



TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 15, 2015

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 40 (front of the hymnal p. 132)

The Hymns: 719, 720, 315, 135

Prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ, at the height of Your Epiphany You revealed Your great power and glory to the disciples, eyewitnesses of Your transfiguration. Send now Your Holy Spirit to us through Your Word. Work in us repentance of sins and the assurance of Your forgiveness. Hear us for Your own sake, Amen.*

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 719

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation sings:

A - men.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

Pastor Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



C: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA & Valley Bible Academy

1107 14th Street

10:00 am Sunday School, 10:15 am Bible Class, 11:00 am Service

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PASTOR: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ; I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



C A - men. (congregation is seated)

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

P: The lightnings lightened the world:

C: The earth trembled and shook.

P: How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts!

C: My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord.

P: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house:

C: They will be praising You forever.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



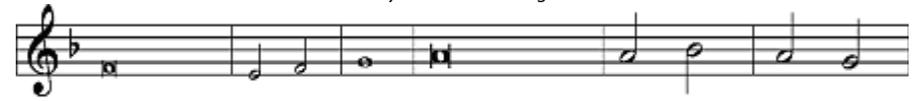
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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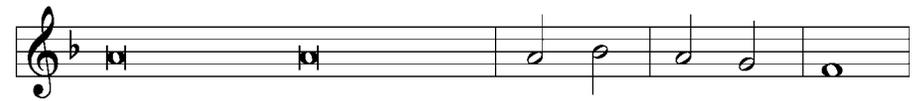
"Glory to God in the Highest"



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

PASTOR The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.

C A - men.

THE BIBLE LESSONS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Reading:

Deuteronomy 34 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, 2 all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, 3 the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. 4 Then the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." 5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. 6 And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day. 7 Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished. 8 And the children of Israel wept

for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. So the days of weeping and mourning for Moses ended. 9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. 10 But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, 11 in all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, 12 and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: You are fairer than the children of men:

C: Grace is poured into Your lips.

P: The Lord said to my Lord, Sit down at My right hand:

C: Until I make Your enemies Your footstool. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Sing to the Lord, bless His name, and show forth His salvation from day to day:

C: Declare His glory among all people. Hallelujah!

C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

PASTOR The Gospel Reading comes from John chapter 2 beginning there in the 11th verse.

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The Gospel Reading

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PASTOR: Here ends the Gospel Reading.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE NICENE CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 22)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 720

THE SERMON

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case, the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Theme: "LET LIGHT SHINE OUT OF DARKNESS"

I. The god of this world causes spiritual blindness (3-4)

II. The true God reveals the light of salvation (5-6)

THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart O God, and re-
 new a right spir - it with - in me
 Cast me not a - way from Thy pre - sence, and
 take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
 Re-store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up-
 hold me with Thy free spir-
 it. A - men.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 441:1-2:

***We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
 And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!***

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

Congregation sings Hymn 315

The Communion Liturgy

THE PREFACE/ PROPER PREFACE

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament

with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration. Please stand.

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up un - to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.

PASTOR: It is truly meet, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" round about His throne and we welcome Him with the Palm Sunday multitude who sang, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!"

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR: 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



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time)

PASTOR: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always



☐ A - men.

THE AGNUS DEI

Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to think only of that Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross.



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

COMMUNION TODAY IS FOR MEMBERS ONLY PLEASE

Why doesn't our church just pass the Sacrament out in the pews, as some churches do? Because we understand Communion very differently than others. From God's Word, we understand the Lord's Supper can be spiritually harmful as well as beneficial. (I Corinthians 11:17-29). Out of love for God's Word, (and for you, our visitors!) we do not give it out unless we know that it will work for your good and therefore for the good of the Church. In fact, we do not even commune our own children until they have been properly instructed! For this reason, we trust that those of our visitors who wish to commune with us will prepare with the pastor first. Pastor Naumann would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

The Distribution of the Sacrament (congregation is seated)



THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
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is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

PASTOR: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

PASTOR: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

A - men.

