

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
"Transfigured For Our Transformation"



5:30PM — March 2, 2019
8:00AM — March 3, 2019

THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Liturgist
Mrs. Sandy Esker	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller	Organist
Mrs. Kiley Bohnhoff	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. Dave Wall	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Camille & Kateleigh Zeigler	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jim Schroeder	8AM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Evan Pryor	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling.....(217-246-8667).....	Elder on Duty for
Missionaries from Pakistan	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation	in Blidene, Latvia
Adopted Chatelain School.....	Haiti
Mrs. Julie Scott	(343-3047) Prayer Chain Coordinator

WELCOME To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the stranger, we extend our sincere greeting. If you are a visitor, please understand that you are our guest and we want you to feel welcome and comfortable. We are happy you chose to be with us in this service, and pray you have been blessed by our Lord today as He has blessed us by your presence.

CHRIST is important to us

- in our worship
- in our study
- in our fellowship
- in our lives.

YOU are important to us

- in our worship
- in our study
- in our fellowship
- in our lives.

HIS VISION FOR US:

St. John's will be known for being involved in our changing community, for providing leadership in our changing world, and for serving others in Christian love.

We will welcome our diverse guests with open arms. Our friendly, loving and accepting people will engage our guests, mentor them in the faith, and inspire many to become members.

Our members will be motivated by the cross to be actively engaged in ministry, showing love and care to others. We will encourage one another, nurture one another, and enthusiastically serve our God together!

HIS GOAL FOR US:

We will pray and work with singleness of purpose to expand the impact of our ministry to God's children of all ages, with special emphasis on young families, by developing new ways to strengthen the relationship between St. John's, our members and our community, providing the facilities and resources to involve more people in ministry and outreach.

WELCOME CENTER Greeters are present at the Welcome Center in the atrium adjacent to our sanctuary before and after the service to answer any questions you may have, provide directions to restrooms, classrooms, etc. If you are a first time guest, we also have a gift for you. If you live in our community or surrounding area and you do not have a church home, we welcome your consideration. We offer true fellowship with a living Savior and membership in His Church.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER Kindly fill out a registration card (welcome side) located in the pew rack. Our guests are also asked to complete the address and phone number portion. Please pass your card to the center aisle to be gathered during the offering.

CELL PHONES Please turn your cell phones off before the service begins.

AS WE GATHER Jesus' words and actions are for the benefit of all human beings. Isaiah says, "He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities" (Isaiah 53:5). What if Jesus was also transfigured for our transformation? In this mysterious encounter, the veil between the seen and the unseen is pulled aside, and Peter, James, and John beheld Jesus, the man, as He is in the brightness of the glory of God. He spoke with Moses and Elijah about His coming Passion in Jerusalem. The Father's blessing echoes the blessing at His Baptism, "This is My Son, My Chosen One, listen to Him!" (Luke 9:35). This transfiguration began while Jesus was praying. The Divine Service is a weekly event where God serves His people through His Word and Sacraments. People respond with prayers, praise, and thanksgiving. As faith opens us to God's love, this divine conversation powerfully transforms us, changing our ways of thinking, seeing, and living as we are sent out by God each week to love and serve others—just as Jesus did.

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... *"O Savior, Precious Savior"*..... **[LSB 527]**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 99:2–3, 5, 9*

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool!

People: **Holy is He!**

Pastor: The LORD is great in Zion;

People: **He is exalted over all the peoples.**

Pastor: Let them praise Your great and awesome name!

People: **Holy is He!**

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

People: **for the LORD our God is holy!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: 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.

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 84:1–2, 9, 11; antiphon: v. 4*

KYRIE

Pastor: O Lord, who spoke face-to-face with Your servant Moses,

People: **have mercy on us.**

Pastor: O Christ, who is the faithful apostle and High Priest of our confession,

People: **have mercy on us.**

Pastor: O Lord, who in Your transfiguration was revealed in Your glory as the Father's Chosen One,

People: **have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE..... "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow".....[LSB 805]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING..... Deuteronomy 34:1–12

(The death of Moses)

34 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, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm

trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴ 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.” ⁵ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶ 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. ⁷ Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹ 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, ¹² and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: Extol Him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

People: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

People: bring an offering, and come into His courts!

EPISTLE..... *Hebrews 3:1–6*
(*Jesus, the Son, is worthy of more glory than Moses.*)

3 Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ² who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³ 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. ⁴ (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶ 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Psalm 45:2a

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

HOLY GOSPEL..... **Luke 9:28–36**

(The transfiguration of Jesus)

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

³² 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. ³³ 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. ³⁴ As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” ³⁶ 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

HYMN OF THE DAY “O Morning Star, How Fair And Bright”..... [LSB 395]

***SERMON“The View From Up Here”Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Rev. Gary Fortkamp***

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”.....[LSB 782 verse 1]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs. Transforming Love, living on our own terms, our lives have become unmanageable. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit we continually be transformed, trusting in Jesus who was transfigured in the sight of Peter, James, and John. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Transforming Love, the people, systems, and institutions of this world are crying out under the weight of feeling unloved. Jesus has come that all people come to know and believe how much You love all of us—from the least to the greatest. Grant that our elected and appointed officials be persuaded by Your love to govern wisely that all people on earth dwell in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Transforming Love, Your people are torn to pieces by many dangers, toils, and snares. Our attentions are divided and our words and actions are motivated by the cares, griefs, and pains of our lives. We cause one another much pain and so get in the way of Your love for all people in Christ Jesus flowing through us to all people in our communities and societies. Grant that we turn to You, living the promises of our Baptism, embracing our identity as vessels of Your mercy in a way that overflows to the people around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Transforming Love, there are many who are weak and sick among us and in our circles of family and friends. Remember for good all people who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, [*especially . . .*]. Grant them both inward and outward healing according to Your will, helping them to trust Your goodness in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Transforming Love, through the cares of our everyday lives, we look forward to the day when You will call us and all people to rise according to Your gracious promise. Grant that we faithfully journey from this day to that day when we will join Your saints of every time and place at the marriage supper of the Lamb in His reign that endures forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

HYMN..... “Beautiful Savior, King of Creation”..... [LSB 537]

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE