

*The Transfiguration of our Lord*

*St. John's Lutheran Church*

Red Bud, Illinois

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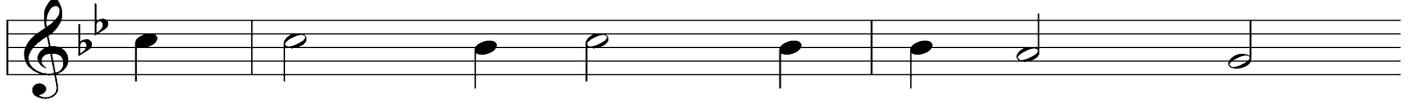
February 13-14, 2021

THE PRELUDE: "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

*arranged by Jeffrey Blersch*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

Hymn of Invocation: 413 "O Wondrous Type!" (*stand for the last stanza; sing "A-men"*)



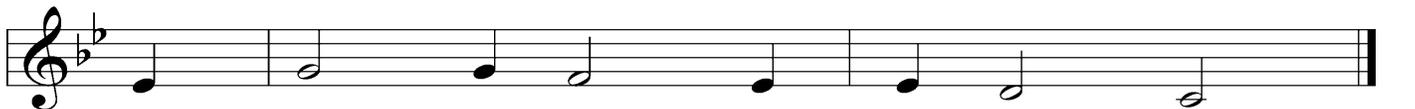
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high  
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,  
 The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;  
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One  
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise  
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace



Where bright - er than the sun He glows!  
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.  
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

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P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.**

**Introit: Psalm 99**



**Exalt the LORD and worship at His holy | mountain; for the LORD our God is | holy!  
The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!**

**He sits upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!**

**The LORD is great in | Zion; He is exalted over all the | peoples.**

**Let them praise Your great and | awesome name! Ho- | ly is He!**

**Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His | footstool! Ho- | ly is He!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**Exalt the LORD and worship at His holy | mountain; for the LORD our God is | holy!**

**Kyrie** (*we sing the responses*)

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mer-cy.**

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mer-cy.**

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mer-cy.**

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mer-cy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C A-men.**

**This Is the Feast** (page 171) (*sung*)

**A** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom, and strength, and honor and blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** (*sung*) **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

**C** **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. Amen. (*please be seated*)**

### **The Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1–12**

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he said, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

Elijah said to him, “Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.”

And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.”

And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gradual**

Praise the LORD, all nations! **Extol Him, all peoples!**

For great is His steadfast love toward us, **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; **bring an offering and come into His courts!**

### **The Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12–13; 4:1–6**

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing.

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. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand if you are able. Alleluia and Verse: (sung)*

C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

### **The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-9**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter. C *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.

And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And



Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.  
Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:  
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der,  
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!

Al - le - lu - ia!  
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## **Sermon:** “Over the Hill in Life to a Life that is Never Over” Mark 9:2-9

### I. Up the Hill

- A. We Began at Christmas
- B. We Witnessed the Baptism of Jesus

### II. At the Top of the Hill-Transfiguration

- A. We Are at the Half-way Point
- B. We See the Old Testament Witnesses
- C. We See Jesus in All His Glory

### III. We Are Over the Hill

- A. We Begin the Season of Lent
- B. We Look Ahead to Easter
- C. We Look Forward to Our Own Resurrection

## **Prayer of the Church** (*Please stand if you are able.*)

**HEALING AND COMFORT:** Ed Luttman, Barb Ladwig, Elroy Stellhorn, Fred Buch, Cindy Stellhorn, Dennis Deterding, Rhonda Schaefer, Lori Rees, David Burgdorf, Jackie Quintin; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Roger Drinnon, Sr., Barb Niermann, Boniface Becker, Doug Whelan, Brenda Manning, Judy Hackstadt, Wayne Collmeyer, Velma Koenig, Rev. Timothy Scharr, Matt Haas, Whitney Stitzel, Max Schrader. *Help us keep this list current!*

**MILITARY:** (*Please call with names.*) Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt, Benjamin Boeder, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss, Joshua Cox; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure

**EMERGENCY PERSONNEL:** Fire/EMS- Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Chad Grohmann, Curt Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Kenny Langrehr, Matt Liefer,

Kevin Miller, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser; Police- Abigail Brundage, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Jason Palm (*Please call our office with names*)

+the birth of a daughter, Willa Kay, to Travis and Mariah (Isaac) Henry on February 2

+the gospel ministry of our Southern Illinois District in the prisons of our area

