

Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Last Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 am



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Welcome to Saint Nicholas! We're glad you're worshipping with us today. May our time together be a blessing to you. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign the guest register in the Narthex on the podium.

Child care is available during worship for infants and toddlers in our staffed nursery room down the hall. All children ages 5 – 10 are invited to attend Time for Children in the North Wing where they will hear a bible lesson presented through story, song and prayer. Children are dismissed with the adult leaders following the Children's Sermon and return to worship for Holy Communion.

Our worship always includes the sacrament of Holy Communion and all people are welcome to receive. Children are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the pastor.

Introduction

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

GATHERING

Congregation reads bold print

Prelude: I Will Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving

Welcome

Stand

Confession And Forgiveness

I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault;
wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

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Gathering Song: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (Power Point)

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ***And also with you.***

Kyrie *(Power Point)*

Prayer Of The Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Sit

Children's Sermon

Time For Children *(All children ages 5-10 are invited to hear a bible lesson presented through story, song and prayer in the North Wing)*

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from 2 Kings.

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." ⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So

they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” ⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6 *(Please read responsively)*

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²***Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God shines forth in glory.***

³Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴***God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.***

⁵“Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

⁶***The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,
for it is God who is judge.***

Psalm Prayer

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, because Jesus your servant became obedient to death, his sacrifice was greater than all the holocausts of old. Accept the sacrifice of praise we offer you through him, and help us show the effects of it in our lives by striving to do your will, until our whole life becomes adoration in spirit and truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. ✠ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and forever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation: *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* (ELW 512)



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is

my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Stand

Hymn Of The Day: *Shout to the Lord* (Power Point)

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers Of Intercession

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

(A brief silence)

For the ministry of the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for congregations near and far, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray. ***Have mercy, O God.***

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, seas and skies, and creatures seen and unseen, that all may be guided by your Holy Spirit to be stewards of our earth, let us pray. ***Have mercy, O God.***

For firefighters and police officers, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and corporate executives, and leaders of governments, that through their insight and patience, peace and justice prevail throughout the world, let us pray. ***Have mercy, O God.***

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for..... and for those we name before you now. That as Christ was transfigured on the mountaintop, sickness will be turned into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into assurance, let us pray. ***Have mercy, O God.***

For companions who accompany us on our journeys through life, for this community of faith that supports us, and for guidance during difficult times, that we see the glory of God revealed around us, let us pray. ***Have mercy, O God.***

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our days, let us pray. ***Have mercy, O God.***

Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ***Amen.***

Sharing Of The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Sit

Gathering Of Gifts/Setting The Table

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church. If you would like to give electronically here is our QR code and Wi-Fi password: SaintNicholas.



Offertory: Natalie & Rebecca Flanders (Tap Dance)

Stand

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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. ***Amen***

Lord's Prayer

***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.***

Invitation to Communion

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.
Come. Be filled with light and life.

All are welcome to receive the sacrament. Today we commune by intinction. With intinction, the communion participant comes forward, receives a wafer and then dips it into the chalice of wine or grape juice before eating it. We also offer gluten free wafers at communion. Children not yet prepared for Holy Communion are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing from the pastor.

Sit

**Communion Hymns: *Are You Washed in the Blood
Down By the Riverside* (Power Point)**

Remain seated

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in
God's grace. ***Amen.***

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.

You are our dearest treasure.

Go with us now—

today, tomorrow, every day—

that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

Community Life

Please submit your announcements to the office by noon on Tuesdays to be included in the Weekly Announcements.

Stand

Blessing

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Song: *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In* (Power Point)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

SAINT NICHOLAS ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

February 11, 2018



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Liz Starks in honor of Jason's birthday.

Prayer Concerns

Bereavement: Family and Friends of Betty Degan, Brazile Family, Karlin Anderson, George Barkley, Don Boyer, Michael Schwab

Health: Ann Wolfgang, Heidy Ritter, Tommy Green

Long term concerns: Heidi Gault, Avay Jaynes, The Smith/Biello Families, Wanda Morat, Karen Murray, Susan Vilcheck, Garrett Krohnert

Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church has a special Prayer Team committed to intercessory prayer. Your request will always be treated with immediacy, care, and confidentiality. Contact Carol Blatt at tblatt@comcast.net with prayer requests.

If you want your name or someone else's name added to the Prayer Concerns List, please contact the church office. Prayer concerns will be carried for 1 month unless notified otherwise.

This Week's Birthdays

Thursday — Cynthia Flanders **Friday** — Jason Starks

Attendance ~ Feb 4

9:30 am Worship — 124

11:00 am Sunday School — 16

Staff & Leadership

The Rev. Kenneth D. Taylor ~ pastor@saintnicholaslutheran.org

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SAINT NICHOLAS WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, Feb. 11

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Sunday School

12:00 pm Pancake Supper

7:30 pm Another Chance

Monday - Thursday ~ 9:00 am - 3:30 pm Office Hours

Monday, Feb. 12 ~ 6:15 pm Finance Meeting

7:00 pm Council

Tuesday, Feb. 13 ~ 7:00 pm Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts

Wednesday, Feb. 14 ~ 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

8:00 pm Date Night

Thursday, Feb. 15 ~ 6:30 pm Choir Practice

7:00 pm Steps to Serenity

Friday, Feb 16 ~ 6:00 pm Girl Scouts

Sunday, Feb. 18

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Sunday School

1:00 pm Youth Group

7:30 pm Another Chance

Sunday School

Join us for Sunday School at 11:00 AM in the North Wing. Children through grade 5 and middle school meet next door on the lower level.

Adult Bible Study

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for the adult bible study to discuss the Sunday readings & sermon and delve into them for their meanings for our lives.

VOLUNTEERING

Project ECHO

Thank you to Donna Neri, Phyllis Tolzmann, Sarah Bowen, Vicki Soto, Katie Roger, Debbie Bang, Heidi Bishop and Liz Starks for preparing the January meal for Project Echo! If you would like to prepare a portion of the next meal, to be served on **Sunday, February 25th**, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or contact Kathy Dangin (kdangin@live.com). Thanks!

T.P. for P.E.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 4th quarter drive for T.P. for P.E. We donated 239 rolls this time around for a total of 1,243 rolls donated for 2017! The folks at Project Echo are always ecstatic to receive an item that we often take for granted. Saint Nicholas will continue donating toilet paper in 2018. **Our collection dates are March 25, June 24, September 30, and December 30.** Thank you and keep the generosity rolling!

Fellowship Coordinator Needed



A fellowship coordinator is needed to organize Sunday morning fellowship. The responsibilities include recruiting members to bring goodies for fellowship each Sunday morning, and supplying the scheduled list of volunteers to the office administrator to be added to the monthly calendar. Please contact Lauren Wawroski at (862) 221-8552 or lwawroski@comcast.net for more information.

The Food Pantry

During the months of **February and March**, Saint Nicholas will be collecting pork-n-beans, oatmeal/cereal, canned tomatoes(diced or sauce), chili, Manwich Sloppy Joe Sauce, Spaghettios and Nutri-grain bars for the Calvert Churches Community Food Pantry. Thank you for your support!

Lenten Coin Boxes

Lenten coin boxes are available on the table in the Narthex. The proceeds from the Lenten Coin Boxes will benefit Safe Harbor, a local women's shelter. This is a great time for parents to have the opportunity to use the Lenten boxes as a teaching experience of stewardship and engagement with their children.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Photos for the Website and Facebook Page

We are looking to display updated photos of the congregation enjoying God, so if you have any photos from any church activities that you would like to include on the website or Facebook, please send those to Bryan Mullins (mullinsb@calvertnet.k12.md.us). We are especially looking for photos of our emerging musical ministry and all youth activities.

Men's Softball



In 2018, the Saint Nicholas men's softball team will participate in its 25th season in the Calvert County Christian Men's Softball League. All males attending Saint Nicholas who will be at least 15 years old during the season are eligible to play. League doubleheaders are played on Saturday afternoon/evening and Sunday afternoon/evening, once a weekend unless make-ups need to be scheduled. A post-season double-elimination tournament caps the softball season. Opening weekend will be April 21/22. The last regular season weekend will be July 28/29. Doubleheaders are not scheduled for Mother's Day, Memorial Day, or July 4th (June 30/July 1 this year) weekends. The league's All-Star game will be Sunday July 1. The tournament will be Friday/Saturday August 3/4. Doubleheaders will be played at Dunkirk Park, Hallowing Point Park, or Cove Point Park. The All-Star game and the tournament will both be at Hallowing Point Park this year. The softball team sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Sign up to join the team for its 25th anniversary season!! Need more info?? See Tom Blatt or any returning member of the softball team.

Pancake Supper

Bring the whole family and join us for pancakes and fellowship on **Sunday, February 11** after Sunday School in the North Wing. We are serving plain, blueberry, chocolate chip and vegan (dairy free) pancakes and sausage. There will be a free will donation to offset the cost of the food supplies and support our youth group's trip to Houston.



Recital

On **Sunday, February 11th at 3 PM**, Tanya Langlois will be giving a voice recital at the College of Southern Maryland (Prince Frederick Campus) as part of this season's Ward Virts Concert Series. Come and hear music by Jake Heggie, Gustav Mahler, Stephen Sondheim, Erich Korngold, and Ricky Ian Gordon. No tickets or reservations are required. The recital will be held in Multipurpose Room 104 in Building B on the Prince Frederick Campus

Youth Group Fundraiser

The youth group is planning a Date Night for couples to drop off their kids after Ash Wednesday service on **February 14**. Youth will babysit while parents enjoy a night out as another youth fundraiser. Please contact Dave Hickin at gtrocks92@gmail.com with questions.



Lunch Bunch

This month, the Lunch Bunchers will meet at EZ Thai in Prince Frederick on **February 15, 2018**. Please RSVP with Debbie Bang at dbang20736@yahoo.com.

Taste Buds

Celebrate FeBREWary with your Taste Buds! We will be gathering at Jailbreak Brewing (9445 Washington Blvd N, Laurel, MD 20723) on **Saturday, February 24th at 3:00 PM**. Please consider bringing a snack to share. All are welcome to enjoy the fellowship even if you choose to not enjoy the beverages. Visit <https://jailbreakbrewing.com/> or contact Bryan Mullins (mullinsb@calvertnet.k12.md.us) for more information.

Office News

I will be on vacation the week of **February 26**. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Pastor Ken directly at kenneth.taylor@yahoo.com.
Erika Demme - Office Administrator



9:30 AM Worship		
Worship Leaders	February 11	February 18
Assisting Minister	Glenn Wolfgang	Deanna Kekesi
Bread	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Communion Wafers
Altar Care	Christy Mullins Barbara Harris	Carol Blatt Anna Kitzmiller
Acolyte	Jocelyn Dubois	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Altar Flowers	Liz Starks	Lent
Lector	Sharon LeBrun	Joe Sharar
Ushers/Communion Assistant	Dawn & John Hogenson	Debbie Bang Jackie Stein
Offering Counters	Dave Hickin Walt Merz	Colleen Hyland Tom Blatt
Coffee Set-up	Joe Sharar	Anna Kitzmiller
Coffee Clean-up	Debbie Bang	Debbie Bang
Nursery	Alexander Merz Jackie Soto	McKenna Taylor Lauren Wawroski
Fellowship	Dawn Hogenson	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Time for Children	Andre Dangin Katie Roger	Erin McClelland McKenna Taylor
Audio/Video Operator	Bryan Mullins	Sean Demme



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Enjoying God by worshipping joyfully, engaging youth,
experiencing community.*