

# St. John Lutheran Church, ELCA

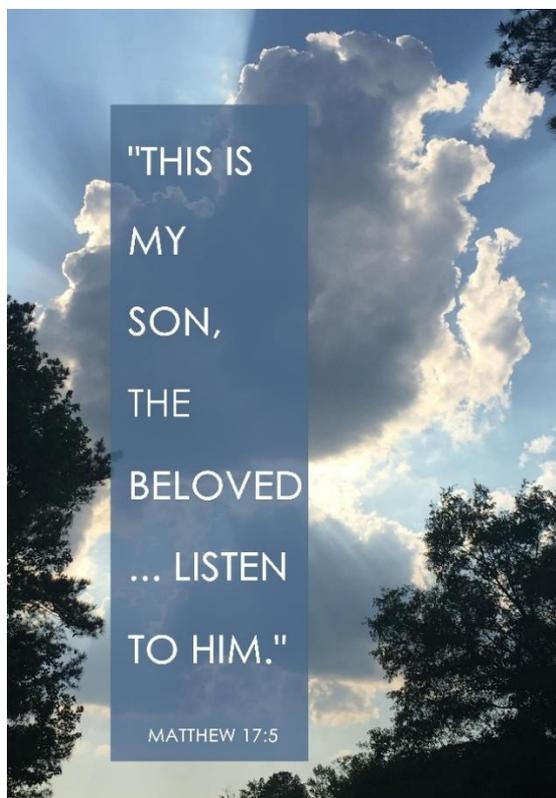
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February 23, 2019

9 AM

Transfiguration Sunday

*Welcome to worship at St. John! Hymns are found in the second half of the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal and are listed with a number sign, for example #504. Please join in the assembly portions of the spoken word, indicated by **bold** print in this worship order. An asterisk (\*) indicates when to stand as you are able.*



## **Gathering Music**

*Please use this time for a moment of quiet reflection before the service begins. If you so choose, a before worship prayer is located on page 72 of the hymnal.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Temple Talk**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters. As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

**God who searches us and knows us, you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.  
**Amen.**

### **\*Gathering Hymn**

#314 Arise, Your Light Has Come!

### **\*Kyrie**

s147

### **\*Canticle of Praise**

s148

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

**O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

# Word

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## First Reading

*Exodus 24:12-18*

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may 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 settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out 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. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 99

*Please join in the refrain where indicated*



<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD, great in Zion,  
is high above all peoples.

<sup>3</sup>Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;  
God is the Holy One.

<sup>4</sup>O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. **Refrain**

<sup>5</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;  
God is the Holy One.

<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who  
call upon your name, O LORD,

they called upon you, and you answered them,

<sup>7</sup>you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

<sup>8</sup>O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

<sup>9</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;

for the LORD our God is the Holy One. **Refrain**

## Second 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 had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

<sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **\*Gospel Acclamation**

S151a

## **\*Gospel**

*Matthew 17:1-9*

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John 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 dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children's Message**

## **Sermon**

## **Hymn of the Day**

#315 How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

## **\*Apostles' Creed**

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## **\*Prayers of Intercession**

The Assembly responds, "Hear our prayer."

## **\*Sharing of the Peace**

### **Offering**

Ain't-a That Good News (African American Spiritual)

*arr. John Leavitt*

*Chancel Choir*

### **\*Offertory Response**

#884 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (v. 1)

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

**God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.**

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

s154, right column

## **Sending**

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### **\*Blessing**

### **\*Sending Song**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

*(Graham Kendrick, setting by Peggy Bettcher)*

*Bells of St. John*

## **\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **\*Sending Music**

*Rev. Ernesto Medina, Transitional Senior Pastor*      *Pat Jeardoe, Maintenance*  
*Rev. Leah Lawson, Associate Pastor*      *Erin Blake, Director of Music/Organist*  
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