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**February 9, 2025**

**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 (pg. 184)

**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:** 582 "God's Word is Our Great Heritage"

## Prayer Requests

Please email 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.

**Angie Reinert, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, Lorna Heitman, Loren Bott,**

**JoAnn Ohlde, & Marilynne Ohlde (nursing home); Addie Voelker (cancer);**

**Micah Helms (cancer)**

**Acolyte today** - Lexie Ohlde      **Acolyte Sun., Feb. 16th** - Hendrix Stunkel

**Ushers today** - \*Aaron Stuenkel, Conner Ohlde, Aiden Sweet, Greyson Ohlde

**Ushers Feb. 16th** - \*Ryan Stuenkel, Ethan Bott, Zac Hiltgen, & Emitt Tiemeyer

**LYF Fellowship Service today & Feb. 16th** - Noah Thalmann & Camryn Beikmann

**LYF Fellowship Service Feb. 23rd & March 2nd** - Daniel Nabors & Deavon Ohlde

## Upcoming Events

- Feb. 9**                    9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
1:00 p.m. Linn Lutheran School Association Meeting at Zion  
(regarding hiring a 3rd/4th grade teacher)
- Feb. 11**                    9:30 a.m. Divine Service with circuit pastors (all welcome)
- Feb. 12**                    5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
- Feb. 16**                    9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- Feb. 19**                    5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation  
7:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting

## Announcements

- **Sunday, Feb. 23rd**, there will be a congregational meeting for all members immediately after the service to decide on the future of the parsonage.
- Our Call Committee members are as follows: Call Committee Chairman Steve Meier, Head Elder Shane Ohlde, Marlon Walter, Karl Tiemeyer, Danny Hornkohl, Daryl Bott, Dan Thalmann, Brad Ohlde, and Clayton Ohlde.
- Linn Lutheran Preschool returning students, Association member church families (St. John & Zion), and current Linn Lutheran School Families: Your enrollment date is set for **Friday, Feb. 14, 2025**. If you do not fall under the above criteria, your enrollment opening date is set for **Friday, March 14, 2025**. NOTE: To enroll your child, call Linn Lutheran School at 785-348-5792 or stop in the school office starting at 8:00 a.m. to get your child's name on our list. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Laura Stunkel.
- 2025 Linn Lutheran Endowment Fund Matching Program has started and will go until **July 15, 2025** or until all funds are matched. If you would like to donate to the Matching Funds program and have Endowment match your check by 50%, drop your checks off at Linn Lutheran School or mail them. Please make checks payable to "Linn Lutheran School".
- **Linn Lutheran February Events:**
  - **Wednesday, Feb. 12** - 7:15 p.m. - PTL Meeting in Zion's basement
  - **Thursday, Feb. 13** - 11:30 a.m. dismissal; buses run accordingly. Parent/Teacher Conferences from Noon-6:30 p.m.
  - **Sunday, Feb. 16**- Annual PTL Roller Skating Party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Rolla-Rena in Beatrice, NE; \$6.00 per skater. Everyone is welcome!
  - **Monday, Feb. 17**- No School for just Linn Lutheran!!!
  - **Monday, Feb. 17** - 7:00 p.m. - Linn Lutheran School Board Meeting

## 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. 10:16-17; Luke 22:17-20)
- I forgive those who have wronged me.

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### 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.

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### 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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the earth trem- | bled and shook.

### 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.

- LCMS memory verse challenge: **1 John 1:7** - "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

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

<sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

<sup>34</sup> 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, <sup>35</sup> 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 (*Psalm 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*

<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.

## Alleluia Verse (*Psalm 96:2-3*)

**Alleluia.** Sing to the Lord; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!  
**Alleluia.**

## 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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## 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

An Explanation of the Small Catechism  
The Apostles' Creed - The Second Article (Cont.)

### The Savior in the State of Humiliation

#### 131. What do the Scriptures teach about Christ's life, suffering, and death?

They teach that Christ

A. endured poverty, contempt, and persecution in His earthly life;

452 **2 Corinthians 8:9** - Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

453 **Matthew 8:20** - Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nets, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head.

454 **Isaiah 53:3** - He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

455 **John 8:40** - You are determined to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God.

*Bible narratives:* At His birth, Jesus had only strips of cloth and a manger (**Luke 2:7**). Herod tried to murder Him, but He escaped to Egypt (**Matthew 2:13**). In Nazareth, the people tried to throw Him down from the brow of the hill (**Luke 4:29**). In the temple, they picked up stones to stone Him (**John 8:59**).

B. suffered great agony of body and soul under Pontius Pilate;

456 **John 19:1-3** - Pilate took Jesus and had Him flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head. They clothed Him in a purple robe and went up to Him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they struck Him in the face.

*Bible narrative:* The suffering of Christ (**Mark 15:1-20**).

C. died in excruciating agony on the cross.

457 **John 19:16-18** - Finally Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying His own cross, He went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified Him.

458 **Matthew 27:46** - About the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice... "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (He suffered the tortures of the damned in hell.)

459 **John 19:30** - He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

*Bible narrative:* The death of Christ (**Mark 15:21-41**).

#### 132. What do the Scriptures teach about Christ's burial?

They teach that Christ's body was buried in the tomb and remained there until the third day, without decaying in any way.

460 **Acts 13:37** - The one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

*Bible narrative:* The burial of Christ (**Mark 15:42-47**).

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



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