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Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 19, 2023



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

Today’s festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God’s beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today’s liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)

(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)

WELCOME

PRELUDE *The Savior is Waiting/ O Jesus, Thou Art Standing*
Yoon-Mee Chung, violinist
(Arr. Sun Ahn; (c) 1987 SpiritQuest Music)

(Please stand as you are able.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Holy One, source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God’s mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* *ELW 834 (vv. 1, 4)*

(Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.; Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876)

| This week's schedule | | |
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| Today | 9 am | Sunday School & Faith & Fellowship |
| | 9 am | Handbell Choir (Music Room) |
| | 10 am | Live & Online Worship |
| | 11 am | Altar Guild (Smith Building) |
| Mon. | 7 pm | Council Meeting (Smith Building) Presidents Day—office closed |
| Tues. | 6 pm | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Fellowship Hall) |
| Wed. | 9:30 am | Busy Bees (Smith Building) |
| | 12 noon | Ash Wednesday Service |
| | 7 pm | Ash Wednesday Service |
| | 7:30 pm | Adult Choir (Music Room) |
| Thurs. | | |
| Fri. | 11 am | Bible Study (Smith Building) |
| Sat. | | |

| Counting our Blessings | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Sun. | Attendance: 106 | 2022 | |
| 2/12 | Offering: \$4,772 | December Offering Income | \$45,429 |
| | Homebound: 17 | December Other Income | \$53,615 |
| | | December Total Income | \$99,044 |
| | | December Expenses | \$35,860 |
| | | YTD Offering Income | \$273,792 |
| | | YTD Other Income | \$ 79,711 |
| | | YTD Total Income | \$353,503 |
| | | YTD Expenses | \$362,836 |



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Phil Ermer, Claire Miller, Alec Brock, Ruth Skarda, Bill Spink, Bonnie Rogers, Jim Morrow, Mardi Nickel, Kim Townsley, Thomas McDonough, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Lee Hall, Norma Weber, Robin, Alice Ensor, Olivia, Karen Ehrenberg, Michael A., Jeanne Edmunds, Mike Haven, Gail Gangi, Jen Schoenfliess, Doug Adams, Kristin Weger, Joan Murphy, Tim Dunn, Donna Bobloch, and Yung-Mee Rhee

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Linda Fliegel

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

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.

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.**

(The assembly is seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the LORD" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

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." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. 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."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 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. 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. 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.

Why are the nations in an uproar?
 Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?
 "Let us break their yoke," they say;
 "let us cast off their bonds from us."
God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.
 Then in wrath God speaks to them,
 and in rage fills them with terror.
"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."
 Let me announce the decree of the LORD,
 who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.
 You shall crush them with an iron rod
 and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.
 Submit to the LORD with fear,
 and with trembling bow in worship;
lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take refuge in God!

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

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. 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." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

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. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 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.

Wednesday Evenings in Lent

**You are invited to join us for meals and worship during Lent.
 Soup and Salad at 6pm
 Holden Evening Prayer at 7pm**



The theme for these Wednesday services is, Daily Bread.
 During these services we are looking for folks from St. John's to share stories about daily bread. Have you experienced God's grace in a meal? Has God provided you with literal or figurative daily bread?

If so, we'd like to invite you to share a story which we're calling a testimony.
 A testimony is your own story, told in your own voice.
 A testimony might be between 4 and 5 minutes long.
 Would you be willing to share? Let Pastor Amy or Pastor Mathew know by March 1st. Thank you!

| Those Serving Today | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Assisting Minister | JoAnn Weiland |
| Crucifer | Emily R. |
| Acolyte (s) | Simon B., Karli C. |
| Lector | Judy Jasinski |
| Communion Assistant | Judy Jasinski |

Mark your calendar for the Prayer Partner Luncheon after worship on Sunday, April 16th. More information will be coming soon about this program.



Save the Date for our 2023 Vacation Bible School on July 10-14th from 9 am-12:30 pm. We will starting our planning soon. As always, we will need many volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Haacke at haackefamily@comcast.net.

Help Needed for Music Camp....This summer, we hope that our Summer Music Camps will return. Pre-COVID these camps were very well attended, the community response was very positive, and many campers returned the following summer. We tried to restart our programs last summer but the community response was very low. However, the main reason that the camps did not happen is because we did not have the assistance we needed. We are hoping that this summer will be different, but we need your help. IF you know any young (high school or college) person who enjoys and has experience with theater, music, art, arts and crafts, and a love for working with children, PLEASE contact Martha Requard at mrequard1@gmail.com. Our assistants will be working with the campers to help them create their program (July 24-26) or musical (August 7-11). We need to make sure that we have the help before we can advertise our camps.