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

PASTOR:

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

*** Silent Prayer ***

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! *We especially greet our guests and visitors today. It is the prayer of the congregation that you have all received God's blessings in abundance through the preaching of His pure Word and the singing of His praise. Feel free to sign our guest book, and thank you for joining us today!*

IN OUR PRAYERS Charlotte Hoffman continues to recover at home from a fractured leg. **"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."** Galatians 6:2

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY 10am at St. John's.

THE CHURCH SEASON OF LENT begins with an Ash Wednesday Communion service this week. Lent is a time of repentance and reflection on the sufferings and death our Savior went through to earn the forgiveness of sins for us. This year's theme: "BEHOLD THE HIDDEN GLORY OF THE CROSS". We will be having a pulpit exchange with Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, who will conduct three of our six midweek services. Service times: 5pm at Peace, followed by a soup and sandwich meal. St. John's has a soup and sandwich meal at 6pm with service at 7pm.

LUTHERAN BOOK AVAILABLE "Standing on the Wall – A witness of faith in a dying world." Written by retired CLC Rev. Daniel Fleischer, this book is a collection of strong Bible based devotions and teachings. It deserves a spot in every home library, and would make a great gift. Located in the back of church, they are \$15 each. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church.

DINNER INVITATION AT PEACE On Sunday, March 8, church service will be at 1pm followed by a 2:30pm meal at High Country Inn hosted by Bob Jensen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S THREE BIBLE READINGS To help prepare hearts:
Deuteronomy 26:5-10 – Remember the Lord's blessings
Romans 10:8-13 – Salvation is for Jew and Gentile (sermon)
Luke 4:1-13 – Jesus overcomes the devil's temptation

MISSION HELPER FUND This fund was established to help sponsor Sam Naumann's trip to East Africa this Summer. Sam will be going with a dozen other Mission Helpers as well as three Pastors. The overall cost of this trip is usually over \$5,000. The first \$2,000 for airfare will be needed by March 1st. If you'd like to help, gifts may be made directly to Sam or make checks out to St. John's and mark "Mission Helper" in the memo line.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND This fund has been established for anyone who wishes to help finance children attending our new school at St. John's.

THE COST OF EDUCATION Education costs! It costs at whatever school young people attend. The cost in the public school system frequently is spoken of as free which, of course, it not true since public education is financed through tax levies. You pay! Some who recognize that they pay for public education may be hesitant to send their children to Immanuel (Bible school) because they are then in effect double-paying. We have heard parents say that since they support the public schools with their taxes they are going to use them. In response we counter, "We also pay taxes for jails and prisons, but we have no intention of personally using them." Increasingly, children of faith in the public school environment are denied the privilege to confess their faith in Jesus, and in the Word of God. They are told to be quiet. If they object to abortion, homosexuality, and any other behavior not consistent with God's Word, they are in danger of being disciplined. We submit that the cost of education is too high when the government tells our children when and where they can fess their faith.

■ -- By Daniel Fleischer, "Standing on the Wall" P. 305ff

CLC NEWS <> Stephanie Purrington has accepted the call to teach kindergarten at Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, beginning in the Fall of 2015. <> Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood WA, has called

the Rev. Mark Tiefel, pastor of Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN. <> Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley WA, has called Teacher Jeffrey Karnitz of St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View CA, to be principal and teacher at its school, reopening in the Fall. <> Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi TX, has called the Rev. Michael Roehl, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran, Bismarck ND.

<> Calvary Lutheran, Marquette MI, has called the Rev. Michael Gurath, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ.

Weekly Memory Verse

**"Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it."**

Proverbs 22:6

The Old Testament Reading:

In this last chapter of Deuteronomy, we hear how the LORD let Moses see the promised land from afar. Moses believed by faith that the LORD would raise up the Messiah, who would be a prophet greater than Moses, his Savior and ours. Having finished his work in God's kingdom, the LORD brought Moses into the real promised land, eternal life! We read...

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The Gospel Reading

The Transfiguration of Jesus in these verses gives us a glimpse of the glory that will some day be ours. Peter wanted to preserve that special moment and never have it end. The future glory in Christ will far excel all of life's greatest moments, and, it will last forever. We read...

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