



He was transfigured before them



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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Transfiguration of Our Lord

Service of the Word

February 26, 2017

Greeter This Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Greeter Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader This Week: Johnna Kethan

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Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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Altar Guild This Month: M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Otto

Communion Assistant This Month: Obert Sagebiel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Pam Haun

Large Print Bulletins are available on the narthex table. Please ask an usher for a copy if you would like one.

Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN: LBW #518 “*Beautiful Savior*”

GREETING

P In the beginning was the Word,

C And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

P In the Word was life,

C And the life was the light of all people.

P The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

SCRIPTURE SONG

WOV p. 47

Salvation belongs to our God

and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and wonderful are your deeds,

O God of the universe;

Just and true are your ways,

O Ruler of all the nations.

Who can fail to honor you Lord,

And sing the glory of your name?

Salvation belongs to our God

and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

For you alone are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near, and worship before you,

For your just and holy works have been revealed.

Salvation belongs to our God

and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All O God, at the glorious transfiguration of your only Son, you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples and by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children, and give us, with our king, an inheritance of his glory. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:8-18

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." ⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. ¹²The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now 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. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

RESPONISVE READING

Psalm 2:6-12

⁶“I myself have set my king
upon my holy hill of Zion.”

⁷**Let me announce the decree of the Lord:**

He said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

⁹**You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”**

¹⁰And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹**Submit to the Lord with fear,
and with trembling bow before him;**

¹²Lest he be angry and you perish;
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷For 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,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, 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, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!
Our hearts burn with-in us
while you open to us the Scriptures.
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.** (*spoken*)

¹And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And 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." ⁵He 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." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And 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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*spoken*)

Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN: LBW #315 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Stand as you are able.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

- P** In Christ, you have heard the Word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation.
- C** **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

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 life everlasting. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith.

C Pray in the Holy Spirit.

P Keep yourselves in the love of God.

C Look forward in the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

C Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share that peace.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

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**Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
Yours is the promise, the blessing, the birth.
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame;
Ours the thanksgiving to your Holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful God,

C in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P As God's people called to love one another let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

After each prayer or petition, we respond:

P God of mercy

C Hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless us now
and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN: LBW #479 *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Please stand as you are able.

THE DOXOLOGY HYMN

LBW #565

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 2/26	Transfiguration of Our Lord
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:15 a.m. Worship-SOTW
Mon 2/27	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Tues 2/28	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Wed 3/1	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
	7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs 3/2	Office Closed
Fri 3/3	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	First Sunday in Lent
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:15 a.m. Worship

Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.

Sunday, February 19, 2017

Offering:

Total Offering: \$6,007.00



Attendance: Worship- 99 Sunday School- 15 Adults, 17 Children

Mission of the Month of February:



Warrior's Weekend - Victoria, Texas

www.warriorweekend.org

Mission Statement

Founded in 2007, Warrior's Weekend is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 Corporation dedicated to the support of veterans of The United States of America with an emphasis on those wounded in The Global War on Terrorism. This is accomplished through holding an annual fishing event for wounded military personnel in May in Port O'Connor, Texas as well as donations to veterans and veteran based causes. 500 Veterans from around the United States are selected to participate. Military bases around the country select those who come for the weekend.

There are about 300 wounded vets who are flown in from these military bases.

One need is for funds before the event is so they have enough monies to purchase airline tickets. The average cost of an airline ticket is \$400.00 each and is paid for in March.

This year's event will be held May 19th through 21st . This marks the eleventh year it has been held.

The youth of St. John's is selling flag sponsorship for the Field of Dreams display to honor veterans.

For more ways you can get involved talked to Margie Swannack or Dawn Otto.

Reformation + Refocus + Renewal

Women's Gathering

South Texas Mission District

North American Lutheran Church

April 8, 2017

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Registration/continental breakfast

3:00 p.m. Coffee/dessert bar, dismissal

Donna Pyle, Artesian Ministries LLC

Speaker and Bible Study Leader

Music * Reformation Moments * Deutch Marktplatz

Be Informed Be Inspired

Welcome Lutheran Church

3636 FM 109, Brenham, TX 77833

Registration: \$20.00 accepted thru March 18, 2017

\$25.00 after March 18th

(Includes lunch/refreshments)

For additional information contact:

Geraldine Johnson

Geraldine@reagan.com or (979)203-3131

Or see more info. on the Narthex bulletin board

(*please make a copy if you wish to fill out a registration form)



*Need a
Ride?*



Sunday School

Need a ride to Sunday school? Sometimes parents need that extra hour of sleep. Let us pick up your kids! Call or text Kathy Dunn at 361-275-4322 or Wanda Hays at 361-648-4033.

Church Picture Directory

There was discussion at the church council meeting about the possibility of a picture directory of our congregation. Please share your thoughts and opinions with any council member. If you are interested in serving on a committee to put the directory together, please contact Terri Jank at (361)550-9827.





Good Luck

St. John wishes GOOD LUCK to everyone participating in the Stock Show this week!

Ash Wednesday

St. John will have an Ash Wednesday service on March 1st at 7:00 pm.



LENTEN



Mid-Week Worship

Lenten

St. John Mid-Week Lenten Services will be March 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 7:00 pm.

Church Renovation Fund

On August 28, 2016, our congregation voted to establish a fund for installation of the elevator and other church renovations. Anyone wishing to give to the renovation project may do so by designating “Church Renovation” or “Elevator Fund” on their check or on the pew giving envelope.



Acolytes

Attention Acolytes

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming months!



PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, contact Evelyn Diebel. And please update your request at least once a month so the list can be kept current and up to date. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel (361-275-5979)

Our Military and their families:

Nicholas Jacobs - U.S. Air Force,
Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
John Otto - USMC, Bahrain
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Germany
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force

Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick
Mike Meyer



Nursing Homes: Arlen Mueller - Yorktown Nursing & Rehab

Homebound: Cleo Wendel, Helen Mae Egg, Bette Jo Haun

Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Transfiguration

February 26, 2017

Transfiguration of Our Lord



God's glory shines from the mountaintop! We are reminded how on the heights, Moses received the Ten Commandments and Jesus was transfigured in full view of three of his disciples. Yet, as the glory of God shines from above, life is lived at the bottom of the hill. The "mountaintop experiences" of God's glory give us a glimpse into the hidden reality of faith that is lived out here on earth.