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The Sunday of the Transfiguration

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: 395 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

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

Distribution Hymn: 414 "'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

Distribution Hymn: 537 "Beautiful Savior"

Distribution Hymn: 396 "Arise and Shine in Splendor"

Distribution Hymn: 585 "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

Closing Hymn: 582 "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at pastor.hayes@outlook.com.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Raymond Ohlde, Angie Reinert, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde, & Loraine Oldehoeft (our nursing home residents)

Tiffany Snyder (cancer)

Ladonna Hornkohl (cancer)

Robbie Oelschlager (chronic pain)

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Acolyte this Sunday - Daniel Nabors

Acolyte next Sunday - Gretchen Bott

Ushers this Sunday - *Eli Ohlde, Aaron Stuenkel, John Bott, & Andrew Tiemeyer

Ushers next Sunday - *Nathan Ohlde, John Bott, Lance Gerleve, & Elijah Meier

LYF Fellowship Hour duty today & Jan. 31st - Sophia Bott & Claire Beikmann

LYF Fellowship Hour duty Feb. 7th & 14th - Ryan Stuenkel & Elijah Meier

Upcoming Events

January 24

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

January 27

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Midweek & Confirmation

January 31

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
1:00 p.m. LWML Zone Springtime in Winter Event

Announcements

- * Are you sick or otherwise stuck at home? Sermon recordings are available on our website. Congregation members may also request a copy of the service video that week by emailing or calling Pastor. All members should strive to hold simple home devotions around an open Bible.
- * St. John LWML will be hosting the Zone Springtime in Winter event **Sunday, January 31st**, at 1:00. Missionaries Jonathan and Anita Clausing will be sharing their experiences from their time in Tanzania. A business meeting and light lunch will follow. We will be collecting diapers (all sizes) for Swaddling Clothes in Greenleaf. There will be a table in the parish hall, if you would like to donate.
- * At the 1/17/21 LLS Association meeting, it was approved to spend \$53,424.29 from the Endowment Fund by adding an additional 50% to the donations from any association member. Linn Lutheran is now accepting donations for the endowment matching program; please call if you have any questions. As of July 15th, any funds left from this program will be directed toward the additional teacher fund. Thank you for allocating this beneficial resource.
- * The LWML is in the process of updating the Prayer Chain and the list of those willing to participate in the Meals for Moms activity. Meals for Moms provide several meals to families in the congregation who have newborns. If you would like to be ADDED to the prayer chain, please let Deb Ohlde know by text or call at 785-275-2499 or via email at dcohlde@nckcn.com. You can choose to be notified by text, call, email and/or via a closed Facebook group. We are looking for someone who would like to be the contact person for the prayer chain and someone who would be willing to be the backup. If you would like to become involved in the Meals for Moms activity, please talk with Annette Bott. You can also get in touch with Annette if you presently participate and wish to not continue. On behalf of the LWML we would like to thank everyone who helped with the "Meals for Mom's" project this past year.
- * This week on KFUO.org, study Mark 3-4 on Sharper Iron's "The Gospel in Action" with Pastor Timothy Appel and guests (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), study 2 Corinthians 10-12 on Thy Strong Word with host Pastor Brady Finner and guests (**weekdays at 11 a.m.**), and worship with us in **Daily Chapel at 10 a.m.** Find these on demand at kfuo.org or on your podcast app!

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.

MORNING PRAYER

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.



Introit *(Psalm 84:1-2a, 4, 10-11; antiphon: Psalm 77:18b)*

Your lightnings lighted | up the world;*
the earth trem- | bled and shook.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O | Lord of hosts!*

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the Lord.

**Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!**

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than
dwell in the tents of | wickedness.**

**For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and |
honor.***

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

Glorify 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.

Your lightnings lighted | up the world;*
the earth trem- | bled and shook.

Collect for the Sunday of the Transfiguration

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.

* To join the audio broadcast from the parking lot during the service, tune in to FM 107.9. You may also come and listen from the parish hall, if it makes you more comfortable. Pastor can bring Holy Communion to you either way.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at
theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.

Old Testament Reading: *Exodus 34:29-35*

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

³⁴ Whenever 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, ³⁵ the 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.

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

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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," ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ 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*

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

⁹ 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."

As We Gather...

Jesus Is Transfigured and Manifests His Glory

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush (**Exodus 3:1–14**). Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (**Exodus 34:29–35**). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself (**Matthew 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 Peter 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.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism

The Apostles' Creed - The Second Article *(Continued)*

The Savior in the State of Exaltation

149. What do the Scriptures teach about Christ's second coming? *(Cont.)*

D. Before Christ returns, there will be increasing turmoil and distress for the church and the world.

525 **Matthew 24:7** - Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

526 **Matthew 24:22** - If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

527 **1 Timothy 4:1** - The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

Bible narrative: Signs preceding Christ's coming (**Matthew 24**).

E. The return of Christ is a source of hope and joy for the Christian.

528 **Luke 21:28** - When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

529 **Hebrews 9:28** - Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.

530 **Titus 2:13** - We wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

531 **Revelation 22:20** - He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Bible narrative: Encouraging words (**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**).

*"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to Him." - Matthew 17:5*



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