

# St. Johns Lutheran Church

He Was Transfigured Before Them



Lord, It Is Good that We Are Here.

## **AS WE GATHER**

We suppose He, Jesus, didn't have to do it—suddenly appear with His glorious divine nature shining through His human nature and clothing. No, He didn't have to do it for Himself, but He did it for that inner circle of the disciples and through their testimony also for us. Especially as we prepare to see His human suffering, betrayal, and humiliating death, our faith needs to be made even more certain. Certain of what? Certain that while Jesus is a human being like us, He is also and continues to be of one substance with God the Father, true God in the flesh. Because of who He is, Jesus will perfectly obey the Father's will, make full and sufficient payment to the Father for our sins by His suffering and sacrificial atonement, and provide victory over sin, death, and the devil by His resurrection from the dead. He is the content and substance of faith in each believer.

## **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 take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. Please consider liking us on Facebook (St. Johns Lutheran Church – St. Louis City) and checking out our website (<https://stjohnslutheranstlouis.org/>).

#### **PREPARATION**

#### **HYMN**

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

*LSB 414*

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here!**

**Thy glory fills the night;**

**Thy face and garments, like the sun,**

**Shine with unborrowed light.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Thy beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Thy messengers of old.**

**Fulfiller of the past  
And hope of things to be,  
We hail Thy body glorified  
And our redemption see.**

**Before we taste of death,  
We see Thy kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright  
And make this hill our home.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain.**

### **INVOCATION**

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

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

I Said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.*

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

*(Video - Michael W. Smith - Lord have mercy)  
The congregation is invited to join in on "The Lord have mercy*

Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken  
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim  
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom  
Forgive me for my unbelief  
Renew the fire again

*[Chorus]*

**Lord have mercy**  
**Christ have mercy**  
**Lord have mercy on me**  
**Lord have mercy**  
**Christ have mercy**  
**Lord have mercy on me**

I have built an altar where I worship things of men  
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You  
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing  
Pardon my transgressions  
Help me love You again *[Chorus]*

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **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**

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.  
Leviticus 19:18

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Exodus 24:8–18*

<sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.” <sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.” <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

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 Peter 1:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>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,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**      *Psalms 45:2a*

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    “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.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *Matthew 17:1–9*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

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

## **CREED (We All Believe In One True God) LSB 953**

**We all believe in one true God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Ever-present help in need,  
Praised by all the heav'nly host;  
All He made His love enfolds,  
All creation He upholds.**

**We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Mary's son,  
Who descended from His throne  
And for us salvation won;  
By whose cross and death are we  
Rescued from all misery.**

**We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
Who from both in truth proceeds,  
Who sustains and comforts us  
In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blessed, holy Trinity,  
Praise forever be to Thee!**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON**

### **OFFERING**

LSB 873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies sung by the Choir

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give  
You thanks for revealing to the world Your goodness and mercy in the  
gift of Your beloved Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

By Your Word and Spirit, rule and govern Your holy Church throughout  
the world and her pastors and ministers. Send forth laborers into Your  
harvest that Your kingdom be extended to all nations.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**



Grant Your help and protection to all that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Comfort with Your Holy Spirit all who are in trouble, want, sickness, or any adversity, that they may receive healing of body and mind and peace in their souls. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Keep us in the sure faith and hope of Your Word that we may one day look upon our Savior face-to-face in the glory of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **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.**

### **BENEDICTION**      *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Tristan Pilot
Lector	Pastor Michael Tanney
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	Cameron Hampel, John Benwell, Patrick Benwell, Jayvon Evers, Joan Potvin, William Gebhart, and Roger Schmidt
Children's Message	Pastor Michael Tanney
Acolytes/Screen	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Bible Class	Tristan Pilot

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# Announcements

## Saved to Share Called to Care

**Our Response to God's Love Last Week**  
Attendance Sunday/Communion: 42/39  
Nepalese: 32  
Offering: \$12,750.00

**WOL RESTAURANT NIGHT** will be at the South County Freddy's 5479 Southfield Center from 4:00 - 8:00 pm on February 21<sup>st</sup>. For WOL to get credit: Enter code GIVEBACK for Digital Order, or Mention WOL or provide the flyer in the restaurant.

**VOTERS MEETING** There will be a Voter's Meeting next Sunday in the Sanctuary after Bible Class at 11:30am.

**ASH WEDNESDAY (2/22/23)** Join us for our Amazing Grace Lenten series based on the beloved song that celebrates its 250th anniversary this year. In our Ash Wednesday service, which will include the Imposition of Ashes, we will focus on the amazing grace of God King David experienced when he confessed his sins and was forgiven. We experience that same amazing grace of God in confession and forgiveness this Lent as we look toward the cross of Christ that made our freedom from sin possible. The service will be at 6pm with a soup supper at 5:15pm.

**CAPITAL UNIVERSITY CHAPEL CHOIR** On March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm, the SLU Fine & Performing Arts Department will be hosting the Capital University Chapel Choir for a concert at St. Francis Xavier College Church. They will be led by Dr. Lynda R. Hasseler, Director of Choral Activities at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. The concert is free and open to the public.

**LUTHERAN SOUTH SUMMER CAMP INFO** Does your child enjoy shooting hoops? Love being on stage? Want to learn a new sport like football or field hockey?  
LuSo Summer Camp offers a variety of athletic and enrichment activities for students who have completed K-8th grade. New activities this year include strength and conditioning, hiking, and woodworking. Your campers will have fun while learning a new skill! With more than 20 morning and afternoon activities available, there's a camp for every future Lancer! Registration is now open at [LSlancers.org/summer](https://LSlancers.org/summer).

## Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** – **Carmen Hobson** who is enduring pain, stability, and weakness with no surgery in sight; **Bobbie** who is suffering with mental issues; **Jerry Schmaltz** thanks for his good health; **Confirmation Class** for the Lord to help them finish what they have begun; **Our Vicars** as they continue to take classes at the Seminary; **Our Field-Workers** Tristan (and family), Alvaro, and Isaac (as he begins his mission track);

**Shut Ins** – Bobbie Kepford, Jerry Schmaltz, Steve Bain, Carmen Hobson

### *Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week February 19-February 26*

Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship</b> 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-12pm Office Open <u>NO</u> Compass / <u>6pm</u> Ladies Exercise
Tuesday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-12pm Office Open <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass / <u>3:45pm</u> Compass Chapel <b>5:15pm Soup Supper / 6pm Ash Wednesday Service</b>
Thursday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>2pm</u> Ridgewood Bible Study <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass / <u>6:30pm</u> Adult Confirmation
Friday	8am-12pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 1pm Nepali Mother's Prayer Service <u>2pm-6pm</u> Compass / <u>6pm-7:30pm</u> Faith Oakville Small Group
Saturday	<u>8:30am</u> Food Pantry / <u>9am</u> Confirmation <u>2pm</u> Vicar Meeting / <u>5:30pm</u> Young Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	<b>9:00am Joint Worship w/ Communion</b> 10:30am Bible Study <b>11:30am Voter's Meeting</b> 12:30pm African Worship