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the baptized, that we would heed our heavenly Father's admonition to listen to His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, as He speaks to us through His Holy Word and Sacraments; and that we would, by grace through faith, behold Him in His glory as He continues to tabernacle among us, delivering forgiveness, life and salvation through the same, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are called and ordained to serve in Christ's stead and by His command, that all their preaching and teaching would flow from the right understanding that all Holy Scripture testifies of Christ and all that He has done, and continues to do, for our eternal salvation, remembering the call we have extended for a seminary graduate to serve among us that the Holy Spirit would send a faithful preacher into our midst who will be diligent to listen to God's Word and speak it purely in Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For parents in every Christian home, that they would pass on the faith to their children by word and deed, as we join with Travis, Mariah and their families in praising God for the safe delivery of their child, Willa Kay, praying for strength for this mother and growth for this child and trusting that the Holy Spirit will guide these new parents in raising their daughter to know God's Son, Jesus as the Lord of her life and her Savior from sin, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who have been placed in authority over us, that they would serve with integrity and honor, having the welfare of all in mind; and for our country, that division, conflict and strife would give way to unity, peace and quietness, asking our Lord to protect and defend all those public servants who protect and defend us, including our armed forces, police and first responders and to make them high in purpose, wise in counsel and unwavering in duty. let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Lord's flock here at St. John's Lutheran Church, that we would be granted faithfulness, humility and patience in our various vocations, striving to love God and our neighbor in all that we say and do, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are sick, hospitalized, recovering, enduring ongoing treatment or suffering in any way, *especially* Ed, Barb, Elroy, Fred, Cindy, Dennis, Rhonda, Lori, David, Jackie, Lori, Roger, Barb, Boniface, Doug, Brenda, Judy, Wayne, Velma, Rev. Scharr, Matt, Whitney, Max and those we name in our hearts, that they would know Your peace and receive healing and relief according to Your gracious will and as we are thankful for the care and dedication of all our healthcare personnel; and for those who mourn, that they would be comforted by the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Lord of the harvest to proclaim His Gospel in the prisons and jails of our Southern Illinois District through the blessing of those who are presently serving and by our offerings be able to send even more volunteers into these facilities to preach His Word and lead the imprisoned in the study of the Bible so that through His Word those incarcerated will grow in faith and know that they are God's children and serve as His witnesses both in prison and when they are released, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who come to the holy altar this day to the Holy Communion of Christ's true body and blood, that receiving the forgiveness of sins, they would be strengthened in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, forever and ever. **Amen.**

**Offertory** (page 176) (*sung*)

**C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

#### Service of the Sacrament

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

**Preface** (*we speak the responses*)

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Proper Preface**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: **Sanctus** (*sung*)

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer:** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 Words of Our Lord and the Pax Domini**

P ...The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** (*sung*) **Amen.**

**Agnus Dei** (*sung*)

**C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*Please be seated*

**Distribution** (Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

### Hymn: 394 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;  
 Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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### Hymn: 414 "'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"



1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy  
 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy  
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past And  
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, We  
 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,  
 beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -  
 hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y  
 see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the  
 we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.  
 glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.  
 vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.  
 leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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### Hymn: 416 "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz-zling light;  
 2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,  
 3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per-cep-tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo-ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!  
 Not by build - ing on the moun - tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,  
 And re - cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise  
 But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross  
 Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - v'ry's hill



Down - ward toward the shad - owed val - ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.  
 And by test - ing faith's re - sil - ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.  
 And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you faithful to life everlasting. Go in His peace. Amen.

*Please stand if you are able.*

**Post-Communion Cantic: Nunc Dimittis** (page 182) (*sung*)

**C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Post-Communion Collect and Benediction**

**A** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** (*sung*) **Amen.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **C** (*sung*) **A-men.**

**Closing Hymn: 417 "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"**



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while  
 4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
 lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,  
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions  
 Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of  
 All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -  
 Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn  
 With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



SUNDAY, February 21-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Noah Kassing

9:25 a.m. Sunday School & Faith/Pandemic classes in new gym

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Emme Deterding

Next Week's Worship Readings

Old Testament: Genesis 22:1-18; Epistle: James 1:12-18; Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

**FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:**

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-3873 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:**

Worship: 325; Holy Communion: 123; Adults & Youth: 43; Sunday School students: 46

**WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN, WHATE'ER THE GIFT MAY BE:**

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 2/7- General Fund: \$12,604; Debt: \$100; School: \$735. *"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."* (Malachi 3:10)

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:** *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Mark 9:6 -- "For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified." Soon enough, the disciples' terror turned into joy, for when Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity – for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:**

Boxes of offering envelopes are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please take yours and any for family members not able to be in worship with us. If you do not see a box for yourself, please call our office at 282-2394 and ask Julie for one. Thank you!

