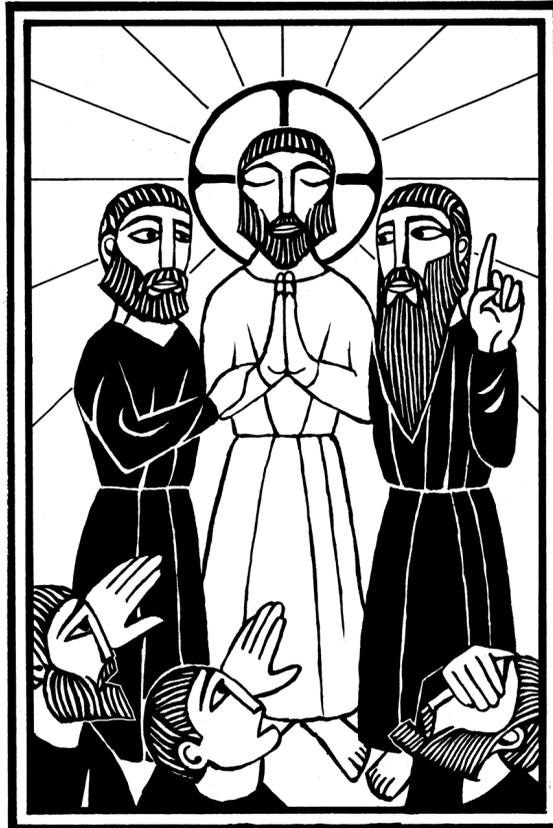


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Transfiguration Sunday

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WELCOME

Glory uncovered—When it is most hidden, it is most on display

Opening Hymn:

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

Christian Worship, Hymn # 389

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

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

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

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 5 

**But you, Lord, do not stay.
With mercy resolute
You leave this glorious hill to die—
Our perfect substitute.**

INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C **Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

M God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY--*Kyrie*

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

C Verse 1 

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace,
Good will toward men.**

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,

We glorify you, we give thanks to you,

For your great glory,

O Lord God, heav'nly King,

God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world;

Receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father;

Have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

Are most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

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.**

BE SEATED

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

M The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

⁷ Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, ⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹ If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰ For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹ And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

¹² Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ 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.

 The Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day:

Down from the Mount of Glory

Christian Worship, Hymn # 388

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 greater homage due him
Will in your life appear.**

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.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

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.**

Verse 5 

**Then hail the double glory
Of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
And let the wondrous story
Full peace and joy afford!
The holy mount acclaims him
The majesty divine;
Mount Calvary proclaims him
Redeemer-yours and mine.**

**"THIS IS MY SON,
WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN;**



**LISTEN TO HIM."
L U K E 9 : 3 5**

Luke 9:28-36

“A Glimpse of Jesus’ Glory”

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.) ³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

☒ 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.

(Nicene Creed continues on the next page.)

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

G **Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

(Our prayer concludes on the next page.)

- M** Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.
- C** **Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**
- M** Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.
- C** **Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**
- M** Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.
- C** **Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**
- M** Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.
- C** **Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**
- M** Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, (*Special intercessions may be offered here.*) Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.
- C** **Grant them your love, take them into your tender care.**
- M** Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.
- C** **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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 good and right so to do.**

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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C Verse 1  **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heavenly hosts:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he,
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.**

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.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C Verse 1  **O Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your peace. A-men.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

(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 We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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:

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Christian Worship, Hymn # 884

C Verse 1  **We Lord, when your glory I shall see
And taste your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought
To stand in joy beside you.**

BE SEATED

Bulletin Announcements

Our Father's Business

Today

Preacher, Pastor Louis Sievert

Music Today—Judy Mangin

Sunday School, CREW & Adult Bible Class at 9:15 am

Wed. 3/2

Ash Wednesday Worship Services at 3:15 pm & 6:30 pm

No Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

Sunday, February 27, 2022

SERVING YOU TODAY—8:00 am Ushers—Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Fred Busse, Randy/Sandy Waack, Todd Hickmann ■ **Church Cleaners**—Dr. Buchner, Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower Committee**—Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow ■ **Sunday Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Knier Family.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—ASH WEDNESDAY—3:15—Volunteers ■ **6:30 pm Ushers**—Scott Bubolz, Brian Bubolz, Bill Voeltz ■ **Ash Wednesday Communion Set-Up/Take-Down**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers**—Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Roger/Judy Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline ■ **Church Cleaners** - Dr. Buchner, Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower Committee**—Joann Fischer & Sharie Mack.

MINISTRY RESERVE FUND—We have started a fund for our Second Pastor to help defray costs involved in adding another Pastor. If you wish to give to the Ministry Reserve Fund please place your offering in an envelope and clearly mark it as **Ministry Reserve Fund or 2nd Pastor Fund** and place it in the offering plate. A letter and commitment form has been sent to all members, please put your commitment form in the offering plate or in the “Church” in the West Church office.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—If you have an email address your contribution statements have been emailed to you. If you don't have an email account, we have printed out a hard copy and placed them in the West Church office. If you have received an email copy of your statement and would also like a printed copy please contact the church office at 920-754-4568. **Please pick up your statement if you have not as of yet, otherwise we will have to spend money on postage to mail them to you!**

LENTEN MEALS—We are bringing back Lenten meals this year. There will be a signup sheet in the west office for groups to volunteer to prepare and serve during the Lenten season. **Just an update.... March 2, March 16, March 30 is taken, open dates**

are March 9, 23 and April 6, please sign up soon! If no group signs up for the open dates there will be no Lenten meals on those open dates.

