

# St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



## Transfiguration Sunday

February 11 & 14, 2021

## **AS WE GATHER**

Lord God, heavenly Father, by Your grace we greet another day. For Your protection during the night, we give You thanks. For giving us the health and strength to assemble before You in the congregation of Your redeemed, we praise Your holy name. For refreshing us at the fountain of Your Word and sacrament, we rejoice. Send us Your Spirit that we may be diligent in our listening and learning, earnest in our reaching out to others, and sincere in our love for You. Amen.

## **INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER**

**M** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**M** Today we see our Lord Jesus Christ in unveiled glory, a foretaste of the glory of our own resurrection.

**C** **It is good for us to be here.**

**M** Arise, shine; for the Light has come.

**C** **The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

**M** The brilliant light shone, the radiant cloud enveloped, and the Father's strong voice boomed:

**C** **"This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him."**

**M** May our worship also bring glory to God's Son.

**C** **May the name of the LORD be praised. Amen.**

## **Opening Hymn:**

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

Christian Worship, Hymn #95

**C** Verse 1  **How good, Lord, to be here!  
Your glory fills the night;  
Your face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.**

**C** Verse 2  **How good, Lord to be here  
Your beauty to behold,  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Your messengers of old.**

**C** Verse 3  **Fulfiller of the past,  
Promise of things to be,  
We hail your body glorified  
And our redemption see.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M** God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C** **Amen.**

**M** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C** Verse 3 **♪** **With shining face and bright array  
Christ deigns to manifest today  
What glory shall be theirs above  
Who trust in his atoning love.**

**C** Verse 5 **♪** **O Father, with th' eternal Son  
And Holy Spirit ever one,  
We pray you, bring us by your grace  
To see your glory face to face.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**M** Let us pray. Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*2 Kings 2:1-12a*

**2** When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.”

But Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

<sup>3</sup> The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “so be quiet.”

<sup>4</sup> Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho.

<sup>5</sup> The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” he replied, “so be quiet.”

<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on.

<sup>7</sup> Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

<sup>10</sup> “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.”

<sup>11</sup> As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. <sup>12</sup> Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more.

## EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. <sup>13</sup> We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup> Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. <sup>16</sup> But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <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, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

**4** Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

### ***Hymn of the Day:***

Down from the Mount of Glory

Christian Worship, Hymn #97

** Verse 1  Down from the mount of glory  
Came Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Recall the wondrous story,  
Rich gem in sacred Word.  
Again your faith will view him  
In double glory here;  
The great homage due him  
Will in your life appear.**

*(Our hymn continues on the next page.)*



Verse 2

**Transfigured, Christ, the lowly,  
Stood radiant in the light,  
Light found in Godhead solely,  
For human eyes too bright.  
Then came a voice from heaven,  
Confirmed what here we see;  
The words “my Son” were given  
To seal his deity.**



Verse 3

**Yet mark this glory hidden!  
See him the mount descend  
And, by the Father bidden,  
His willing footsteps bend  
To seek humiliation  
In deepest depths of woe,  
To suffer degradation  
No mind can probe or know.**



Verse 4

**Strange how his journey ended!  
In love that is his fame  
Our Lord again ascended  
A mount-the hill of shame.  
Upon the cross he proffered  
Himself to agony;  
His holy soul he offered  
To set the guilty free.**

Mark 9:2-9

## “Seeing the End”

<sup>2</sup>After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup>His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

<sup>7</sup>Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

<sup>8</sup>Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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“THIS IS MY SON,  
WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN;



LISTEN TO HIM.”  
L U K E 9 : 3 5

**☐ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PLEASE STAND

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M** Glorious Father, at your Son's transfiguration, you called us to listen to him. Open our reluctant ears to hear his Word, and give us faith to believe it. Guide and empower those you call to share your gospel, and give your people humility and love for others. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**M** Loving Father, we thank you for this hour of worship and for the opportunity to learn more about your love and faithfulness. Teach us to appreciate the blessing of your holy cross, which is at the heart of our identity. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**M** Holy Father, Peter, James, and John saw your Son's glory on the mountain. Teach us to see His glory in your Word and Sacrament, so that in the midst of this troubled world we look forward to the glory that he will share with us on the Last Day. By your Holy Spirit, create in us repentant faith as we enter into the season of Lent. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**M** Mighty Father, you establish government so that we may live with order in this difficult world. Give wisdom and courage to those who are elected to serve as civil authorities, so that lives are defended, peace is promoted, evil is thwarted and good is encouraged. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

*(The Prayer of the Church continues on the next page.)*

**M** Gracious Father, fix our thoughts on Jesus, the Prophet and Priest we confess. Even at his transfiguration, his eyes were focused on his departure from Jerusalem. In the same way, set our hearts on his crucifixion, resurrection and ascension, so that we joyfully welcome him when he returns as the King of all in the full glory that was glimpsed on the mountain. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**M** Lift up your hearts.

