

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD  
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**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

*"Listen To Him"*

**5:30PM — February 10, 2018**

**8:00AM — February 11, 2018**



**THOSE WHO SERVE US**

Each Member of St. John's .....	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall .....	Senior Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller .....	Organist
Ms. Holly Hulskotter .....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Coralin Ohnesorge.....	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Kaiden Kohnert .....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Chris Niebrugge.....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Ella Niebrugge .....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jerry Pruemer 690-2265 .....	Elder on Duty for February 12 – February 16, 2018
Missionaries from Pakistan .....	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India .....	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation .....	in Blidene, Latvia
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.

**HOLY COMMUNION** – When the members of St. John’s Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord’s Supper, we confess the Real Presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (*1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26*) We believe that Christ’s Body and Blood are present “in, with and under” the elements of the Holy Supper. (*Luther’s Small Catechism*) Members should register their intent to commune on the pew card. If you are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to one of the Pastors or the elder on duty before the service.

**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** This day ends the Epiphany season and prepares us for Lent. Jesus has been revealing His true nature through His words and actions, and on the Mount of Transfiguration three disciples see His glory revealed as transfiguring light. Moses and Elijah appear with Him, talking about His departure in Jerusalem. But our Lord then commands the disciples not to tell about the event until after Easter. Because we live after His resurrection, Paul writes in the Epistle, we recognize Jesus' true glory in going to the cross for us, for God has "shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6).

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+ PREPARATION +**

**HYMN..... "Brightest And Best Of The Stars Of The Morning".....[LSB 400]**

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Mark 9:5a; 2 Corinthians 3:13, 18*

Pastor: When Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John, Peter said,  
People: **“Rabbi, it is good that we are here.”**

Pastor: But we were not present at that time. Moses “put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze” at the glory fading from his face.  
People: **But now, “We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed.”**

Pastor: In the present time, we see our Lord Jesus Christ coming to us in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper. Let us hear God’s Word, respond in words of faith, and join saints and angels in singing the praises of our glorious Savior.

**+ WORD +**

**KYRIE** ..... *(p. 186 in hymnal)*

**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.  
People: **Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven;**

Pastor: 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..... Exodus 34:29–35**  
*(Moses' face shines after being in God's presence.)*

<sup>29</sup> When 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.

<sup>30</sup> Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

<sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them.

<sup>32</sup> Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai.

<sup>33</sup> And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

<sup>34</sup> Whenever 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,

<sup>35</sup> the 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE ..... 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:6**  
*(We need not fear being near God as Israel did at Mount Sinai.)*

<sup>12</sup> Since we have such a hope, we are very bold,

<sup>13</sup> not 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.

<sup>14</sup> But 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.

<sup>15</sup> Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts.

<sup>16</sup> But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

<sup>18</sup> And 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.

4 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.  
2 But 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.  
3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.  
4 In 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.  
5 For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.  
6 For 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.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL** ..... **Mark 9:2–9**  
*(Jesus is transfigured in the presence of three disciples.)*

2 And after 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,  
3 and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.  
4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.  
5 And 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."  
6 For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.  
7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."  
8 And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.  
9 And 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.

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

**NICENE CREED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ..... **"'Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here"** ..... **[LSB 414]**

**SERMON..... “Listen To Him” .....Mark 9:2-9 by Rev. E. Wade Helmkamp**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people in their various needs. We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You sent Your Son to be our Savior. Bless all who proclaim His true glory in going to the cross as the atonement for our sins. Grant that His light may shine through us here in our congregation, wherever people of faith gather around Word and Sacrament, and through Your servants everywhere in their public and private lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, bless artists and tradespeople, farmers and ranchers, scientists and technicians; use the gifts You have given them to open our eyes to understand Your good creation and share its blessings. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Loving Lord, hear the spoken and silent prayers of those unknown to us—the lonely and forgotten in society, those in broken homes, and all who need nurture, justice, and dignity. Answer them according to Your gracious will. Likewise, we pray for those near and dear to us, [*especially* . . .]. Use us to surround them with Your love, that they may know Your presence to heal and comfort. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, use the Word we have heard and the Sacrament we shall receive to strengthen the faith the Spirit has graciously placed within us. Grant us to celebrate the feast, even as we place all these petitions before You, knowing that Your answers are better than our prayers. Receive them all for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**      *1 John 1:8–9*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we often forget Your gracious presence and guiding. We are by nature sinful and unclean and, relying on ourselves, have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. By action and inaction, thoughtless words, and failure to profess the faith within us, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For Jesus' sake, forgive us, open our eyes to Your presence with us each day and especially as we gather to receive His body and blood, and lead us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy sent His Son, who revealed the true nature of His glory by dying for us and rising to give us new life. 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.  
People: **Amen.**

**+ SACRAMENT +**

***PREFACE***

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

***PROPER PREFACE***

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting 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 and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life



everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** ..... (p. 195 in hymnal)

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

**People:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**AGNUS DEI**..... (p. 198 in hymnal)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** ..... "Feed Us Now" [TOSB 89]

- 1. Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal;  
Let us know Your love a-new; We hunger for You.  
Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live with in;  
Let Your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.**

2. **Piece of bread, glass of wine; We receive from You  
Your true body and true blood Your promise we trust.  
Piece of bread, glass of wine; who can understand  
How Your mercy works in these? Yet, Lord, we believe.**
  
3. **Thank You Lord for this gift, such a holy meal.  
Only You can give us life; forgive all our sins.  
Praises be to our God for the blessings here.  
At Your altar Lord we say, "Praise be to our God"**

***"Just As I Am Without One Plea" [LSB 570]***

***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.**

***FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA***

Pastor: Today marks the end of the Epiphany season, and in a few days we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday. It is traditional to mute our joy during Lent by not singing Alleluias. We say our "farewell to Alleluia" as we sing the final hymn.

***HYMN..... "Praise The Almighty"..... [LSB 797]***

***SILENT PRAYER***

***GREETING OF PEACE***

***POSTLUDE***

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