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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 Werner, 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 Four (pg. 203)

Opening Hymn: 413 "O Wondrous Type!"

Hymn of the Day: 395 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

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

Distribution Hymn: 537 "Beautiful Savior"

Distribution Hymn: 396 "Arise and Shine in Splendor"

Distribution Hymn: 587 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

Closing Hymn: 411 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Prayer Requests

Please text or call Pastor Werner at (612) 716-4753 to submit prayer requests.

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

Angie Reinert, Loren Bott, JoAnn Ohlde, & Gladys Stone (*nursing home*); **Micah Helms** (*cancer*)

Acolyte today - Lexie Ohlde

Acolyte Feb. 1 - Avery Ohlde

Ushers today - *Elijah Meier, Ethan Bott, Mason Tiemeyer, & Emitt Tiemeyer

Ushers Feb. 1 - *Evan Bott, Daniel Nabors, Kingston Voelker, & Liam Voelker

Fellowship Hour LYF serving today & Feb. 1 - Zac & Sophia Hiltgen

Fellowship Hour LYF serving Feb. 8 & Feb. 15 - Noah Thalmann & Lucious Petesch

- LCMS memory verse challenge: **Leviticus 19:18** - "You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 25**
 - 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal (*new members welcome!*)
 - 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 - 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- Jan. 28**
 - 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
 - 6:00 p.m. Linn Lutheran School Board Meeting at LLS
- Feb. 1**
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Announcements

- **Linn Lutheran School News:**
 - **Wed., Jan. 28** - Pastor Gaschler will lead Chapel at Zion at 8:30am. All are welcome to join us!
 - **Thursday, Jan. 29** - Linn Lutheran WILL HAVE school, but Linn Public does NOT. No buses, so parents will need to drop students off at school & pick them up! Students can be dropped off from 7:45am-8:10am. School ends at 3:35pm. All students will need a sack lunch, as well.
 - **Sun., Feb. 8** - 1st-8th grade Linn Lutheran students will sing at Zion. Please have your children to Zion basement at 9:15am to warm-up. Children will sing and then join parents for the church service.
 - Days off in February for Linn Lutheran:
 - **Monday, Feb. 16**
 - **Thursday, Feb. 26** - 11:30am dismissal-no lunch served
 - **Friday, Feb. 27** - No School- Just Linn Lutheran; Linn Public in session
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church Bremen will be having their annual Pancake Supper on **February 1st**. Serving from 4:30pm - 8:00pm. Freewill Donation.
- **Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) Sunday is on February 1st:** The special offering for Lutheran Hour Sunday supports LHM, which is a trusted resource in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel with people around the world. LHM partners with churches and individuals to carry the Good News of Jesus into more than 60 countries, including places where foreign missionaries cannot enter. Here at home, you can find LHM's flagship broadcast, The Lutheran Hour, on radio stations nationwide, SiriusXM's Family Talk channel, or your favorite streaming provider. LHM invites you to connect with them today and become part of something bigger... Together. One family. Connected in Christ.

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. John Werner, 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. 10:16-17; 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 | uprightly.

**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.**

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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.

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.

Gradual (*Psalms 45:2a, 110:1*)

**You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured upon your lips.
The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."**

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. Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai. At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself. Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word, 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. 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

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CERTAIN PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE FOR VARIOUS HOLY ORDERS AND POSITIONS, ADMONISHING THEM ABOUT THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To Youth

1 Peter 5:5-6

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.

To Widows

1 Timothy 5:5-6

She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.

To Everyone

Romans 13:9

For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

1 Timothy 2:1

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.

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



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