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

**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**M** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we exalt your holy name.

**C** **The name of the Lord be praised! Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and ever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M** Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### **A PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION**

Lord, I am a sinner. I do not deserve to commune with you, my holy God. But because of your Son and through faith in him, you graciously invite me to not only pray to you but also to come to your Table. Use this sacrament to reassure me of your forgiveness and strengthen me to live a new life of thanksgiving and joy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(After all those communing have received Lord's Supper, we conclude our celebration: )*

**M** Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith unto life everlasting. Be assured, your sins are forgiven.

**C** Amen.

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER

**M** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C** His mercy endures forever.

**M** Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C** We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**M** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have renewed our spirits with this saving gift. We pray that through this means of grace you will strengthen our trust in you and increase our zeal to do your will. By your Spirit continue to help us live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us and all believers as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BLESSING

**M** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**Closing Hymn:**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Christian Worship, Hymn # 341

**C** Verse 1

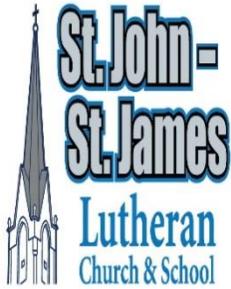
♪ **Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.**

**C** Verse 2

♪ **Crown him the Lord of love—Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.**

**C** Verse 3

♪ **Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above;  
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall;  
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.**



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## Thursday, February 11 and Sunday, February 14

**SERVING YOU TODAY—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers**—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers**—Dan/Jacob Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners**—Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee**—Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow ■ **Sunday Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Knier Family.

**SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—WEDNESDAY—3:15—Volunteers** ■ **6:30 pm Ushers**—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers**—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog, Lucas Behnke ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners**—Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee**—Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow.

**SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE NEW YEAR**—This Thursday night service will be our last Thur. Service. Lenten services begin on Ash Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup> with Wed. services at 3:15 pm and 6:30 pm, Sunday services at 8:00am and 10:15 am. We will continue that schedule through Lent and then re-evaluate our service schedule needs after Easter.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD REGISTRATION AT SJSJ**—The Early Childhood Program of St. John-St. James Lutheran School will be accepting registrations for new students beginning Feb. 1, 2021. Children ages 3, 4 or 5 years by September 1, 2021, are eligible for the program. SJSJ members receive priority registration through May 1. Contact Mrs. Karla Aden or Mrs. Amanda Schrubbe to set up a tour of our EC classrooms or to meet with the director or teachers. [kaden@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:kaden@stjohnstjames.com) 920-754-4432 (office phone) or 920-460-0597 (cell phone). Please share this information with anyone in the church or community who could utilize our program.

**BIRTHDAY**—Erwin Waack has given a gift to the Building fund in honor of his 88th Birthday on February 16th. Thank you for your wonderful gift!

## Our Father's Business

### Today

Preacher, Pastor Rik Krahn, Manitowoc Lutheran High School  
Organist—Judy Mangin  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 am—No CREW

### Wednesday 2/17

No Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm  
Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 3:15 pm & 6:30 pm

**SCHOOL/CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**—The School/Church Office will be closing at noon on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> & Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW MEMBERS**—Please welcome our new members William and Marilyn Wunrow who are transferring into membership from St. Mark, Green Bay. Please pick up your new member packet in the West Church Office. Welcome to your new church family, we are very happy to have you!

**BASKETBALL UNIFORMS**—The PTO is looking for donations for new basketball uniforms. The cost for the uniforms are \$3792.00. Due to Covid 19 we did not have the fundraising help we usually do. Any donations would be greatly appreciated to defer the cost. Any questions contact PTO president Dave Robley 920-772-4959. Thank you.

**BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS**—A memorial for the Building Fund has been given in memory of Paul Fredricks & Luellis Meyer from Gene & Charmaine Wagner and also given in memory of Luellis Meyer from friends and family. Thank you kindly for your gifts!

**MLC DEVOTIONS**—MLC is providing a devotional resource titled "My Song is Love Unknown," that is eight devotions for Holy Week and is offering *online only* in several formats such as reading them online, downloading the series as a PDF or listen to podcasts online. All you have to do is go at <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions> and request that MLC send them to your personal email on a daily basis from March 28-April 4.

**SJSJ SCRIP NEWS**—The SJSJ SCRIP Program is offering the following gift cards at a promotional rate for a limited time: Kwik Trip \$25 @ 21%, Kwik Trip \$50 @ 21% and Kwik Trip \$100 @ 21%.

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE —February 1-7

Church Attendance—Thur. 6:30 pm—0, ■ Sunday— 8:00 am Service—69, 10:15 am Service—89, Total: 158 ■ Regular Offerings—General Fund: \$ 8,660.01\*, Synod: \$ 517.00\*, MLHS: \$ 538.00\*, Total: \$ 9,715.01\* ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 1,140.00 \*, (needed each week \$2,312) \* Electronic Funds Added