Venmo is Here! We are happy to announce that you can give your offering using Venmo. Enter @stjohnsparkville in the Venmo App or scan the QR code.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 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.” 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!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

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.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671

(Text and music: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950; Text and music © 1987 Make Way music, admin. Music Services in the Western Hemisphere)

APOSTLES' 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 THE CHURCH

After each petition Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* arr. Cindy Berry
(© 2013 Alfred Music)

*(An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.)
(Please stand as you are able.)*

OFFERING HYMN

We Are So Blessed

*We are so blessed by the gifts from your hand.
I just can't understand why you've loved us so much!
We are so blessed we just can't find a way, or the words that can say,
"Thank you, Lord, for your touch."*

**Refrain: When we're empty you fill us 'til we overflow;
when we're hungry you feed us and cause us to know
we are so blessed, take what we have to bring,
take it all, everything. Lord, we thank you so much!**

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Announcements & Upcoming Event

Next Week— Sunday, January 26th—First Sunday in Lent
† 9 am— **Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship**
† 10 am— **Worship in-person**
and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel at stjohns lutheran church parkville md.



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor and celebration of Diane Handley's birthday by Susan Handley.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: February 26th, March 26th, April 23rd, June 4th, 18th and 25th, July 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th, August 6th, 20th and 27th, September 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, October 1st, 8th, 15th, and 29th. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



Food for Thought Program is in great need of: **Chef Boyardee single serving meals, applesauce pouches, pudding cups and Capri Suns.** We are packing two bags of food for the weekend for 25 children each week, therefore our supply is depleted quickly. Please help if you can!

Would you like to join our new bible study? *The Gospel of Matthew for Everyone.* This group is meeting weekly on **Fridays at 11 am in the Smith Building.** This bible study is great for anyone who is looking for a deeper dive into the Gospel readings we hear during worship. If you have questions or would like to learn more, contact our bible study leader, Ardi Scarborough or speak with one of the Pastors. You're invited!



We are taking orders for Easter Plants in memory and/or in honor of your loved ones. Daffodils, Tulips or Hyacinths - \$10, Lilies - \$15. Order forms are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary, in the weekly email and on our website. **Orders are due by Sunday, February 26th.**

We are looking for readers for the Holden Evening Prayer Service on Wednesday evenings during Lent. If you would like to help, contact Martha Requard at mrequard1@gmail.com.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is this Tuesday, February 21st from 6-8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you plan to attend, please fill out a form and place it in the box outside of the Sanctuary, or in the offering plate, or contact the church office.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

ELW 315

(Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.; Music: W. Mercer, The Church Psalter and Hymn Book, 1854)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *O Thou, in Whose Presence My Soul Takes Delight* Gilbert M. Martin

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OFFERING PRAYER

Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

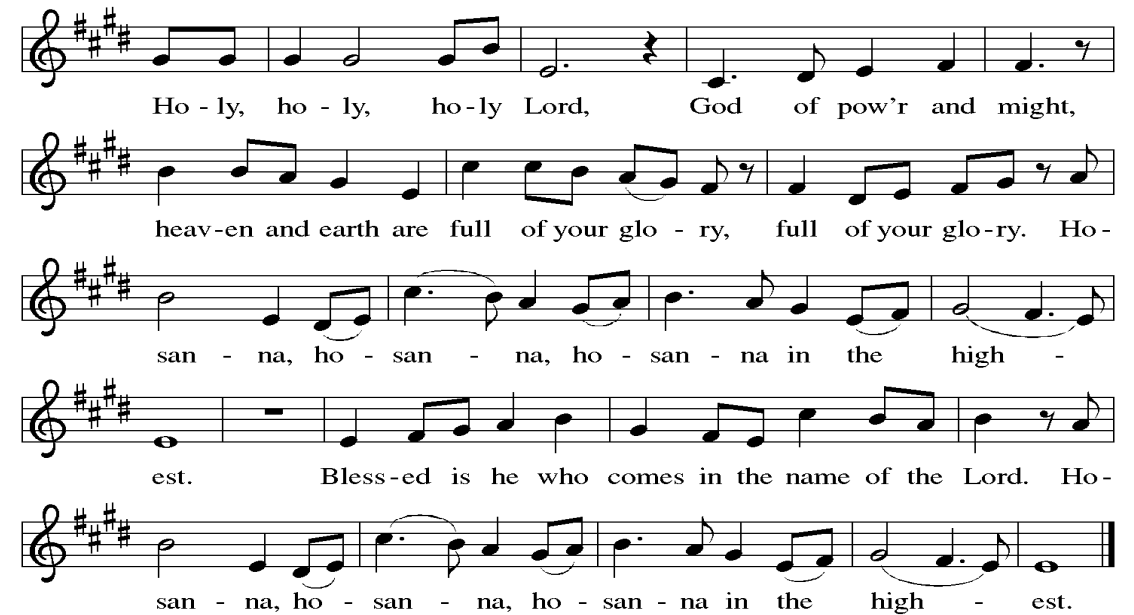
DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.
At this end of the ages
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again
in righteousness and peace.
Send your Spirit on us
and on this bread and wine we share:
strengthen our faith,
increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

(The assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
crossing your arms over your chest.*

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

(Text: Gesangbuch, Munster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904; Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,
we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our
strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS