

St. Johns Lutheran Church

This is my beloved Son



Listen to him

AS WE GATHER

There is nothing quite like being an eyewitness, giving a special perspective to share on the event. Peter writes about being on the Mount of Transfiguration as he, James, and John were privileged to have a special vision of the Lord Jesus Christ. He states: “We were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, ‘This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,’ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain” (2 Peter 1:16b–18). Today, through the words of Scripture, we, too, become eyewitnesses and are given a glimpse of glory in the vision of our transfigured Lord!

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS

We’re glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. *(Please keep your distance though)* Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. . Our service today includes the celebration of God’s presence, as He comes in the true body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. **Any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain** from receiving the sacrament until they have spoken with the pastor.

PREPARATION

**Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

INVOCATION

**In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

O God, our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.

We confess that we have not always brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.

Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.

We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both that which we know and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.

Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.

Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

Amen.

WORD

THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 171

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,
blessing, and glory are His.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
For the Lamb who was slain
has begun His reign. Alleluia Alleluia**

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

MEMORIZED WORD

But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” 1 Corinthians 2:9

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 34:29–35*

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵the people of Israel would see the face of Moses,

that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all * nations!

Extol Him, all * peoples!

For great is His steadfast * love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for * ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory * due His name;

bring an offering, and come in * to His courts!

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6*

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. ¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as

Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 9:2-9*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN “O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair” *LSB* 413

**O wondrous type! O vision fair
Of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,
Where brighter than the sun He glows!**

**With Moses and Elijah nigh
The incarnate Lord holds converse high;
And from the cloud the Holy One
Bears record to the only Son.**

**With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above
Who joy in God with perfect love.**

**And faithful hearts are raised on high
By this great vision's mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.**

Stand

**O Father, with the eternal Son
And Holy Spirit ever one,
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace
To see Thy glory face to face.**

SERMON

NICENE CREED

**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 of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

LSB 176

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *LSB, p. 215*

Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our

lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [*name(s)*, and] all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, our merciful God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection. Grant us to share in their vision and witness and with all the faithful to look forward to the glory yet to be revealed. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and honor You this day and always.

YOU ARE HOLY (AGNUS DEI) by Michael W. Smith

Alleluia Alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns

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Alleluia Holy, Holy are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the lamb

You are Holy Holy are You Lord God almighty

Worthy is the Lamb worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T BE WITH US

Many Lord, desire to be here at your altar today, but since they cannot at this time receive You sacramentally, Grant them Your Holy Spirit and come into their hearts through your Holy Word and promises so that they are assured of your personal embrace and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Never permit them to doubt being separated from You. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ on the cross.

Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI *LSB 180*

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Jesus Comes Today with Healing *LSB 620*

Within the Father's House *LSB 410*

NUNC DIMITTIS...SONG OF SIMEON *LSB 182*

Lord, now You let your servant go in peace;

Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which

You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

A light to reveal You to the nations and

**the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the
Son and to the holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church, which is our fellowship of faith. By Your Holy Spirit, help us to live in faith and fellowship and do the good works that You desire us to do as Your witnesses in our time; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom with You and the same Spirit be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

Amen.

HYMN “Alleluia, Song of Gladness” *LSB 417*

**Alleluia, song of gladness,
Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem
Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding
Thus they sing eternally.**

**Alleluia, thou resoundest,
True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother,
All thy children sing with thee,
But by Babylon's sad waters
Mourning exiles now are we.**

**Alleluia cannot always
Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions
Make us for a while for-go;
For the solemn time is coming
When our tears for sin must flow.**

**Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee,
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter
With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee for ever singing
Alleluia joyfully.**

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Liturgist	Pastor Michael Tanney
Lector	Allen Dass
Children's Message	Dan Reh
Elders	Al Bohannon
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	Don Osiek, Ben Thomas, and Roger Schmidt
Acolytes	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Greeter	Roger Schmidt
Worship Screen	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 29

Offering: \$1,710.00

ATTENTION: PLEASE TAKE A HYMNAL from the rack nearest to you and leave it on the pew where you are sitting prior to leaving the sanctuary today. This will enable us to be more efficient when we sanitize the pews this week. Thank you.

NT CLASS is at 6:30pm on Thursday nights. This week will be about John. All are invited to learn the overview of each Gospel and letter of the New Testament with its major themes.

VOTER'S MEETING There will be a voter's meeting today after Bible Study at 11:30pm. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. You will also be able to join online with Google Meet.

ST. JOHNS SINGS: From the service of Evening Prayer, we offer this paraphrase of Psalm 141 - Let My Prayer Rise Before You as Incense. It begins on the bottom of page 245 in the hymnal and continues on following pages. As you follow and pray this Psalm, may your evening be refreshed by the Holy Spirit. A special thanks to Jolene Reh for enhancing our singing with her flute playing!

ASH WEDNESDAY Join us for the **Places of the Passion** special service for Ash Wednesday (this Wednesday) @ 6pm, as we follow in the footsteps of our Savior, contemplating the places where Jesus stood on his path to salvation. In this service, we go to Jerusalem, the place of the Passover, where Jesus gathers with the crowds and sacrifices himself for us.

MISSION OF CHRIST NETWORK we will hear about the work that Zach Barz (a missionary we have supported in the past) is doing in Costa Rica today.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –**Jolene** as she had 5 teeth removed; **Carmen** Hobson with back pain and possible surgery; **Irene** as she recovers from a stroke; **Ray** as he goes through treatment and struggles with severe arthritis in hip; **St. Johns** for blessings on our virtual learning center; **For** those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery. **Field-workers** and **Vicars** for their class work; **Nepali Congregation** blessings; **Food Pantry** for blessings on what they do.

Shut Ins – Jeanette Creamer, Carmen Hobson, Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Carol Carr

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

February 14-February 21

Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study 11:30am Voter's Meeting 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open NO Virtual Learning Center
Tuesday	(No Secretary) 3:00pm-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center 6:00pm Seminary Class
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open 7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center 11:30am-5pm Office Open 6pm NT Class
Friday	(No Secretary) 8am Bible Study 7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 1:30pm Vicar Class
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study 12:30pm African Worship