



Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2026

8:15 a.m.~ spoken

10:30 a.m.~ sung liturgy

Welcome to St. John

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Order for Worship

Welcome

Prelude~ “Agincourt Hymn”

John Dunstable

The assembly may rise.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: **you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

P: The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in † Jesus’ name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn~ "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

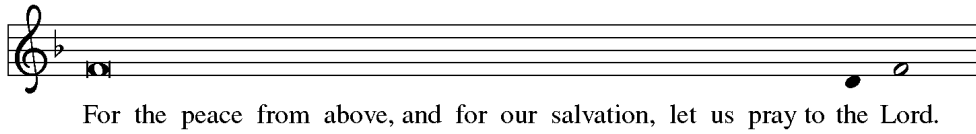
C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

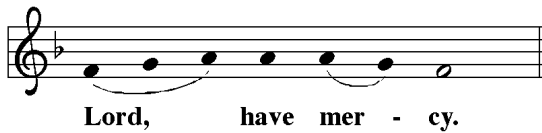
(8:15) spoken responsively; (10:30) sung



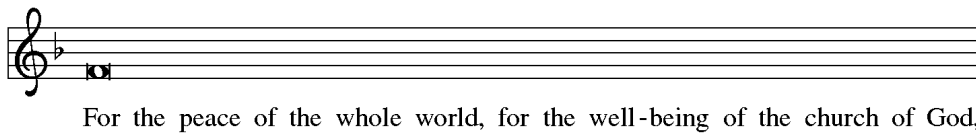
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



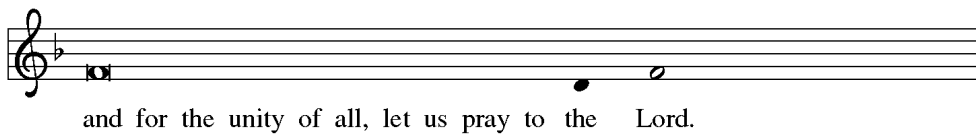
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



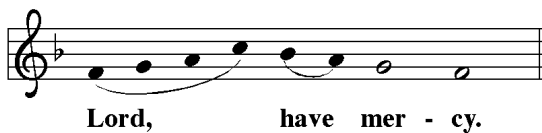
Lord, have mer - cy.



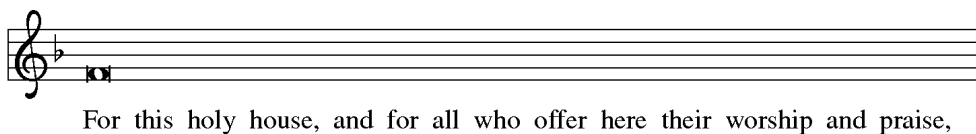
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



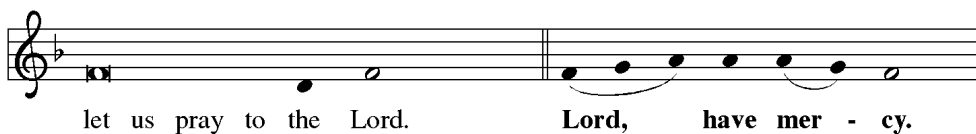
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



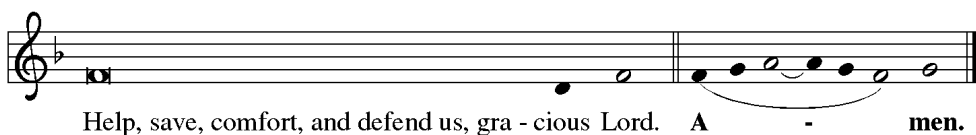
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

(8:15) Gloria

P: Glory to God in the Highest!

C: And peace to God's people on earth!

(10:30) Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



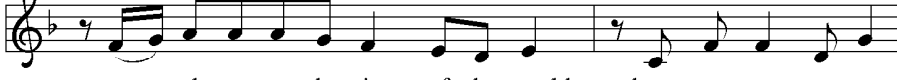
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

Children's Message

Word

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

A: The first reading is from Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(8:15) Psalm 99 (Spoken responsively)

¹ The Lord is king; let the | people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

² **The Lord, | great in Zion,
is high a- | bove all peoples.**

³ Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;
God is the | Holy One.

