

## St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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**February 23, 2020**

### The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Hayes, and we hope to see you again soon.

Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

### Liturgy – Divine Service Setting Three (Page 184)

**Opening Hymn:** 813 "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"  
**Hymn of the Day:** 413 "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"  
**Distribution Hymn:** 537 "Beautiful Savior"  
**Distribution Hymn:** 414 "'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"  
**Distribution Hymn:** 622 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"  
**Closing Hymn:** 417 "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at [pastor.hayes@outlook.com](mailto:pastor.hayes@outlook.com).  
Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

**Robbie Oelschlager – chronic pain**

**Kelly & Quinn Rhoades**

**Acolyte this Sunday & Ash Wednesday** - Camryn Beikmann

**Acolyte next Sunday** - Dylan Ohlde

**Ushers this Sunday & Ash Wednesday** - \*Alec Tiemeyer, Lance Gerleve, Tyler Ohlde, & Aaron Stuenkel

**Ushers next Sunday** - \*Trey Voelker, John Bott, Brady Kolle, & Cody Ohlde

**LYF Fellowship Hour today & March 1st** - Eli & Ella Thalmann

**LYF Fellowship Hour March 8th & 15th** - Liz Bott & Ashley Gerleve

### Upcoming Events

#### February 23

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School  
2:00 p.m. LWML Prayer Service at St. John

#### February 26

5:30 p.m. Midweek at St. John  
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service at St. John

#### March 1

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School  
2:00 p.m. Linn Lutheran Musical at LHS

#### March 4

2:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service at Zion  
5:30 p.m. Midweek at St. John  
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service at Zion

### Announcements

- \* St. John will host the LWML Prayer Service **today, February 23rd**, at 2:00 p.m. Fellowship will follow in the parish hall.
- \* Good Shepherd Lutheran School PTL is sponsoring a soup dinner **today** from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at their school in Marysville; there will be a free-will offering.
- \* **Adult Instruction Class:** An introductory meeting of adult instruction leading to communicant membership will be held **Monday, February 24th**, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome. Both prospective new members and long-time members are encouraged to attend as we "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).
- \* St. Paul Lutheran in Clay Center will be hosting a Spaghetti Supper to benefit their preschool on **Thursday, February 27th**, from 5:00-7:00 pm. A free-will donation is appreciated. A drawing will be held after the dinner; details available there. Join us!
- \* Linn Lutheran Preschool is now accepting pre-enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. Enrollment is first open to the existing preschool students and congregational members until **March 15th**. After that, enrollment will be open to the community.
  - \* 3 & 4-year-old preschool is Tues. & Thurs. 8:15-11:15 a.m. and is \$70/month.
  - \* 4 & 5-year-old preschool is Mon., Wed., & Fri. 8:15-11:15 and is \$90/month.
  - \* Contact the school at (785) 348-5792 to reserve your child's spot.
- \* Linn Lutheran students will present the musical, "A Not So Terrible Parable," Sunday, **March 1st** at the Linn High School Auditorium. The preschool will be sharing some songs, as well. Refreshments will be served following the musical.
- \* Lutheran Schools Week will be celebrated at Linn Lutheran March 2nd-6th. As a thank you to our supporting congregations, we would like to invite you to chapel on **Wednesday, March 4th**. Chapel begins at 8:30 a.m. at Zion. Following chapel, we will have refreshments downstairs at Zion. Please help us plan by calling your RSVP into the school office (348-5792) by **Tuesday, February 25th**.
- \* Upcoming Linn Lutheran Association meetings at Zion, both held at 2:00 p.m.:
  - \* **March 8** - discussion of different options and costs of a building addition.
  - \* **March 22** - voting on which addition the association wants to do.
  - \* All association members are encouraged to attend.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His Table those who trust His words, repent all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily, according to Holy Scripture, do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain from communing with us until such a time as they are properly instructed.

A short, more detailed explanation of our Confessional practice is available from our Ushers or Elders. If you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of the Altar and our confessional position, I would be happy to visit with you.