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

Jesus surpasses all expectations as we see Him revealed on the Mount of Transfiguration. Listen to "Shines and Saves" (Mark 9:2-13) with Guest Speaker Rev. Cody Cooper on KFUE AM 850 this Sunday at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio on Sundays at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

**ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:** *(9:30 to 10:15 a.m.)*

Sunday Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets with Pastor Nebel this Sunday to conclude the topic, "Fear or Faith; Terror or Trust? Worldly Worry or Christian Living." DCE Bill Becker begins a new study called, "Being Lutheran." This class meets in the school library.

**ZOOM BIBLE CLASS OFFERING:**

Seminarian Wade Waterstreet is offering a Zoom Bible Class on Saturdays from 4-4:40 p.m. To be part of "Stump the Seminarian" please send an email to him at [waterstreetw@csl.edu](mailto:waterstreetw@csl.edu) and he will send you a weekly Zoom link.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY:**

The following students had perfect attendance in January: Nursery: Jettson Grohmann and Hayden Schlimme; Kindergarten: Maggie Kuehn, Liam and Amelia Langrehr; First grade: Henry Schnepel;

Second grade: Natalie Kassing, Lucy Kuehn, Jackson Neff, Holden Wagner; Fifth grade: Molly Kuehn; Sixth grade: Milla Neff; Eighth grade: MaKayla Liefer and Samuel Roscow. Thank you for your faithfulness and dedication!

**CONGRATULATIONS!:**

God has blessed Travis and Mariah (Isaac) Henry with the gift of their first child, a daughter, Willa Kay, on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Mercy Hospital. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life!

**EVENING GUILD GATHERING:**

This Tuesday, February 16 at 7 p.m. our Evening Guild will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a quilt-tying activity. Our mission project for the 40 days of Lent is to collect donations for the Musketeer Market at Red Bud High School. A list of items needed are on the front page of the North County News. Place donations in the collection crate in our Fellowship Hall.

**ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES:**

The season of Lent begins this Wednesday, February 17. We will observe Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion services at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The evening service will be preceded by a served supper in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m.

**DIVINE CALL EXTENDED:**

In our Voters meeting on January 24 the proposal to enter into a dual parish arrangement with St. John in Baldwin for the purpose of calling a Split-time Pastor who will serve us as an Associate Pastor and serve the Baldwin congregation as its Sole Pastor was approved. We will extend this call for a spring placement seminary graduate. For us this would replace our arrangement with Rev. Clifford Adair as our part-time Assistant to the Pastor.

**SENIOR MEAL:**

The next to go senior meal is scheduled for Friday, February 26. The menu consists of chicken pot pie, crescent rolls, applesauce, and homemade desserts. Pick up will be from 11a.m.-12p.m. behind the Fellowship Hall. Please rsvp to Mr. Becker at 618-282-2958.

**CHRISTIAN MUSIC CDs AVAILABLE:**

+St. John's member Joan Voges offers music CDs from her Lilyfields Collection to us for a donation to our school's ministry. You can pick up copies from the table in the entryway.

+Former St. John's member Bryan Perdue has a new CD of music available called, "Freely Given Freely Received." This, plus a few of his earlier CDs also are available on the table in the entryway for a \$10 donation to our congregation's debt reduction.

**THE PRAYER CHAIN:**

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. If you would like to serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact her at 618/521-7417 or dvheller@htc.net. Call our office if you would like to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective* (James 5:16).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:**

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, David Burgdorf, Wilma Wagner, Jody Winkelmann; Waterloo Garden Place- Alice Smith; Ruma R&R- Fern Schnepel, Willard Uffelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence; Cedarhurst Memory Care, Waterloo- Cecelia Lautenschlaeger

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT RED BUD GARDEN PLACE:**

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Doris Mueller, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Elda Seders, Gloria Stellhorn, Wilma Stellhorn, Norma Vogt, Arlin and Helen Winkelman

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:**

Kathryn Chunn, Larry Ebers, Don and Betty Fausz, Willie Guebert, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth and Geri Koester, Donald Kueker, Omer and Neva Liefer, Orville Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttman, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller.

