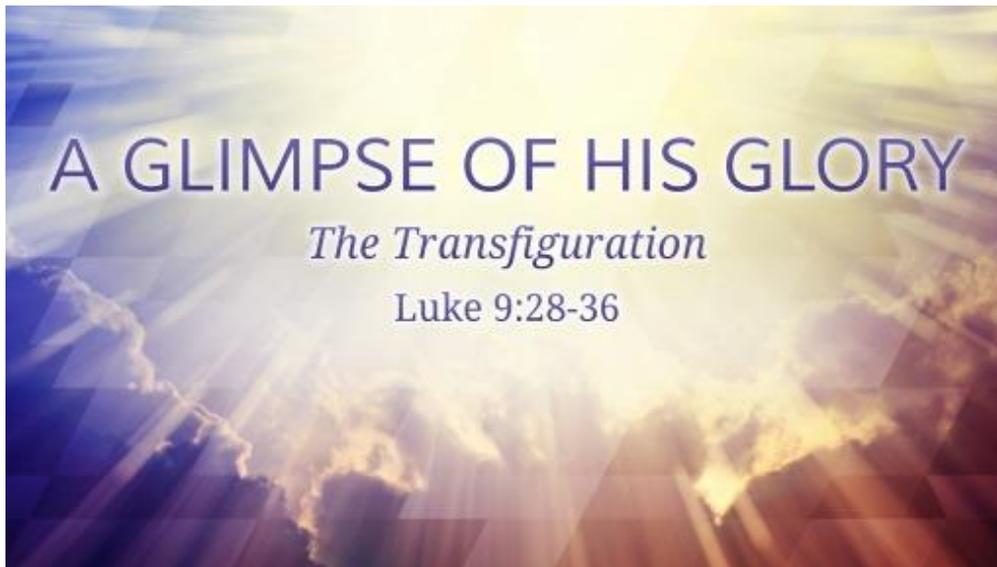


St James Lutheran Church

1741 State Street Greenfield, Indiana 46140 317.462.7340

*Our mission is to bring people to Christ,
encouraging relationship with Him and others.*

Sunday, February 27th, 2022 9:30 a.m.



A warm welcome to all! Let us join together with joyful hearts as we worship today. Extend the hand of friendship to those around you as we give thanks for the blessings of friends and family. May God be with you today and throughout the week!



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Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church

The mission statement of our congregation is:

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*Doug Gast, Interim Pastor
Joe Faith, Music Director*

TO ALL GUESTS...

- **THANKS** for joining us for worship today. We hope your experience will be one of being touched by God and of being enriched through our experience of fellowship. **Please fill out the Connection Card found in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.** And please come again!!
- **PARTICIPATE**
 - The worship service is printed in the bulletin and can also be viewed on the video screen for your convenience. Bulletins are emailed to all members each week.
 - **Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off during the worship service.**
 - The service is streamed live and available online afterward on YouTube. Links can be found on the [St. James website](#) and [Facebook page](#).
- **COMMUNE** — All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is present with his body and blood in the bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. The ushers will direct those receiving the sacrament down the center aisle to the altar rail.
- **NEED ASSISTANCE?**
 - **Hearing devices** are available for those who have trouble hearing through the loudspeaker system.
 - Hand sanitizer is available on the tables in the Narthex and in the pews.
 - Please feel free to ask an Usher for assistance, they will be happy to help you.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

February 27th, 2022

Transfiguration Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Meditation: *At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus representing a picture of a bridged unity of the Old and New Covenants for Peter, John, and James to see. But not understanding this, Peter suggested setting up three shelters for them. Suddenly, a covering cloud enveloped them, and fear struck the men. A voice spoke, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to Him." Then, only Jesus was standing there. Jesus is our High Priest, the only way into Heaven, and the Resurrection and the Life. He has torn the temple curtain through the sacrifice of His body and the shedding of His blood, and we are to enter into covenant with Him and Him alone. No longer do we need a mediator, for it is Christ! He is the head of the Church and one day we will meet Him face to face- hallelujah!*

PRELUDE

Joe Faith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

INVOCATION & CONFESSION

P: We join together this day in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God, and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour your pow'r; Crown your an - cient Church's . . . sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; Let the gift of your sal - va - tion

Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss your king - dom's goal, Lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 Serv - ing you whom we a - dore, Serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 99, the Psalm of the Day)*

A: The Lord is king!

C: Let the nations tremble

A: He sits on his throne between the cherubim

C: Let the whole earth quake!

A: The Lord sits in majesty in Jerusalem

C: exalted above all the nations.

A: Let them praise your great and awesome name

C: Your name is holy

A: Mighty King, lover of justice

C: you have established fairness

A: You have acted with justice

C: and righteousness throughout Israel

A: Exalt the Lord our God!