*-Rev. Joshua Hayes, Pastor, St. John Ev. Lutheran Church*

In preparation for Holy Communion, you may use the following statements as part of your self-examination

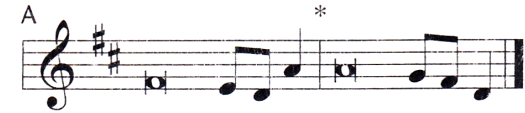
- ☐ I admit that I am a sinner. (1 John 1:8-10)
- ☐ I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, from Satan and death. (Acts 4:10-12, John 14:6)
- ☐ I desire to live as God wants me to. (John 14:15, 1 John 2:6)
- ☐ I am sure of my eternal salvation because Jesus died for me and rose again. (John 3:16, Romans 8:14 & 1 John 5:11-12)
- ☐ I believe the Risen Christ is really present in Holy Communion and that with the bread and wine I receive His Body and Blood. (Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 4:22-24, 1 Cor. 10:16, 22:23ff, Luke 22:17-20)
- ☐ I forgive those who have wronged me.

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This week on KFUO.org, hear Ash Wednesday worship service from Peace Lutheran Barracksview on 2/26 at 11:00 a.m. CT, begin studying the book of Zechariah on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear comforting Gospel words on Moments of Assurance (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org.

\* Flint Hills Lutherans for Life is hosting an event at Mt. Calvary Luth. Church in Wamego on **March 1st**; Lutherans for Life Exec. Director Rev. Michael Salemink is presenting "Speaking the Truth in Love; Engaging Abortion Advocates' Arguments and Objections." All are welcome, and jr. high through college-age youth are especially encouraged to attend. Details are posted on the hallway bulletin board.

## Introit



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!\***

**Ho- | ly 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!\***

**Ho- | ly is he!**

**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.**

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;\*  
for the Lord our God is | holy!

## Collect for the Transfiguration of Our Lord

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.

## *As We Gather...*

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.

## Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24:8-18

<sup>8</sup> And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup> and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup> And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup> So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> 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 people of Israel. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

## Epistle Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup> For 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. <sup>17</sup> For 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,” <sup>18</sup> we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> And 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, <sup>20</sup> knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup> After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup> And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> And 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.” <sup>5</sup> He 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.” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup> And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup> And 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.”

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## From Martin Luther’s 1528 Confession of Faith

But the indulgence which the Papal Church has and gives is a blasphemous delusion; not only because it invents and sets up a special forgiveness at the side of the general forgiveness of the Gospel and Sacrament as bestowed throughout the Church, and thus dishonors and destroys the general forgiveness, but also because it places and bases the satisfaction for sins upon human works and the merit of saints, notwithstanding that Christ alone can render and has rendered satisfaction for us.

Since the Scriptures say nothing about it, I hold that it is no sin in the exercise of devotion to pray for the dead somewhat like this: Dear Lord, if the condition of the soul is such that help can be afforded, be Thou gracious to it, etc. And when this has been done once or twice, let it suffice; for the vigils and masses for souls, and yearly processions are useless and are the devil's fare.

\* Martin Luther’s 1528 confession of faith is from *The Distinctive Doctrines of the Different Christian Confessions in the Light of the Word of God* by Karl Graul (1814-1864). The 1897 English translation by D. M. Martens is in the public domain. For information on Elements of Religion and other books available from Repristination Press, visit [www.scholia.net](http://www.scholia.net).

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## CATECHETICAL REVIEW

### An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

#### The Eighth Commandment (Cont.)

##### *[God's Gift of a Good Reputation]*

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.

#### 62. What does God require of us in the Eighth Commandment?

A. We should defend our neighbor, that is, we should speak up for and protect our neighbor from false accusations.

209 **Proverbs 31:8-9** - Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

B. We should speak well of our neighbor, that is, we should praise our neighbor's good actions and qualities.

*Bible narratives:* Jonathan spoke well of David (**1 Samuel 19:4**). The people of Capernaum spoke well of the centurion (**Luke 7:4-5**). Jesus spoke well of the woman who anointed Him (**Mark 14:3-9**).

C. We should put the best meaning on everything, that is, we should explain our neighbor's actions in the best possible way.

210 **1 Corinthians 13:7** - [Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

211 **1 Peter 4:8** - Love covers over a multitude of sins.

#### MIDWEEK LENT SCHEDULE - "Lamb of God"

All services will be held at 7:00 p.m.

**Feb. 26 (Ash Wed.)** - St. John

**March 4** - Zion

**March 11** - Immanuel

**March 18** - Bethlehem

**March 25** - St. John

**April 1** - Zion

\*A 2:00 p.m. service at Zion will also be held every Wednesday.

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listen to Him."*



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