



St. John's Lutheran Church

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- Large print service folders and assisted listening devices are available from an usher.
- Children's service folders and worship notes are available in the round tract rack in the entry area.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or available online at www.sjtosa.org/Connect). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.
- Please join us for Bible study at 9:15 a.m.
*Christ Will Be of No Advantage to You:
Paul's Case Against Salvation by Law in Galatians*
(Fellowship Hall, lower level of church)
A staffed nursery is available during Bible study

Transfiguration⁺

February 26 & 27, 2022

Glory Uncovered: When It Is Most Hidden, It Is Most on Display.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

This Brightness, Lord! What Shall I Say

Christian Worship 392

In the name of the Father and of the ⁺ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Transfiguration Gathering Rite

God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night."

Genesis 1:3-5

God made two great lights – the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness.

Genesis 1:16, 17

You are my lamp, O LORD, the LORD turns my darkness into light

2 Samuel 22:29

+ **Transfiguration:** On the Roman calendar, the *Transfiguration of our Lord* occurs on August 6. The Lutheran reformers, however, moved the observation of Transfiguration to the end of the Epiphany season. During Epiphany, we focus on how Jesus showed himself to be the Son of God and the Savior of the world through word and deed. Transfiguration reveals a glimpse of Jesus in all his divine glory and offers a preview of Easter morning. Therefore, it is particularly appropriate to celebrate Transfiguration on the last Sunday after Epiphany, before the Church descends into the shadowy valley of Lent. As with other festival Sundays throughout the church year, the color for Transfiguration is white, again because Jesus was revealed as true God at the Transfiguration.

**(sung) Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

We look for light, but all is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows. For these and all our other sins, let us approach God with a true heart and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

The LORD keeps our lamps burning and turns our darkness into light. Hear this word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**(sung) Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation, breathed thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

"I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." *John 12:46*

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:6*

**(sung) Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats to shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!**

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Exodus 34:29–35

God revealed his glory to Moses face-to-face on Mount Sinai.

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 2 (see pg. 13)

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:7–18

God reveals his glory to us through the words of the new covenant.

Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:7

Alleluia, alleluia.

A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud:

"This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 9:28–36

Jesus revealed his glory to the disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration.

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem (Sunday)

Adult Choir

We Saw His Glory
by Erhard Mauersberger

We saw his glory, the glory of the only begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, thou the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o’er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

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Hymn of the Day

Sunday: congregation sts 1 & 5; choir sts 2, 3 & 4

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain
Christian Worship 390

Sermon

The Transfiguration: A Defining Moment

Luke 9:28–36

Please stand

Apostles’ Creed

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.**

Prayer of the Church

God of glory, as you once revealed yourself to Moses, face to face, so you have shown yourself to the world in the glory of your Son.

Help us by your Spirit to know him by faith, to love him with all our heart, and to serve him with all of our being.

God of glory, your disciples once saw Moses and Elijah point to Jesus as the fulfillment of the covenant of Sinai and all the prophets' words.

Reveal yourself to us now in your Scriptures that we may behold him whose suffering and death give life to the whole world.

God of glory, you once showed forth your kingdom to the nations. Show forth today the glory of your saving love to all the world.

Grant to all people the certainty of justice, the gift of freedom, and the blessing of eternal peace.

God of glory, your Son came to reveal your kingdom through words and works of mercy. Give to the sick your healing, to the suffering your help, to the grieving your comfort, and to the dying your peace.

Support all who call on you in the day of trouble with the knowledge of your saving will and the certainty of your steadfast love.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

God of glory, you once took your disciples to a mountain to show forth your glory but then led them back down to the plain.

Though we have seen your glory in this place, be with us as we must too go down to the plains and valleys where we live and serve you to the glory of your name. Amen.

Be seated

Offering

Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. To submit your offering electronically or to fill out an online Connection Card, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/offering.



Hymn

Down from the Mount of Glory
Christian Worship 388

Please stand

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Farewell to Alleluia

Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day, we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means "praise the Lord." With our closing hymn, we will say farewell to alleluia for a time. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The alleluias will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

Farewell to Alleluia



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing—hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
pure ac - cord, With Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty— As we look to your blest Eas - ter,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; Saints a - dorned in
jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, And with all his
make us for a while fore - go. For the sol - emn
here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, When we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.
faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

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Announcements

Postlude

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Serving at Worship

Preacher

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Presiding Minister

Pastor Kyle Bitter

Musicians

Eric Sipe, organ (Saturday)
Lynn Kozlowski, organ (Sunday)
Becky Rehborg, clarinet

Adult Choir Director

Adam Sipe

Worship Notes

- The flowers are placed by the Todor family in celebration of Zachary's 18th birthday.

In Our Prayers

- Marlie Campbell and Dillon Forester, who will be united in marriage on Saturday, March 5, at St. John's.
- Sue Pappalardo, who entered hospice care last weekend.
- Kevin Travis, hospitalized in the neurology ICU at St. Luke's.
- Michelle Rhyner, scheduled for surgery this Monday.

Psalm 2

Refrain



Tone

Musical notation for the Tone, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notation shows chords and intervals for both hands.

Why do the / nations rage?

Why do the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers assemble a- / gainst the LORD
and against his A- / noointed One. *Refrain*

He who sits in / heaven laughs;

the Lord / scoffs at them.

Then he addresses them in his anger and frightens them with his fury, / saying,
“I have set my King on Zion, my / holy hill.” *Refrain*

I will declare the / LORD’s decree:

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- / gotten you.”

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the / Holy Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Lent Worship Opportunities

Midweek Lent services are held on Wednesdays at 3:30 (broadcast online) and 6:45 p.m.

March 2: Ash Wednesday

3:30 & 6:45 p.m. worship with Holy Communion

March 9: Midweek Lent 2

“Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You”

Pastor Kyle Bitter

March 16: Midweek Lent 3

“They Bound Him”

Pastor Joel Leyrer

March 23: Midweek Lent 4

What to Remember When You Are Seized
with Remorse

Pastor Ben Wessel

March 30: Midweek Lent 5

The Semblence of Legality

Pastor Tom Kneser

April 6: Midweek Lent 6

A Part for the Whole

Pastor Mark Aufdemberg

April 14: Maundy Thursday

3:30 & 6:45 p.m. worship with Holy Communion

April 15: Good Friday

1:00 p.m. worship with Holy Communion

6:45 p.m. Tenebrae worship

April 17: Easter Sunday

6:00 a.m. sunrise worship

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. festival worship



Sunday Bible Study

A new Sunday morning Bible study begins **today** at 9:15 a.m.

Christ Will Be of No Advantage to You:

Paul's Case Against Salvation by Law in Galatians

Taught by Rev. Dr. Wade Johnston (Wisconsin Lutheran College)

In this course, we will explore one of the earliest challenges that sprang up among the congregations founded by the Apostle Paul. While the law of God is good and wise, it cannot deliver salvation. No law can do that. Salvation is a gift. Nevertheless, some insisted that Christians must still observe certain Old Testament ceremonial laws in order to be righteous. In response, Paul warned that Christ would be of no advantage to those who did so. Together we will explore why, using Paul's Letter to the Galatians as our guide.

Readings for the Week of Transfiguration

M	Job 31:1-12, 33-40	John 9:24-41
T	Job 33:1-18	John 10:22-42
W	Ash Wednesday	
R	Genesis 1:20-2:3	Mark 1:14-28
F	Genesis 2:4-25	Mark 1:29-45
S	Genesis 3:1-24	Mark 2:1-17

The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

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Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship in Chinese

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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