

First St. John Lutheran Church

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February 27, 2022

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Welcome to First St. John Lutheran Church! We offer two services with Sunday School for youth and adults and catechism between the services. Our regular Sunday schedule is:

8:00 am	Early Worship
9:15 am	Sunday School / Catechism
9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
10:30 am	Late Worship

Covid Guidelines: If you are fully vaccinated, you do not need to wear a mask. However, if you have not been vaccinated, please continue wearing a mask. We have some available near the entryway if you don't have one.

Livestream and Recorded Worship: We livestream the service on our church website at www.firststjohn.com. Also, the service will be recorded and published to the website.

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:15 am in the lounge (middle floor of the educational building – turn right out of the door by the choir loft).

Children ages 3 through 5th grade will meet for Sunday School in the basement of the church (the JAM Room!).

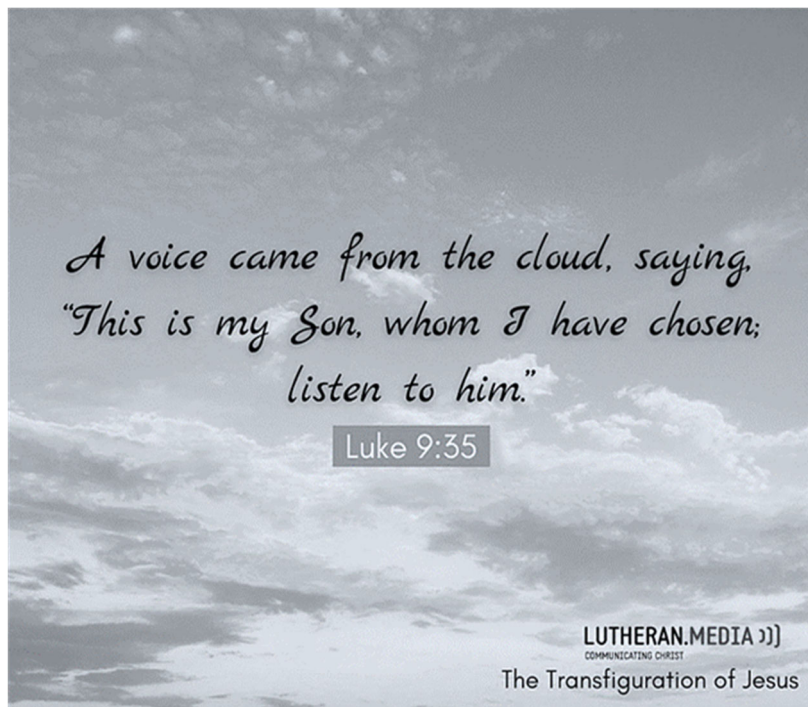
Catechism Class: Class will be held from 9:15 to 10:15 am each Sunday.

Nursery is in the church basement and is currently unstaffed; you are welcome to sit with your child. A diaper changing table is available in the ladies restroom in the basement of the church.

Restrooms are in the church basement. Go to the Narthex (lobby) and take either set of steps to the basement hallway. The ladies room is at one end, and the men's room is at the other.

Flowers: If you would like to sign up for altar flowers, there is a book in the Narthex (lobby) by the telephone. Or, you can call the church office during the week to check on availability.

Memorials: If you wish to give a memorial in honor or memory of a loved one, you may mail it in or pick up a memorial card in the church office or the Narthex (lobby) and place it in the offering plate.



Called through faith; Gathered in worship; Serving the community

February 27, 2022 - 10:30 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP—10:30 am

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell (please stand) Dr. Pattin

Call to Worship

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

C: **The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

P: Lift up your eyes and look around:

C: **All gather together to proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

P: Your sun will never set again.

C: **The Lord is our light and our salvation!**

P: Your moon will wane no more.

C: **The Lord is our light and our salvation!**

P: Your days of sorrow will end.

C: **The Lord is our light and our salvation!**

P: Whom shall we fear?

