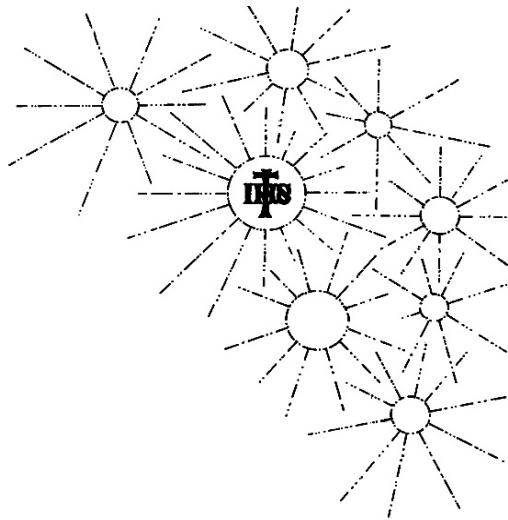


Sunday Worship  
Bulletin

**TRANSFIGURATION**

10:00 AM  
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## Saint John's Lutheran Church

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### **WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD**

We pray that our worship this day will be an inspiration to every one of us. If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church. A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

***Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."***

*John 13:34-35*

# The Order of Morning Worship

✦ PRELUDE: “*Lord All My Heart Is Fixed on Thee*” J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

✦ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ HYMN of INVOCATION No. **414**: “*Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here*”

✦ INVOCATION, CONFESSION, and ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of God the Father Almighty,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: In the name of God the Son,

**C: who reigns in glory and great honor.**

P: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

**C: who reveals to us our sin and our Savior.**

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: O God of love and mercy, how good it is to be here today and to hear once again that You are faithful, that You keep all Your promises of love towards us. Open our eyes to see Your goodness. Open our ears to hear Your words of promise. Open our minds to understand how great Your love is for us.

**C: Open our lips and our mouths to declare Your praise. Amen.**

P: The Lord our God is holy. He is also loves justice. In His holiness He requires that people do what is just and right.

**C: Holy God and mighty King, we fall before You aware of the truth that we have not done what is just and right. We confess our faults, failures, and sin to You. We have not lived holy lives. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus the Christ, forgive us.**

P: Lord God, hear our silent confessions for as You were a forgiving God to Israel, You are a forgiving God towards us.

*(Silence for personal reflection and confession.)*

The Lord our God is a forgiving God. He punished our sins when His Son bore the burden of our guilt on the cross. Now, in the name of Jesus and by the power of the cross, I, a called and ordained servant of the King, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His holy mountain.**

✦ PRAYER of the DAY

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

✦ OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 34:1–12

*(The Lord gives Moses one final view of the Promised Land.)*

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. And the Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. And the

people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

✦ EPISTLE: Hebrews 3:1–6 (*Christ is our leader and ultimate source of hope.*)

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but

the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

✦ HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 9:28–36 (*The transfiguration of Jesus.*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord!**

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

he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those

who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as

they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

**+** STATEMENT OF FAITH - The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From**

**thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Be seated.)

**+** CHILDREN'S SERMON

**+** HYMN of the MONTH No. **853**: *"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"*

**+** SERMON

**Offering**

We respond to God's love with our Offerings

Choir Anthem - *"O Sing This Anthem, Song of Praise"* Jay Althouse

(As the offering is brought to the Altar we stand and sing:)

**+** OFFERTORY HYMN No. **814**: *"O Bless The Lord My Soul"*

**+** PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: When Moses, Aaron, and Samuel called on Your name, O Lord, You answered them. So answer us now, O Lord, as we call on Your name.

**C: Great are You, Lord. We praise Your great and awesome name.**

P: You, O Lord, are full of love for us. As the Father's chosen Son, You offered Yourself as a sacrifice for our sin.

**C: Great are You, Lord. We praise Your great and awesome name.**

P: Transform us into Your likeness and be glorified in us. Fill our hearts with sacrificial love for one another that the whole world may be drawn to You and declare

**C: Great are You, Lord. We praise Your great and awesome name.**

P: Cause Your Word to spread throughout our community. Give us and all people ears to listen and let Your name be great in this and every place.

**C: Great are You, Lord. We praise Your great and awesome name.**

P: As You are true to Your promises, Lord, never leave us or forsake us. Cause all things to work together for good for we love You and are called according to Your purposes.

**C: Great are You, Lord. We praise Your great and awesome name..**

P: When we, like Moses, breathe our last breath, give us good courage, receive our spirits, and grant us eternal life, for our hope is in You and Your resurrection victory.

**C: Great are You, Lord. We praise Your great and awesome name.**

P: As Moses served You, give us servant hearts that we would show care to those in need; comfort those in pain and distress; bless those who are lonely; encourage those who are disheartened; help those who struggle and extend mercy to those who are broken and in need of restoration. Especially bless those whom we now name before You in our hearts.

*(Silence for personal petitions)*

P: Extend Your loving care to all those we love, including our family members, our church family, all those who serve us in our schools, work places, medical facilities, and in our local and national governments.

**C: Hear our prayer, great and glorious Lord, for we pray in Your great and awesome name. Amen.**

## **+ LORD'S PRAYER**

### **+ BENEDICTION**

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **+ CLOSING HYMN No. 417: "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"**

**+ THE POSTLUDE: "Paeon" (Song of Praise) Roy E. Nolte**

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**SERVING US AS WE WORSHIP TODAY:**

Reader - Harry Sienkiewicz  
Acolytes -Alexandra Rix & Julia Miller  
Music Director - Paul Domaingue  
Altar Service - The Youth Group

**FLOWER CORRECTION:** The flowers on the altar for January 31 should have read in loving memory of Rose Tefts who passed away a year ago from Robert Tefts, Miriam Reed, Barbara Towle and family.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Freida Kousch by from her daughters.

*She had a smile, a pleasant way  
A helping hand to all she knew.  
She was so kind, calm, generous and true.  
On earth she nobly did her best.  
Grant her, Jesus, eternal rest.*

Also on the Baptismal Font, in loving memory of Edna Kriesak from the Lewis Family

**THIS WEEK**

Monday	6:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday	12-6 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
Wednesday	11:00 AM	Ash Wednesday Communion Worship
	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Communion Worship
	8:00 PM	Bible Study
Thursday	6:15 PM	Hand Chimes
	7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal

**YOUTH GROUP'S VALENTINES DAY BRUNCH:** Today, the youth group will once again serve egg strata, hash browns, sausages, bacon, muffins, and coffee. Everyone is invited to join in the delicious food and fellowship.

**2010 ALTAR CARE:** Anyone wishing to help care for the altar for a month, may sign up on the sheet posted in the foyer. This activity does not require a lot of time. If you have any questions, please speak to Debbie LaBombard.

**COMMUNITY DAY at the BON-TON:** The youth are selling Community Day Booklets on Saturday, February 27 for \$5.00 each. This booklet includes special savings, 20% off coupons and a \$10.00 off coupon. Please help support our youth in their efforts to raise funds for New Orleans.

**2010 FLOWER BOOK** is on the round table for anyone wishing to have flowers on altar in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Cost is \$21.00 per bouquet.

**USHERS NEEDED:** If you are interested in ushering for a month for this year, please speak to Bob Slozak or sign up in the church foyer.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK  
Sunday Morning . . . 118.(88.Communed)

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK

For Work Program Expenditures . . . . .	\$2422.50
Contributions for Special Funds	
Building Maintenance . . . . .	170.00
Furnace . . . . .	100.00
Lutheran Witness . . . . .	9.00