

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

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Christ's blessings to all! **To our visitors**, we rejoice to have you gathered together with us in our Lord's House this day & look forward to having you with us again. If you are searching for a Church home, **please introduce yourself to Pastor** afterwards, or indicate such together **with your contact information** in the red 'Fellowship Booklets' located in each pew.

**(Bold – Congregation speaks**  
**Bold Italic – Congregation sings or chants**  
**Hymns in folder)**

### **The Order of Service without Holy Communion**

**Prelude:**

**Hymn –#550, v. 1, 2, 8, 9**

*"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"*

**Invocation:**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

***Amen.***

**Confession of Sins and Pronouncement of Grace:**

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 Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.***

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

***Amen.***

**Introit:** *Ps. 99:1–5; antiphon: Ps. 99:9*

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy!

**The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!**

**He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.

**Let them praise your great and awesome name!**

**Holy is he!**

The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!**

**Holy is he!**

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy!

**Gloria Patri:**

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen***

**The Kyrie:**

***Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.***

**The Gloria in Excelsis:**

***Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.***

***O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.***

***Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.***

***For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

**The Salutation:**

The Lord be with you.

***And with thy spirit.***

Let us pray:

**The Collect for The Day:**

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.***

**+ The Catechism Review – The Ten Commandments**

*What is the Seventh Commandment?*

**You shall not steal.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.**

*What is the Eighth Commandment?*

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.**

### **The Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1–12**

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." <sup>10</sup>And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." <sup>11</sup>And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

## **The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12–13; 4:1–6**

<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>4:1</sup>Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>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.

## **The Triple Hallelujah:**

***Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

## **The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-9**

### ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord!***

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

<sup>9</sup>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.

### ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ!***

## **The 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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose**

again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Sermon Hymn – #135**

“Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”

### **Sermon – “God’s Glory in the Face of Christ”**

#### **2 Corinthians 4:6**

- I. We are illumed in the knowledge of the glory of God by the apostolic word.
- II. We see God’s brightness and saving grace in the face of Christ.
- III. We respond to this illumination in faith, with lives conformed to Christ and full of hope.

### **The Offertory (*stand*)**

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.***

### **Presentation of the Offerings**

**Vocal Solo:** “O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”

### **The Prayer of The Church**

#### **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.**

### **Hymn – #352**

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

### **The Collect for The Word / The Church (*stand*)**

***Amen.***

## **The Benediction**

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

***Amen, Amen, Amen.***

## **Hymn - #657**

“Beautiful Savior”

## **Silent Prayer & Postlude**

**+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +**

## **DAILY READINGS**

February 14: Job 10:1–22; John 5:1–18; 15: Job 11:1–20; John 5:19–29; 16: Job 12:1–6, 12–25; John 5:30–47; 17: Job 13:1–12; John 6:1–21; 18: Job 13:13–28; John 6:22–40; 19: Job 14:1–22; John 6:41–59; 20: Job 15:1–23, 30–35; John 6:60–71.

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