C: Bow low before his feet, for he is holy!

A: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain in Jerusalem

C: for the Lord our God is holy!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

A: Let us pray . . . Holy and awesome Jesus Christ, You are our Great High Priest, the Mediator between God and man. You bridged the gap that sin created and are the way to the Father. Because of Your blood sacrifice, You provided for us salvation through the cross. Old things have passed away, and You have made all things new. We worship You, only You, Jesus.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

THE READING

Hebrews 3:1-6 (pg. 1034 in pew Bible)

Jesus is worthy of our full attention. He is the faithful Son over God's house, His Church, which is us. So we must hold onto to the Lord and put our full confidence and hope in Him.

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵ "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶ But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

THE “GOSPEL ACCLAMATION”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

(pg. 890 in pew Bible)

At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus representing a picture of a bridged unity of the Old and New Covenants for Peter, John, and James to see. But not understanding this, Peter suggested setting up three shelters for them. Suddenly, a covering cloud enveloped them, and fear struck the men. A voice spoke, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to Him.” Then, only Jesus was standing there. Jesus is our High Priest, the only way into Heaven, and the Resurrection and the Life. Reading now from the Gospel of Luke . . .

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.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

John Browder

SERMON HYMN

“Sing His Praises”

Words on screen

Chorus

People all over the world
Sing His praises
People all over the world
Sing it loud
People all over the world

Sing His praises
Oh sing His praises
(REPEAT 3X)

If you love Him say so
Praise Him praise Him
If you love Him say so
Praise Him praise Him

Chorus

People all over the world
Sing His praises
People all over the world
Sing it loud
People all over the world
Sing His praises
Oh sing His praises
(REPEAT 3X)

If you love Him say so
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THE MESSAGE

Mary Jo Mikulski

Please Stand

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator 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*

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

Now we join with Christians all over the world in worshipping God through our giving of our financial resources. If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. Instead, we hope that we are able to give something to you. We welcome you to give only as your heart desires. For members and friends, the vision and ministry of St. James depends on your giving. We thank you in advance for your generosity. This time of offering is a significant act of worship as we now offer our offerings and tithes.

Please Stand

OFFERING RESPONSE

“Praise God”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray together . . . Gracious and generous God . . .

C: we thank you for the many gifts you give us each day. As Jesus is, we are –transfigured and changed by you saving presence in our lives. Help us to use your gifts wisely, in ways that build up your body and make a difference in this community, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (*spoken*)

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

(Congregation sings:)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Ushers will direct those receiving the Sacrament down the center aisle. For those who prefer, white grape juice is located in the center of the pre-filled trays. Common cup is also available. If you wish to kneel at the communion rail as you receive the Sacrament, please feel free to do so. Please dispose of your cup in the basket neat the side aisle.

Please Stand

LAMB OF GOD

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.*

COMMUNION HYMN

“Here I am to Worship”

Words on Screen

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Now may the holy body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His precious blood, bless you, strengthen you and fill your heart and mind now and always.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: We have come to this church to find forgiveness and to be filled with new life in Christ. Let us go now and be the Church in those places where God has called us to serve; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!



1 On what has now been sown Your bless - ing, Lord, be - stow; The
 2 To you our wants are known, From you are all our pow'rs; Ac -
 3 Oh, grant that each of us, Now met be - fore you here, May



pow'r is yours a - lone To make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
 cept what is your own And par - don what is ours. Our prais - es,
 meet to - geth - er thus When you and yours ap - pear, And fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, And yours a - lone shall be the praise!
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive And to your Word a bless - ing give.
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!



In reverence of Christ, we invite you to follow the cross as it is carried out. You may use your hymnal to sing as you turn.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Mary Jo Mikulski for preaching today!

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

This Week, February 27th	9:30 a.m. Mary Jo Mikulski	Next Week, March 6th	9:30 a.m. Pastor Martins Irbe
Assisting Minister	Debbie Mowrey	Assisting Minister	Tracy Guffey
Lector	Marieta Boone	Lector	Maggie Bode
Ushers	Linda Hess Wanda Stephens-Wooten	Ushers	Jim Jackson Deb Jackson
Greeters	Terry Clark Liz Clark	Greeters	Betty Perotti
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott	Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	June Gries	Communion Assistant	Karen Bell
Acolyte	John Turner	Acolyte	Luke Soberalski
Sound Technician	Dan Ivers	Sound Technician	Ronald Kissell
Video Technician	Ronald Kissell	Video Technician	Neal Guffey
Bread Baker	Karen Bell	Bread Baker	Terri Gast
Children's Sermon	John Browder	Children's Sermon	Tracy Guffey
Counters (Monday) Wk4	Christian Gries Phil Miller	Counters (Monday) Wk1	Christian Gries Phil Miller