



# Transfiguration SUNDAY

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

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**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

**February 23, 2020 – 10:45 a.m.**  
*Worship with Holy Communion*

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

## **Welcome**

We are delighted to have you with us as we celebrate God's love for us in Jesus! If you have any questions or needs please feel free to ask an usher, Pastor Tom, or anyone here at St. John's.

## **As We Worship**

**Prepare** for worship in stillness and prayer.

**Enjoy** worship by lifting your voice and heart to God.

**Close** worship by enjoying the fellowship of one another.

**After** worship, the service begins! Go out and serve the Lord in all areas of life!

*"I urge you, in view of God's mercy to you, present yourselves as living sacrifices to God, this is your spiritual act of worship." — Romans 12:1*

*Please silence all devices. If at any point you need to or prefer to sit, please feel free to do so.*

**Prelude: "Blessed Jesus, at They Word"**

J.S. Bach

**Pre-Service Word: Psalm 84:1-2, 4**

How lovely <sup>1</sup>is Your tabernacle,

O Lord of hosts!

<sup>2</sup>My soul longs, yes, even faints

For the courts of the Lord;

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed *are* those who dwell in Your house;

They will still be praising You.

**Sharing of the Peace** We take a moment to greet one another, as brothers and sisters in Christ (often with the words "God's peace be with you"). We enjoy this part of our worship; however, you are free to participate, or not, in any manner with which you are comfortable. *(Please Remain Standing)*

*(Please Stand)*

**Processional Hymn: #412 "The People That in Darkness Sat"**

**Invocation:**

P: We gather in the name of the Father.

**C: This is My beloved Son, listen to Him.**

P: We gather in the name of the Son.

**C: This is My beloved Son, listen to Him.**

P: We gather in the name of the Holy Spirit.

**C: This is My beloved Son, listen to Him.**

P: We are standing on Holy Ground. We are in presence of the One True God. Bless His Holy Name!

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**A Responsive Introit: (The Transfiguration)** words by Larry A. Peters

P: The Lord said to Moses long ago, "Come up the Mount to Me;

**C: Then Moses climbed the glory hill and met the Lord on high  
But God His plan did not reveal till Moses stood with Christ**

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,"  
But 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 today and all your fears released.**

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

**C: We, too, have witnessed majesty: Christ's death, His life restored;  
In Christ God's saving glory seen, Good News for all the world. Amen.**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Grayson Laith Davis** (see insert)

**Prayer of the Day:**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

*(Silent time for prayer)*

P: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your only-begotten Son You once confirmed the mysteries of the faith by testimony of the ancient fathers, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud You wondrously foreshowed our adoption by grace. Therefore, mercifully make us co-heirs with our King of His glory, and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, once God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**First Reading: Psalm 2**

Why do the [a]nations [b]rage, And the people plot a [c]vain thing?

<sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth set themselves,

And the rulers take counsel together,

Against the LORD and against His Anointed, [d] saying,

<sup>3</sup>“Let us break Their bonds in pieces

And cast away Their cords from us.”

<sup>4</sup>He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;

The Lord shall hold them in derision.

<sup>5</sup>Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,

And distress them in His deep displeasure:

<sup>6</sup>“Yet I have [e]set My King

[f]On My holy hill of Zion.”

<sup>7</sup>“I will declare the [g]decree:

The LORD has said to Me,

‘You *are* My Son,

Today I have begotten You.

<sup>8</sup>Ask of Me, and I will give *You*

The nations *for* Your inheritance,

And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.

<sup>9</sup>You shall [h]break them with a rod of iron;

You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ ”

<sup>10</sup>Now therefore, be wise, O kings;

Be instructed, you judges of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>Serve the LORD with fear,

And rejoice with trembling.

<sup>12</sup>[i]Kiss the Son, lest [j]He be angry,

And you perish *in* the way,

When His wrath is kindled but a little.

Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. <sup>17</sup> For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup> And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> [\[a\]](#)And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; <sup>20</sup> knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private [\[b\]](#)interpretation, <sup>21</sup> for prophecy never came by the will of man, but [\[c\]](#)holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved 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:



**☐** 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.



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

*(Please Stand)*

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; <sup>2</sup> and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, <sup>[a]</sup> let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” <sup>6</sup> And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup> Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Be seated.)*

## Children’s Message

**Hymn of the Day: “Lift Up Your Eyes”**  
(tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

Rev. Henry A. Simon

1. Lift up your eyes, See Christ the Lord  
Upon the mount to be adored;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
With Moses and Elijah, bold –  
God’s mighty messengers of old –  
See your Savior. Hear the story:  
Christ transfigured, Bright with glory  
Shines before us.
2. “This is My Son, whom I do love,”  
So speaks the Father from above.  
From the cloud He gives His blessing.  
Now to the cross Christ goes to die,  
For all our sins He’s lifted high.  
Christ our Savior brings salvation  
To us and to ev’ry nation.  
Alleluia
3. Lift up your eyes once more to see  
How Jesus will on Easter be:  
Risen Savior, Bright with glory.  
When life leads into valleys dark,  
Recall this mountain, as the spark  
Of His love, forever glowing  
In your heart, For Christ is showing  
Us His glory.
4. So sing to God, the Father true;  
To Christ, His Son, our Savior, too:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
And to the Spirit, Whom we praise:  
Great Triune God through all our  
days:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Sermon: "Eternal Moments"

### Offering

Offertory Anthem "This Is the Day"

Terry Kirkland

Offertory #781 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

#### 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.

Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad in your pew.

#### † Service of the Sacrament †

### Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

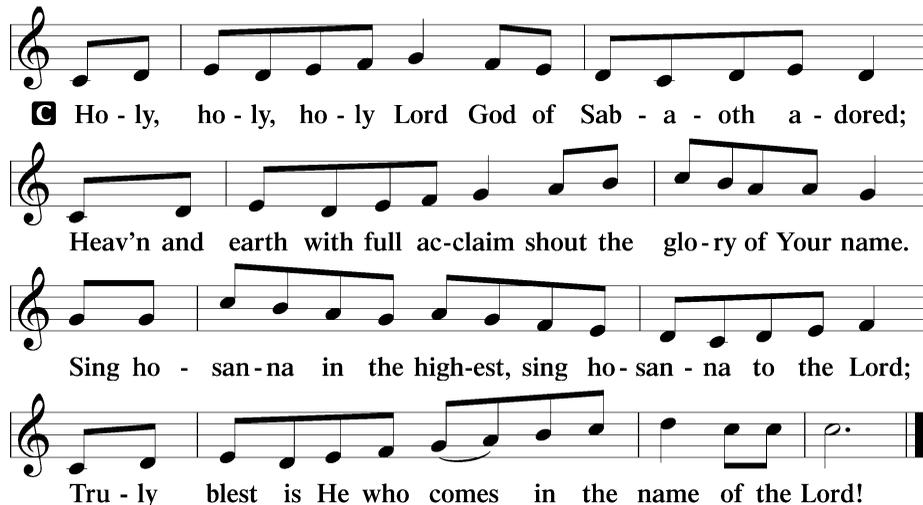
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

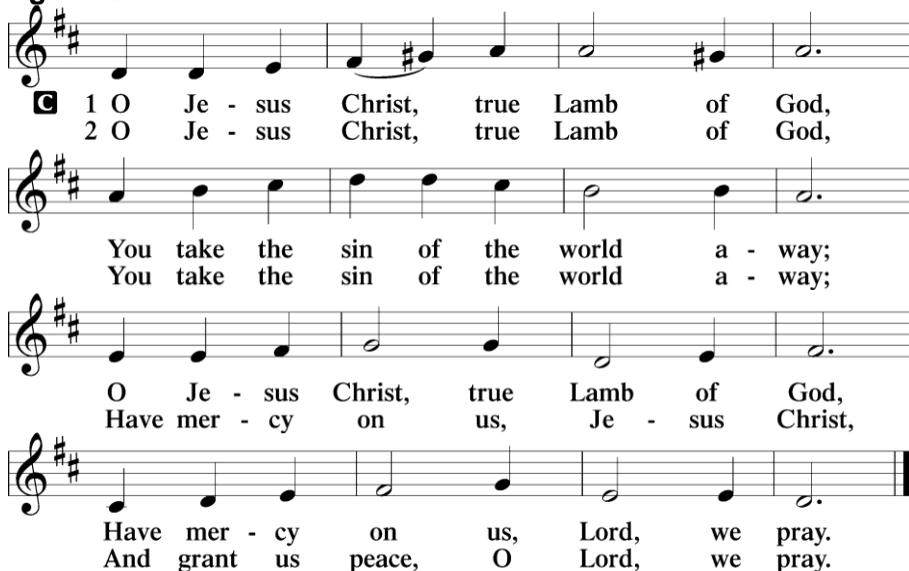
## Sanctus



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!

## Words of Institution

### 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: #414 "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"  
#547 "The Lamb"  
#786 "Lord of All Good"

(Please stand.)

## Nunc Dimittis



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.

**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”**

**Postlude “In Thee Is Gladness”**

J.S. Bach

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God, by Larry & Martha Musser in honor of Grayson Laith Davis' baptism.

**Today's Ushers:** Fred Neise, Holly Wilson, Stephanie Kiel, Bruce Sawicki

**Worship Assistant:** Early Service – Bill Thorpe, Tom Baldwin; Late Service – Steve Anderson, Mark Meier

**Lector:** Early Service – Jenelle Lanham, Late Service – Beth Fordham-Meier

**Altar Guild for February:** Sue & Ted Frake, Michaela Montgomery

**Lock-ups for February:** Don Henderson, Don Adamick

**Nursery is available** in Preschool Room 101 during the 10:45 Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

**Crisis Control Item for February:** Instant Potatoes – thank you for your January donations of 81 lbs.

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

**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](mailto:wb9szl@triad.rr.com) and include "St John's Prayer and Care Notes Subscription" in the subject line of your email.
- You may also send your prayer requests to Dale at this address.

(Restrooms: Exit the left-side door on the pulpit side. Go straight thru the Fellowship Hall and the two doors leading to our school building. Restrooms are on your right in the school lobby)



***Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:30 a.m.***

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Church Office Hours Monday through Thursday,  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.