C: **Whom shall we fear? The Lord is the strength of our life;
whom shall we fear?**

Opening Song "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Praise Singers

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Announcements

Presentation of Day School Andrea Buckley

Day School Children Singing

"Awesome God"
"Do, Lord"
"Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"

Children's Message

Pastor Rayl

PSALM: Psalm 99

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD; worship upon God's holy hill. (Ps. 99:9)

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

²**The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.**

³Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

⁴**Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵Extol the Lord our God;

worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

⁶**Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.**

⁷He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

⁸**O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

⁹Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

Alleluia Verse

*Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Where love can grow
And peace is understood.*

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke Chapter 9.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

Here is a remarkable conclusion to the Epiphany season. The transfiguration of Jesus is itself a great epiphany or manifestation. But in the midst of this event is talk of what will happen in Jerusalem, where Jesus must suffer and die.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Gospel Response

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON Pastor Rayl
Sermon Hymn *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* No. 815

(Please stand)

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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

(Please be seated)

The Offering

Chancel Choir *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

Arr. Shrader

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Intercessory Prayer

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

The Lord's Prayer *(prayed by all)*

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.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn *"You Servants of God"*
Postlude

No. 825
Dr. Pattin

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

ELDERS

Darold Henninger, Kevin Ruedy

READER

Bob Haar

SOUND BOARD

Mark Ackerman

ACOLYTES

Jordan and Mckenna Cummerow

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY

Please purchase full size items.

dish soap	shampoo, child	toothbrush, child
paper towels	laundry soap	tampons
toilet paper	fabric softener sheets	sanitary pads
tissues	body lotion	band aids
deodorant	body soap	toothpaste, adult
shampoo, adult	toothbrush, adult	toothpaste, child
disposable razors		

This is a list of the items that will provide a month's worth of hygiene supplies to families or individuals in our neighborhood to help them stay clean and healthy. We always welcome any donations from our congregation members. **If you would like to donate items, please donate only full size products as sample sizes will not last a month.** If you would prefer a Pantry volunteer to do the shopping for you, we welcome monetary donations. Please make out checks to First St. John Lutheran Church and write Personal Needs Pantry on the memo line.



2022 EASTER FLOWER SALE
SPONSORED BY THE ALTAR GUILD



It's time to order the flowers that will decorate the church on Easter morning, April 17th. The price is \$10.00 per plant. You can choose a lily, daffodil, hyacinth, or tulip. Fill out the order blank below and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. The final Sunday to order will be April 3rd. Payment must accompany your order. Make checks out to: **First St. John Lutheran** and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

Deadline for placing orders is Wednesday, April 3rd.

Number of plants @ \$12.00 each _____ Enclosed: \$ _____

Type of plant: _____
(lily, daffodil, hyacinth, tulip)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

In Loving Memory of (Deceased) _____

In Honor of (Living) _____

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TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Light for All

What impression must the transfiguration have made on Peter, John, and James? Their familiar teacher, now clothed in incredible light, was standing with Moses and Elijah, the embodiment of the law and the prophets. Then that voice came from the cloud that enveloped them! Understandably, they were awed and terrified, and so kept silent about it for the time being. They couldn't fathom what this might mean, in part because they didn't yet have all the pieces. They knew Jesus the teacher and healer, but not Jesus the savior. In time, they would see him arrested, tried, crucified, and then raised to life again. Only after Jesus had ascended to heaven and the Spirit had come upon the disciples would they have the whole story. Only then would they be fully equipped to tell others about this redeemer who once was transfigured before their eyes.

Our eyes didn't see Jesus shining with heavenly light. Yet we have an advantage over those three disciples. We know the whole story. We have heard and read about Jesus' teachings, the life he lived, and of course, his death and resurrection. We know why he was sent: to forgive the sins of all people and to reunite us with God. After all these years, the story is familiar and comfortable, yet no less compelling.

This is too good to keep to ourselves. People need to know of this life- and light-bringing savior. There is no reason for us to wait before telling others. We know the whole story; we have already been empowered by the Holy Spirit. The time for us to be apostles--witnesses to the resurrection--is now. We are called to overcome our shyness, our fear of rejection, every obstacle, to bring this life-changing story to those who don't know it. Jesus taught us to go and tell. As the heavenly voice said, "Listen to him!"