MEDITATIONS—Due to rising costs for our Meditations books we had to increase the price from \$1.00 per booklet to \$1.50.

DIVINE CALL—Pastor & Mrs. Kurbis—At a recent Call Meeting, our voters extended a call to Pastor Caleb Kurbis to serve as our Youth & Outreach Pastor. Pastor Kurbis is currently serving at Living Savior Lutheran Church in Asheville, NC. Our voters also extended a call to Pastor Kurbis' wife, Sarah, to teach Grades 6-8 part-time to allow Mr. Zimmerman time for his principal administrative duties. Please keep Pastor & Mrs. Kurbis and their family in your prayers as they deliberate where the Lord can best use their talents and abilities.

DIVINE CALL—Mr. Stuebs—We are thankful to announce that Mr. Stuebs has returned the divine call he received to serve as a Science Teacher & Coach at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton, WI. We pray that God will continue to bless Mr. Stuebs and his family as they faithfully continue the work of His kingdom here at SJSJ.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES—Ash Wednesday services this year will be on Wednesday, March 2nd at 3:15 pm and 6:30 pm. A Lenten meal will be served on that day by the PTO at 4:30—6:00 pm. Come join us!

EASTER BREAKFAST—Would you be willing to help out with Easter Breakfast this year? If we get a Chair person to coordinate and enough volunteers to help out it is a possibility. If interested in helping please put your name on the list provided on the table in the West Church Office.

MEMORIAL GIVEN—Ida May Krepline gave a gift to the Building Fund in memory of Elmer Phipps. Thank you!

EASTER LILIES—Easter Lilies will be available again this year. The cost is \$10.00/plant. You're welcome to take your plants home after the 10:15 am Easter Worship service on Sunday, April 17, 2022. Please print clearly and place your order in the box provided on the table in the West church office. Orders due by March 27, 2022.

WELS/ELS SINGLES GROUP—If you're single (unmarried, divorced, widowed) and looking to socialize, make friends, or enjoy fellowship with other singles who share your faith, we encourage you to join our Facebook group! Our group consists of over 500 members from around the world with ages ranging from 18-65+. We are an active group sharing Biblical encouragement, prayers, Lutheran memes, personal victories, and food. Our page is full of discussion posts and we typically have a weekly video hangout on

Sunday evenings. We'd love to have you join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wels.els.singles>

BULLETIN USAGE—Due to the cost of supplies incurred for printing weekly bulletin announcements and worship folders, we have been tracking usage numbers needed each week. We are trying to come up with a consistent amount needed each week so we are not printing unnecessary copies. We are asking if you are a user of the worship screen to only take the printed announcement page when offered that way. We are hoping to arrive at an accurate number as well as to save paper in the process. Respectfully, Worship Committee.

OFFICES CLOSING EARLY—The Church/School Offices will be closing at noon next Friday, March 4th

SJSJ SCRIP NEWS—The SJSJ SCRIP Program is offering the following gift cards at a promotional rate for a limited time: Fleet Farm \$50 and \$100 at 10%! Also, Kwik Trip \$50 and \$100 at 10%!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED—Cindy will be on vacation next week from Monday, Feb. 28 to Friday, March. 4. If you should need any assistance please contact Amanda Schrubbe in the school office. Thank you!

St. John – St. James Church Council Meeting Highlights - February 14, 2022

Membership Action:

Releases:

Mike Meyers—communicant: Release from membership to join church not of our fellowship

Transfer to Church Triumphant:

- Paula Kettner—communicant: Transfer to Church Triumphant (Death—January 21; Christian Burial—January 31, 2022 @ Bethany Lutheran, Appleton)
- Jeff Doemel reported on income for the month of January was \$43,587 and expenses were \$61,672. Total debt balance at the end of January is \$4,910.
- The Charities balance at the end of January was \$41,446.23. Total monies in the Building Project Fund are \$36,456.86.

St. John – St. James Voter's Call Meeting Highlights - February 14, 2022

- There were 19 voting members and 20 total members present.
- A unanimous ballot was cast for Pastor Caleb Kurbis to be our second pastor.

St. John – St. James Voter's Call Meeting Highlights - February 20, 2022

- There were 21 voting members and 29 total members present.
- A unanimous ballot was cast for Sarah Kurbis to be our part-time teacher for principal Administrative Time.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE—February 14-20, 2022

Church Attendance—8:00 am—122, 10:15 am—91 Total Attendance— 213

Total Offerings:

General Fund—\$ 8,163.00*, Synod—\$ 629.50*, MLHS—\$ 234.50*, Total—\$ 9,027.00*

Special Offerings:

Building Fund—\$ 2,775.00* (needed each week \$2,312)

Ministry Reserve Fund—\$ 575.00 *

Pastor Retreat Fund—\$ 25.00

MESENTERS Fund—\$ 300.00

*Electronic Offerings Included