



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Transfiguration Sunday
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Welcome to Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card

OPENING PRAYER & CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 99:2-3, 5, 9

- P** We gather in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**
- P** Exalt the Lord our God; worship at His footstool!
- C Holy is He!**
- P** The Lord is great in Zion;
- C He is exalted over all the peoples.**
- P** Let them praise Your great and awesome name!
- C Holy is He!**
- P** Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain;
- C for the Lord our God is holy!**

HYMN: “Let All Together Praise Our God”

LSB 389



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
 3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -
 4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our
 Δ 7 Your grace in low - li - ness re - vealed, Lord Je - sus,



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
 at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The
 hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His
 we a - dore And praise to God the Fa - ther yield And



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
 splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.
 glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.
 Spir - it ev - er - more; We praise You ev - er - more.

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** Loving God, You desire a relationship with all people that is grounded in Your love, nurtured by truthfulness, and experienced as freedom living under Your gracious reign.
- C** We admit that we are turned away from Your love, we are at home in dishonesty, and we are enslaved by ways of sin and death. Because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection for us, we ask that You go on forgiving us, transforming us, and healing us according to Your steadfast love, which endures forever.
- P** God is gracious and merciful and has come in the person of Jesus giving His life to demonstrate how much He loves you and all people. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9 LSB 155



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

Then 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, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. And 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.” So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, 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. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. And 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.

And 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. And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, none 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, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 3:1–6

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God’s house. For 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. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but 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.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:28–36

Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at

Jerusalem. Now 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. And 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. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” And 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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A Statement of Our Shared Faith

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

LSB 411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.
 The night and the day are both a - like.
 The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

Using our God-given resources to connect people to Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S SUPPER

To our visitors: The **Lord's Supper** is celebrated at St. John in the confession that not only bread and wine, but Jesus Christ's very body and blood are given to us to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our faith in Him and our union with one another. Our Lord invites to His table all those who believe His words, repent of all sin, and set aside all refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. *If this is your first time at St John or have not been instructed about the Lord's Supper we ask that you speak to the Pastor before communing with us.*

- **For those who wish to take communion in their pew, please notify an usher or elder, and be seated on the center aisle at the end of any pew.**
- **We offer either individual or common cup for the wine.**

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1 Psalm 136

- 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 Glorious Father in heaven, we, Your children, who are filled with Your Spirit and guided by Your Word of truth, lift Your name on high and sing Your praises this day. You have redeemed us from hell, death, and the devil through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As Your forgiven children, we come to Your throne of grace to receive the gift You provide for us, the true body and blood of our Savior. Nurture our faith in Christ as we stand united as one holy people, lifting our voice and singing:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 208

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PEACE OF THE LORD - Pax Domini

John 20:19

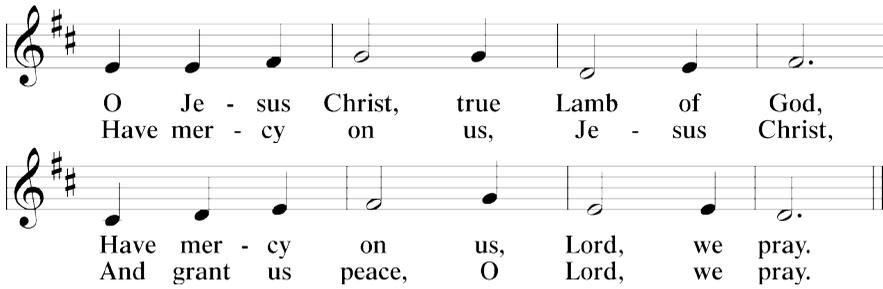
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Thanks be to God!

LAMB OF GOD - Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“Beautiful Savior”

LSB 537

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB 821

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

P Let us pray:

C 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. Amen

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE

One tradition for the season of Lent is not speaking or singing the word “Alleluia” during Lent. Alleluias are joyful proclamations, which we put away during the more contemplative season of Lent. Putting it away for Lent is like putting away a favorite toy for a while – to appreciate it better later. The Alleluias will return at Easter when we rejoice in our risen Lord and Savior!

Today is the final Sunday before Lent begins. As we close out this time of worship we will sing Alleluia, but also say farewell for a time. Our children will have Alleluia banners that will be placed in a box, put away, until Easter when we will rejoice in our risen Lord and Savior. After the Alleluia is put away we will quietly exit to return later this week to begin our season of Lent with Ash Wednesday.



HYMN: "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

LSB 417

Congregation will sing stanzas 1, 2 and 4. Choir will sing stanza 3



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
Choir 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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March 6 – Worship at 7:00 PM

SERVING TODAY/NEXT WEEK

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist: Doreen Sutherland
Elders for March:	Bruce Sutherland, Jim Oliver	
Acolyte:	Gavin Griffin	Next Sunday: Luke Sutherland
Reader:	Jim Oliver	Next Sunday: Frank Wendt
Counting Team:	Chad Cornell, Donna & Frank Cornell, Brent & Lynn Kroening	
Next Week:	Bill Nelson, Marv Werth, Bev Harder, Lorrie Weir, Randy DeVantier	
Altar Guild for March:	Donna Carr, Ann Kelly	