⁴ **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.**

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;
God is the | Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon
your | name, O Lord,**

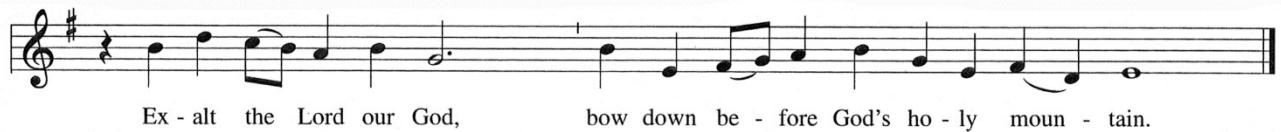
they called upon you, and you | answered them,

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

⁸ **O Lord our God, you answered | them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's | holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the | Holy One.

(10:30) Psalm (Cantor, then ALL)



The Lord is king; the peoples tremble. He is throned on the cherubim; the earth quakes.
The Lord is great in Zion; you are supreme over all the peoples.

Let them praise your name, so terrible and great, so holy, full of power.
You are a king who loves what is right; you have established equity, justice and right.

O Lord, our God, you answered them. For them you were a God who forgives;
yet you punished all their offenses.

Exalt the Lord our God; bow down before God's holy mountain
for the Lord our God is holy.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

A: The second reading is from Second Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly may rise.

Gospel Acclamation



Choir: This is my | Son, my Chosen,* lis- | ten to him! (Luke 9:35)

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

P: Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly may be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Rachel Manke

Following a time of silence for reflection, the assembly may rise.

Hymn of the Day~ “Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair”



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



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
 car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Ho - ly One says, “This is my be - lov - ed Son.”
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

Apostles' Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: **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,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

A: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

A: Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve. We pray especially for: Ron, Calvin, Roger, Maria, Carolyn, Rosemary, Angelo, Tony, Cheryl, Liz, Andy, Greg, Sivan, Joan, Corey, Kevin, Ruth, Rob, Matt, Bongchun, Bill, Jimmy, Lance, Stacey, Sean, Eleanor, Marie, Greg, Nan, Joshua, and Robert. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. We thank you for the life witness of Ronald Fegan. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Pastor: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

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

C: And also with you.

*The assembly **may be seated after sharing peace.** If you have not already done so, we ask that members and visitors please take a moment to fill out the communication slips located in each pew and place them in the offering plate.*

Meal

Anthem~ "Christ Upon the Mountain Peak"

Chancel Choir

Christ, upon the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us, if we dare to speak, with the saints and angels praise him, Alleluia!

Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the Law shout through them their joyful greeting, Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came, God, proclaiming in its thunder Jesus as his Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder! Alleluia!

This is God's beloved Son. Law and prophets fade before him, first and last and only One.
Let creation now adore him! Alleluia!

Text: Brian A. Wren

Music: Paul Bouman

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*We are grateful for your support of St. John. Here are the ways to share tithes and offerings:
-You may make use of the offering plate located on the table at the back of the sanctuary, or scan this QR code to use Square.*



Scan to give an offering.

-Simply giving - You can arrange for a regular gift (weekly, monthly, quarterly) to be deducted from a bank account. Please contact Laura Smeltzer, our bookkeeper, to arrange this. Her email address is stjohn1802bookkeeper@gmail.com.

For communion: *We practice a "standing station" distribution of communion. An usher will indicate to you when it is time to come up. They will have empty cups for you to take if you are to have wine, and proceed down the center aisle. First, receive the wafer from pastor, putting your hands out. Then, if you are receiving wine, hold up your empty cup to the pouring chalice to receive the wine. Grape juice is in the tray beside the cup in pre-filled cups. Younger children or anyone not receiving are welcome to come up for a blessing from the pastor. You will return to your pew from the side aisle. Christ is the host of this meal, his real presence in bread and wine, and **all are welcome at the table.***

The assembly may rise.