**ELDER ZONES FOR 2021:** (Chairman, Eric Fritsche)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Eric Fritsche (618/410-5989)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Larry Gielow (618/830-4689)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann thru R/K Herriman- Elder Jacob Arbeiter (618/615-1108)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Adam Guebert (618/920-2403)

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick thru Janel Maes- Elder David Reinhardt (618/967-7967)

Zone 6: Pat Malik thru Lanie Pensoneau- Elder Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru Don Schrader- Elder Mike DeRousse (618/719-7024)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Kevin Guebert (618/973-4356)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann thru Doug Zschiegner- Elder Kirk Liefer (618/559-7950)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

2/14- Willard Guebert, Eric Fritsche, Elizabeth Connor, Lucas Guebert, Ryker Papenberg; 2/15- Wanda Steele, Barbara Deterding, Craig Stellhorn, Alex Niemeyer; 2/17- Norma Vogt, Virginia Liefer, Linda Hinrichs, Trudy Woolbright, Connor Jordan, Brewer Krick; 2/18- Amber Piel, Lauren Mehring; 2/19- Keith Miller, Jennifer Brown, Luke Hartmann, Callie Todaro, Mason Voss, Kadence Koen; 2/20- Daniel Meier, Kaleb Matzenbacher, Nickolas Mehner. *Please call the office for corrections!*

**PARISH NURSE NOTE:** from LCMS *Better Health*

*Not a Bad Yolk After All:* Eating an egg a day is not associated with a higher risk of cardiovascular disease, early death or elevated blood cholesterol levels based on data from 177,000 people in 50 countries. Much of the misunderstanding regarding eggs is the fact that egg yolks contain cholesterol. Prior research inaccurately suggested that body levels of cholesterol were directly related to eating foods that contained cholesterol.

**KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

**KFUO Radio, AM850 & kfuo.org**, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on **AM850 & kfuo.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUO and kfuo.org hear Midweek Lenten Service from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis on 2/17 at 11:00 a.m., study a curious theological topic on Cross Defense with Rev. Tyrel Bramwell 2/15 at 2:00 p.m., and hear a variety of topics and sacred music weekdays during Midday Moments at 12:00 p.m. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on your podcast app!

**ISSUES, ETC:**

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850

AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**LIFE THOUGHTS:** (from *Lutherans for Life*) [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

“God shines forth out of Zion” (Psalm 50:2), not from outer space or some other dimension. He adorns human faces with His own glory. It isn’t angels, superheroes, or celebrities only that He makes so sacred, but sinners like Moses (Exodus 34:29-30) and peasants like Jesus (Mark 9:2-3). The Almighty Father holds every human life open, no matter how embryonic or elderly, as a window to heaven. Who are we to pull the shades?

**LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS:**

Copies of a Daily Bible Reading Guide from LBT are in the entryway. The readings for this week are: Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>- Galatians 5:1-15; Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>- Matthew 5:38-48; Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>- Matthew 6:1-21; Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>- John 13:1-20; Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>- John 13:21-35; Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>- John 15:1-17.

**LCMS FOUNDATION:**

The Federal Estate Tax Exemption is currently \$11.7 million for an individual and \$23.4 million for a married couple. Under those rules, most of us will not pay a federal estate tax. However, there can be state estate taxes. Predictions are that federal estate exemptions will go down drastically soon. Do you know what impact that would have on the gifts you plan to give from your estate to family and ministry? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott A. Radden at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org) for more information.

### **CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300**

**Fish & More:** Our annual Fish & More Dinner will be March 5 from 4:30-7 p.m. This year it will be carry-out only.

**Early Registration Discount:** The *COS* early registration deadline for 2021-2022 is March 31. The discounted rate is \$150 for those who register and pay the fee before the deadline.

**Scholarships Available:** The cost of attending *COS* can be offset by scholarships. Scholarships are available based on financial need as well as academics and service. For more information, call *COS* or visit our website: [www.coslhs.org](http://www.coslhs.org).

**It is time to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®** Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2020 Choice Dollars. You can use those dollars to support Christ Our Savior LHS. Go to <http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice> to learn more and find program terms and conditions or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt.

**School Hours:** The school office is open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.**



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 Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer  
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 Fifth Grade – Darlene Letcher  
 Sixth Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Doreen Schnepel  
 Seventh Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Nancy Whelan  
 Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Justin Palm  
 Resource Teacher – Lara Vause  
 Custodians – Alan Ohms, Bob Schramm Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Ashley Brittingham,  
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Church Council

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Darren Liefer  
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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak  
 Lectors: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Wade Waterstreet; (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker  
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller  
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Jack Crafton; (8 a.m.) Daniel Stapleton; (10:30 a.m.) Kerrigan Zeiger  
 Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald  
 Flower Servers: Kathy Valleroy and Skylar Valleroy Paraments: Carol Turner

## Apostles' Creed

**C 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.**

### Non-Communion Services continue here

Lord remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray

#### **The 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.**

#### **Closing Collect And Benediction**

Pastor: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **C (sung) A-men.**

#### **Closing Hymn:**

**The Postlude:** *arranged by*