



Transfiguration *of Our Lord*

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church

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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

Come to the Mountain

Jesus took Peter, James, and John
up to the mountain to be alone.
While they were watching Jesus was changed;
and they saw Moses face to face.

Refrain:

**Come to the mountain to see the light.
Come to the mountain to hear God's word.
Go to the valley, it is your home.
Go to the valley to serve the Lord.**

"This is my Son!" said a voice from the cloud.
"Listen to him and do what he says!"
Soon as it came that vision was gone,
and they saw Jesus standing alone.

Refrain

We will be changed like Jesus our Lord,
and live with him in heaven above.
But while we live on this earthly home,
our work as servants never is done.

Refrain

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Let us turn to God, who knows us fully and loves us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: you call us to live together in love, yet too often we put ourselves first. We ignore the needs of our neighbors.

We choose convenience over compassion. We speak words that sound right, but our lives do not always reflect your way.

Turn our hearts back to you. Shape us with the heart and mind of Christ, so that we may seek justice, show mercy, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

P: Hear the good news:

What once held us back no longer defines us. God is doing something new.

In Christ, you are wrapped in grace, your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name.

The Spirit strengthens you to live for others and fills you with peace.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.



GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John 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 bright as light. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

SERMON

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**ALL: We believe in God,
the source of all that is, creator of heaven and earth,
the light from which all life begins.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Lord,
the Word made flesh, revealed to the world by the Spirit's power,
born into human life,
walking our roads, sharing our pain,
entering even the depths of death with us.**

**Yet on the third day,
he rose to new life.**

**He was lifted into glory and reigns with God,
and he will come to bring truth, justice, and healing to all creation.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God's living presence among us,
opening our eyes, stirring our hearts, and guiding us into truth.**

**We believe the Spirit forms the church,
called from many places and peoples,
the communion of saints;
offering forgiveness that sets us free,
new life that does not end,
and resurrection hope
that shines even in the darkest places.**

This is our faith.

This is the light we follow.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer

SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

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

C: And also with you!

P: As God has reconciled us to himself in Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, let us share a sign of God's Peace with those around us...

(a peace sign, a wave, or a fist bump are good alternatives to a handshake)



OFFERING SONG

Be Still

Be still for the presence of the Lord; The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now, with reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found, we stand on Holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord; The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around
He burns with Holy fire, with splendor he is crowned
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light
Be still for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of majesty,

C: no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: As we gather to celebrate this holy meal, we remember Jesus said...

All: I am the bread of life, anyone who eats this bread will never be hungry.

P: Jesus said, "those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty."

All: It will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread and drinks of this cup proclaims the Lord's death until he comes again. **All: Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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**

THE DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of
your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

I Will Be With You Always

I will be with you always;
Even until the close of the age,
To give you power and give you peace,
To give you comfort all of your days.
I will be with you always!
I will be with you always!
I will be with you/through all of your days.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



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**We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church.
We are..."creating and nurturing life changing relationships
based on the love of God in Jesus Christ,
so that we may grow in faith, serve God,
and serve our neighbor."**

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Church Office Hours: M-T-W 9am—3 pm
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Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 pm
Confirmation Class: Sunday 8:30 am
Adult Sunday School: Sunday 8:30 AM
Sunday School: Ages 3 thru 5th grade 9-9:30 AM
Traditional Worship: Sunday 9:45 am

Welcome!

St. John practices "open communion". All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us today. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, the Pastor will distribute the bread and the communion assistant will serve the wine. We will also have pre-sealed elements available for those who would prefer the more hygienic option (or those who wish to receive grape juice instead of wine). Indicate to the Pastor that you would like pre-sealed elements and skip the wine server. Those who wish to receive a blessing should indicate their wishes to the Pastor by crossing their arms over their chest.