



**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
February 26, 2017 – 10:45 a.m.**

Divine Service Setting Four with Holy Communion

**St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.**

“Changed from glory into glory.” In his classic hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,” hymn writer Charles Wesley describes the final change of the redeemed believer in Jesus Christ. The believer, by God’s grace, is “perfectly restored” in Christ, who set aside His glory to suffer and die for the sins of all people. The sight on the Mount of Transfiguration is glorious—but for us and for our salvation, Jesus saw beyond the glory of His transfiguration on the mountain to the glory of the cross, where He would complete God’s saving work on our behalf. As we sing our hymns of praise, we find our reason for glory in God’s grace-filled action for us.

† Prayer Before Worship †

Gracious Father, in His transfiguration, Your Son’s determination to go toward the cross showed His true glory in His gracious sacrifice for us. Grant that we may be strengthened in faith to live each day with an awareness of Your overwhelming mercy and love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prelude “Picardy”

Charles Callahan

Welcome & Sharing of the Peace

(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn #506 “Glory Be to God the Father”

Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins unto the Lord.

C: **Lord Jesus, I often hear Your Word of Forgiveness, and yet still feel unforgiven.**

I desire to be like the woman who washed Your feet with her tears, overwhelmed and overjoyed by Your complete forgiveness. I am truly sorry for all my sins. Forgive me. May I live in the freedom of Your forgiveness and grace.

Loving Savior, may others experience Your forgiveness THROUGH me. May my words and actions be led and empowered by Your Holy Spirit. May they give witness to others of the power of forgiveness. Enable me to forgive others – as You completely forgive me. Amen.

P: Words of Absolution

Introit *Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 99:9*

P: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

C: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

P: The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.

C: Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is He!

P: The King in His might loves justice. You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

C: Exalt the LORD our God, worship at His footstool! Holy is He!

All: 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.

P: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

(Be Seated)

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 2:8-10

⁸And there is also with you Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjaminite from Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse on the day when I went to Mahanaim. But when he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD, saying, 'I will not put you to death with the sword.' ⁹Now therefore do not hold him guiltless, for you are a wise man. You will know what you ought to do to him, and you shall bring his gray head down with blood to Sheol."

¹⁰Then David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson

2 Peter 1:16-21

(Peter and the others were eyewitnesses to the transfiguration.)

¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷For 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," ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And 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, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Alleluia and Verse

Organ Introduction

Cantor only sings Alleluia first time through, then congregation:



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

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



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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

(Jesus is transfigured.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And 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." ⁵He 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." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And 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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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.**

(Be Seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #414 "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

Sermon “Releasing Resentment”

(Please Stand)

A Responsive Litany for Transfiguration

P: The Lord said to Moses long ago: “Come up on the mountain with Me; receive the Commandments hewn in stone, My covenant people be.”

C: Then Moses climbed the glory hill and met the Lord on high. And God His glory did reveal upon Mount Sinai.

P: And then with Sinai’s prophet bold Elijah did appear, who rode to God on chariot gold; now stood, with Jesus near.

C: In holy convocation meet the pillars of God’s Word; and join in witness, glad to greet, the Savior, Christ the Lord.

P: Then Peter spoke for James and John: “Tis good, Lord, to be here.” And God proclaimed, “This is My Son, the One I love, so dear.”

C: Now listen and His Word obey; “With Him I am well pleased.” For God has come to YOU this day; and all your fears relieved.

P: Down to the valley they did flee; but not a word betrayed; the glory that their eyes did see; not told until Christ was raised.

C: We, too, have witnessed majesty; Christ’s death and life restored; in Christ, God’s saving Glory seen; Good News for all the world. Amen.

(Be Seated)

Offering

Offertory Anthem “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Harold W. Friedell

(Please Stand)

Offertory Hymn #781 “We Give Thee But Thine Own,” v. 1

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.) Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Preface

- 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.**

Sanctus



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

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.

Words of our Lord

Peace of the Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei



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.

(Be Seated)

- Distribution Hymns:** #621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
 #619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"
 #400 "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

(Please Stand)

Nunc Dimittis

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament, and we pray that we may ever see our Lord's true glory in the sacrifice of His life and death on the cross; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

Recessional Hymn #417 "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

Dismissal

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude “Fanfare”

Antonio Soler

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Kae Elliott.

Today's Ushers: Ryan Davidson, Bob Hoisington, Stephanie Kiel, Holly Wilson

March Ushers: Larry Bowman, Lisa Little, Bob Sparks, John Williams

Worship Assistants: Don Henderson, Dave Lundmark

Altar Guild for February: Claudia Essbach, Sue Frake, Ted Frake

Altar Guild for March: Jackie Downey, Renee Henderson

Lock-ups for February: Don Henderson, Wes Walker

Lock-ups for March: Steve Anderson, John Williams

Pew Pads: Please remember to sign the pew pads. Thank you.

Nursery is available in Preschool Room 106 during the 10:45 Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

The Sermons are available on-line at <http://stjohnsws.com/weekly-sermons-2/>

Crisis Control Item for February: Beef stew

Crisis Control Item for March: Boxed instant potatoes and flakes

St. John's Prayer and Care Notes are distributed each Saturday. If you would like to receive this document and be listed on the email distribution, please send a request to:

- Dale Mierisch at wb9szl@triad.rr.com and include "St John's Prayer and Care Notes Subscription" in the subject line of your email.



Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Holy Communion is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Sundays,
at 10:45 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays, and at both services
if there is a fifth Sunday in the month.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:45 a.m.

A Great Place to Grow in Christ
As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8th grade.
All programs/grades have full-time care available.

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