

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

The Last Sunday after Epiphany

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St. John's Lutheran Church is a parish of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (lcms.org), where God's people gather to receive the gifts of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament. Welcome in the name of the Lord!

We are blessed to have a vibrant and growing parochial school, St. John's Lutheran School (Preschool & K-9), serving the families of the church and the Mattoon community with a Christ-centered education. For more information, visit stjls-mattoon.com, or contact the school office at 217-234-4911.

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GUESTS, we pray you are comforted by the Gospel and feel welcome among us. We invite you to introduce yourselves.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME in the Divine Service. Restrooms and a cry room/nursery are located in the narthex.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE with all page numbers for the hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, is found in this bulletin, as well as each week's Propers*. The end of the bulletin contains St. John's weekly news and announcements. The large-print bulletins also contain the hymns and liturgy for the convenience of those who may need it.

**The Propers are the Psalm verses (Introit and Gradual) and Readings that are appointed for (or "proper to") the particular Sunday in the Church Year.*

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Divine Service, Setting One,
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Prelude

Announcements

Stand and face the processional crucifix.

Opening Hymn: 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here 414

Confession and Absolutionpage 151

Introit (sung by the choir)

Psalm 84:1-2a; antiphon: Ps. 77:18b

*The lightnings lightened the world:
the earth trembled and shook.*

*How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.*

*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 lightnings lightened the world:
the earth trembled and shook.*

Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis.....pages 152-153

Salutation and Collect of the Daypage 156



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:29–35

²⁹When 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. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴Whenever 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, ³⁵the 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (sung by the choir)

Psalm 102:15–16

*Thou art fairer than the children of men:
grace is poured into thy lips.*

*The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand:
until I make thine enemies thy footstool. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day:
Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. Alleluia!*

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, 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 white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to

him.” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair 413

Choir sings stanza 3.

Sermon

Stand

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Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Please take this time to fill out the red record of fellowship at the end of the pew.

Choir: THE ALLELUIATIC SEQUENCE

The strain upraise of joy and praise, Alleluia! To the glory of their King shall the ransomed people sing. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And the choirs that dwell on high shall re-echo through the sky, Alleluia, Alleluia!

They through the fields of Paradise that roam, the blessed ones, repeat through that bright home, Alleluia, alleluia!

To God, who all creation made, the frequent hymn be duly paid, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*This is the strain, the eternal strain, the Lord of all things
loves: Alleluia! This is the song, the heavenly song, that Christ
Himself approves, Alleluia!*

*Wherefore we sing, both heart and voice awaking, Alleluia!
And children's voices echo, answer making, Alleluia!*

*Now from all men be out-poured Alleluia to the Lord; with
Alleluia evermore the Son and Spirit we adore.*

*Praise be done to the Three in One. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Amen.*

*Medieval text by Notker Balbulus, 912
Musical setting by A. H. Drkye Troyte, 1857*

Stand

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✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Our Teaching on the Sacrament of Holy Communion: Attending communion at our altar indicates agreement with the doctrine and teachings of Scripture that our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod confesses. Therefore, only confirmed members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod should come forward without first speaking to the pastor and being instructed. Thank you.

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Postlude



Farewell to the Alleluia: Next Sunday is *Septuagesima* (meaning “70 days,” as it is roughly that many days before Easter) and begins the short, three-Sunday season that bridges the gap between Epiphany and Lent. During Septuagesima or “Pre-Lent,” the singing of “Alleluias” are omitted as we turn our attention to the Passion of our Lord. Thus, there is a long history in the Church of bidding farewell, as it were, to the Alleluia, since we won’t sing it again until Easter. That’s the reason for the medieval sequence sung during the Offering today (note the number of Alleluias), and that’s what our Closing Hymn, *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*, is all about. The text of the hymn, from the 11th century, reminds us that—like the Israelites in exile who hung up their harps and could no longer sing their glad song when taken into Babylon (Ps. 137)—so do we “for a while forego” singing our glad Alleluias. “For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow” (st. 3).

The Transfiguration of Our Lord ~ Jesus Manifests His Glory

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush (Ex. 3:1–14). Later Moses’ face would shine with the light of God’s glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:29–35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself (Matt. 17:1–9). Jesus’ glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:16–21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshowed our adoption as sons (Collect). We who have been baptized into Christ’s body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

~ LCMS Lectionary Summaries

01/21/24
Transfiguration

01/28/24
Septuagesima

Celebrant	Rev. Andrew Herzberg	Rev. Andrew Herzberg
Organist	Peter Eckardt	Peter Eckardt
Head Elder	Kurt Rankin	Kurt Rankin
Asst. Elder	Tom Roth	Tom Roth
Altar Guild	Terese Miller & Kim Ervin	Terese Miller & Kim Ervin
Acolytes	Nicholas Martin & Mabrey VanHoven	Sam Harris & Gunner Bartels
Ushers	William Smith & Bryce Becker	William Smith & Bryce Becker
Crucifer	Liz Herzberg	

Altar Flowers are given by Don & Frances Bareither in celebration of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary.

