

*Welcome!*

***Transfiguration of Our Lord  
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## Welcome to St. James!

We are so glad you are here! The people of God have been worshipping in this place since 1750. Much has changed since then, but God has not changed. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He is our anchor in every storm, a light to our feet, our savior and our friend. Jesus rejoices that each of us has come to His house!

**If you are visiting today:** Thank you for joining us today! If you have any questions, please ask! We ask that you sign our guest book or complete a hospitality card located in the pew racks.

**The Lord's Supper:** Together with the bread and the wine we receive the body and the blood of Christ. We invite all baptized Christians to this meal. Children and adults who do not yet receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you need communion brought to you, let an usher know.

**Following along in the bulletin:** *\* indicates the congregation stands. **Bold words** are spoken by the congregation. LBW refers to content found in the green hymnbook Lutheran Book of Worship. WOV refers to content found in the blue hymnbook With One Voice.*

Presiding  
Assisting Minister  
Musician

The Rev. Levi Powers  
Dan Gulick  
Dave Miller

## **GATHERING**

### **\* CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven you. Almighty God strengthens you with the power of the Holy Spirit. Christ now lives in your heart through faith.

**Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN: LBW 518 – “Beautiful Savior”**

**\* GREETING**

**KYRIE**

  
 A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

  
 A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

  
 Lord, have mer - cy.

  
 A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

  
 and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

  
 Lord, have mer - cy.

  
 A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

  
 let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

  
 A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men

## \*GLORY TO GOD

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.  
 B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:  
 We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.  
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
 You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.  
 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

## WORD

### First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm: Psalm 99

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD, | great in Zion,  
is high a- | bove all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;  
God is the | Holy One.

<sup>4</sup> **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;  
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob. R**

<sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;  
God is the | Holy One.

<sup>6</sup> **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who  
call upon your | name, O LORD,  
they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

<sup>7</sup> you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

<sup>8</sup> **O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil  
deeds.**

<sup>9</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's <sup>1</sup> holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the <sup>1</sup> Holy One. **R**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2**

<sup>12</sup> Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <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 all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

## Gospel Acclamation

### *Celtic Alleluia*



*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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### \* GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:28-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: WOV 776 – “Be Thou My Vision”**

### **\*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.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

## \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: “ ...God of grace, **hear our prayer.**”

## \* PEACE

### OFFERTORY

#### \* OFFERTORY CANTICLE:



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -

it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take

not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the

joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

#### \* OFFERTORY PRAYER

## \* THE MEAL

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new testament in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **\* 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.

### **COMMUNION**



☞ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

**\* POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**\* POST COMMUNION SONG**

Now, Lord

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in  
peace: your word has been ful - filled. My  
own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
pared in the sight of all peo-ple: a light to re -  
veal you to the na-tions and the glo - ry of your  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa-ther,  
and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and  
will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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**\* POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**SENDING**

**\* BLESSING**

**\* SENDING HYMN: WOV 650 - “We Are Marching in the Light of God”**

**\* DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Beginning March 5 (Ash Wednesday) through April 13 (Palm Sunday) the Social Ministry Committee will be selling “Links of Love” to benefit single mothers for St. Ann’s.**

*This week (3/3-3/8) at St. James*

- **Monday 3/3:** 10am: The Rev. Dr. Timothy Wengert to look over the German documents of St. James Lutheran Church. If you want to learn about the history of St. James, you are welcome to join us!
- **Monday 3/3:** Bible Study at Panera, 4PM.
- **Tuesday 3/4:** Shrove Tuesday – Fastnacht Day 6pm-7pm
- **Wednesday 3/5:** Ash Wednesday service 7pm
- **Wednesday 3/11:** Social Ministry committee 10:30am at Panera.

## UPCOMING

- **Sunday 3/9:** Worship Committee 10:15AM
- **Sunday 3/9:** Annual Scouts Dinner 1PM-5PM
- **Wednesday 3/12:** Northwest Mission Cluster of the Synod Gathering at St. James. 10AM -12PM.
- **Wednesday 3/12:** Midweek Lenten Service: 6:15PM meal, 7PM service
  - Please see sign up sheet for soup/bread for mid-week services

Let us remember in prayer: Pope Francis, The Family & Friends of Viola Raub, The Family & Friends of Tom Cogan, The Family & Friends of Joe Devlin, Bob, Sara, Debbie, Judy, Scott, Gary, Ruthie, Patrick, John, Greg, Jaime, Pam and our homebound; Helen, Alayne, Anderson and Elsie

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