u>: We are gathering information from the campus planning survey, our Elders and Deacons, and touring area churches as we discern facility needs to successfully complete the St. James Ministry Plan.

The Thursday Night (Caseyville) Community Group is looking to grow! We meet every other Thursday, for dinner and discussion, and would love to add some new faces to our group. If you're interested, please call Cheryl at 618-531-2186 or email cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org.

The Metro East Lutheran High School Music Department invites you to their Winter Concert: "Hymns, Psalms, Spiritual Songs, and Folk Songs"! Sunday, March 2nd at 4:00 PM in Henschen Alumni Hall for performances by our talented ensembles - Ritterchor (Honors Choir), Chorale, String Ensemble, and Concert Band. A free will offering will be taken to support the MELHS Music Department and a delightful dessert reception afterward!

Lent/Easter Worship Schedule

March 5 @ 6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday /Pastor Bill Engfehr
March 12 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Worship/Pastor Bill Engfehr
March 19 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Worship/Pastor Bill Engfehr
March 23 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Worship/Pastor Bill Engfehr
March 26 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Worship/Pastor Bill Engfehr
April 2 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Worship/Pastor Bill Engfehr
April 9 @ 6:30 PM	Fellowship Dinner in Fellowship Hall
April 17 @ 6:30 PM	Holy Thursday Worship/Pastor Tony Boos
April 18 @ 6:30 PM	Good Friday Worship/Pastor John Lukomski
	Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt following service

St. James Guiding Statement

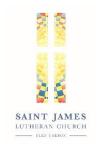
Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.

St. James Mission Pillars

Healing Community Restoration



St. James Attendance



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