Those in Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery

Our Members: Norma Schussler, Dennis Johnson, Marge Anderson, Don Bareither, Connie Elder, Rich & Clara Woelber, and Kay Pointon

Those Shut In: Pat Smith, Bob Zschau, Herman Janssen, Shirley Kolbus, Lorene Reinhart, Alvin Schagemann, Art Zuhone, Dorothy Roling, Marlene Zuhone, and Sara Doehring

Friends of our Congregation: Douglas Blume, Jeff Ferree, Megan Gilbert, Charles Stodden, Bianca Stodden, Jim Duey, Larry & Bebe Griffith, Susan Sochowski, Chris Greer, Brooklyn Dotson, Terri Fry, Connie McNeilius, Rick Ivester, John Bell, Gary Willenborg, Jessie Spence, Lee Pygott, Lily Ames, Derick Shy, Linda Scheer, Larae Sharp, Dave Jones, Addison Orris, Clint Wilson, and Raelle Jackson

Church Announcements

We will be hosting our **Archery Tournament** and we need your help! We are currently seeking volunteers for various jobs during the event on Saturday February 17th. Volunteers can contact Larry Miller (217-259-3452) or Jamie Jones (217-827-4615). Responsible and mature middle school/high school students can assist, and we are also looking for college students and adults. The fundraising committee was expected to pay \$30,000 to the school's annual budget. That payment was made last week.

Hymn of the Month: Extra handouts of the January Hymn of the Month are on the ledge outside the church office. Take as many as you like to use at home, give to a friend or shut-in, etc.!

Midweek Lenten Meals: Please let the church office know if you or your organization would like to sign up to host one of our Lenten meals this year. Below are the dates needed:

February 21 & 28

March 6, 13, 20, 28 (Maundy Thursday)

Building Update: We have made two payments (we have a payment due at the beginning of each month based on the work that has been completed) for a total of \$1,656,062. The December payment was for prep work, steel building, civil engineering, land surveying, etc. The January payment covered all of the excavation, foundation, underground water storage area, concrete pad, underground plumbing and electrical. The total contract with Drake Homes is for \$6,793,000, so we still have \$5,137,000 left to pay. We will have additional costs for furnishings, putting the playground back together, etc., but we still expect to be below \$7 million. We still have almost \$1.7 million in the bank which will cover the February payment and part or all of the March payment. We predict that we will first have to take money from our loan in March or April. We have almost \$1.5 million in outstanding pledges. We continue to make decisions for the interior decor. Recently the Building Committee selected colors for the doors, cabinetry and countertops. The metal structure is to be delivered on Feb. 9 and work to put up the building will begin as soon as it is delivered.

CID LLL District Convention: (Energizing Mission) Highlights include, speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler, speaker of the Lutheran Hour. Join on March 9, 2024 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont, IL. Registration forms are available outside of the office.

Car raffle tickets are on sale NOW until the auction, **March 16**. They are \$100 each and available in the church or school offices. The 2024 Nissan Versa will be displayed on Charleston Avenue soon, so spread the word.

Auction reservations will begin Tomorrow, **January 22**. Please watch the bulletin, weekly email, and Facebook for the link to register.

Auction items and sponsorships: If you'd like to donate an item or service or would like to become an event sponsor, please contact Chantel Thompson.

Congratulations to the Ferree family. Jackson Lee, great grandson of Norma and grandson of Benji, was born Thursday, January 18. Jackson's proud parents Emily and Aaron Hille along with big sister, Sophie, all are doing well,

Save the date for a fundraising day at Jersey Mike's on **Thursday, February 1**. Dine any time that day and 20% will be returned to St. John's Lutheran School.

The St. John's Service Team will be selling baked goods, donuts, keychains, bracelets, and other items at the following home sports games and at church on Sunday mornings. All proceeds will go to the Jackson family to help with medical bills and other expenses they may have during Raelle's leukemia treatments in St. Louis. If you would like to make something, please contact Kallie Harris or Meghan Hagen and let them know what you will be bringing and for what date. Thank you!

Sporting Events: January 11th and 16th - February 1st, 8th, and 12th

Sundays at Church: January 14th, 21st, and 28th - February 4th

We thank Pastor and everyone for all their prayers, cards, and calls before and after Dan's heart surgery. We are truly blessed to have such a loving church family. Don & Frances Bareither

Attendance Last Sunday: 148

Sunday School Attendance:

Adults: 35

Children: 28

Giving Numbers:

Budgeted: \$247,049

Received: \$248,733

Stewardship Thought: Matthew 17:7 – "But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.'" When Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity, for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

Schedule for January 21 – January 28

Sun	9:00 am Divine Service (<i>Transfiguration</i>) 10:20 – 11:20 am Adult Bible Study/Sunday School
Mon	8:00 am Laborers of Love 5:30 pm School Board Meeting
Tue	6:30 am Men's Bible Study at Honey Bee Café 3:30 – 4:15 pm Youth Choir
Wed	8:30 am Chapel 6:00 – 7:30 pm Confirmation Class 7:00 – 8:30 pm Adult Choir
Thurs	10:00 am Bible Class 7:00 pm Men's Study in Windsor
Sat	2:00 – 6:00 pm Stortzum Gym
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