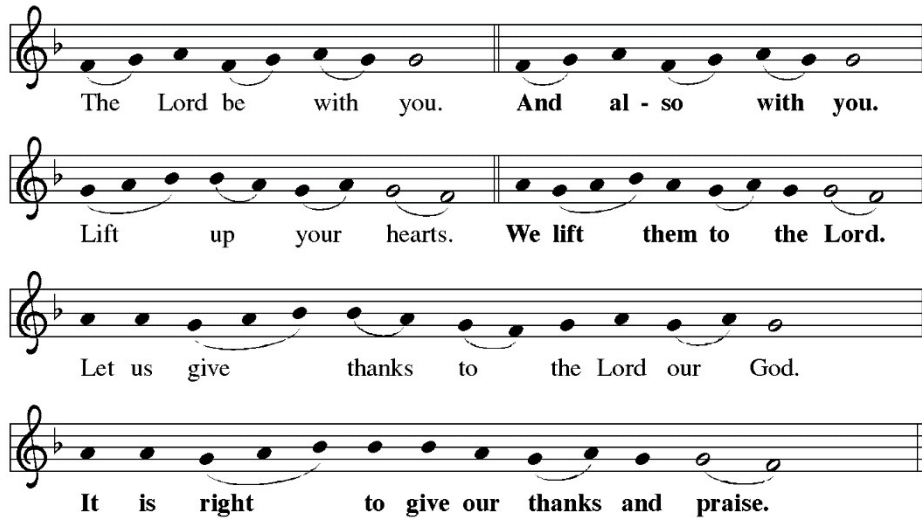
Offertory Prayer

P: God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

(8:15) spoken responsively; (10:30) sung



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

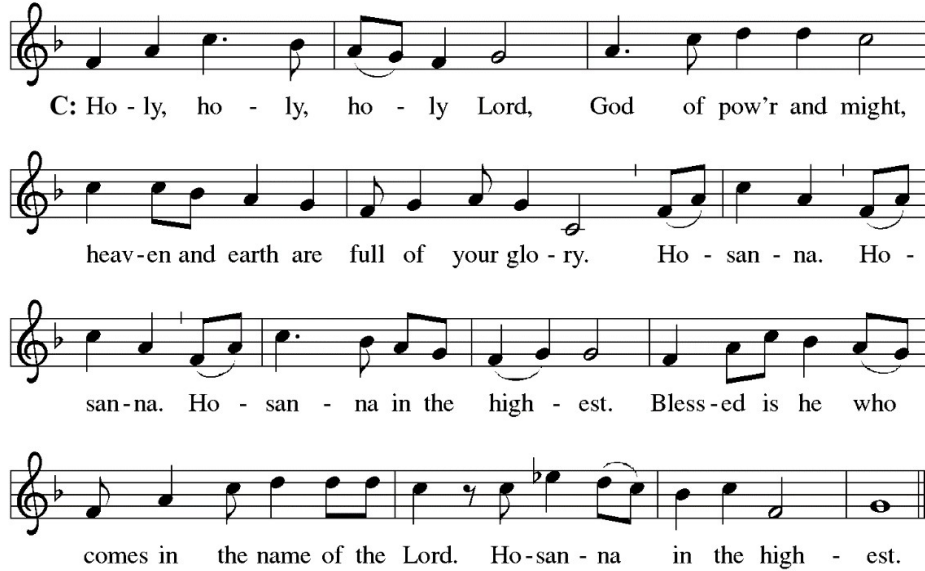
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy

(8:15) spoken; (10:30) sung



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to boldly pray:

C: **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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Canticle ~ Agnus Dei

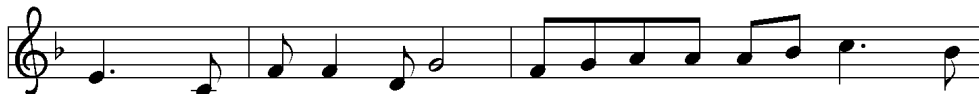
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C: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

The assembly may be seated. The meal is shared.

Communion Hymn~“Beautiful Savior”

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Post Communion Blessing

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

P: Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

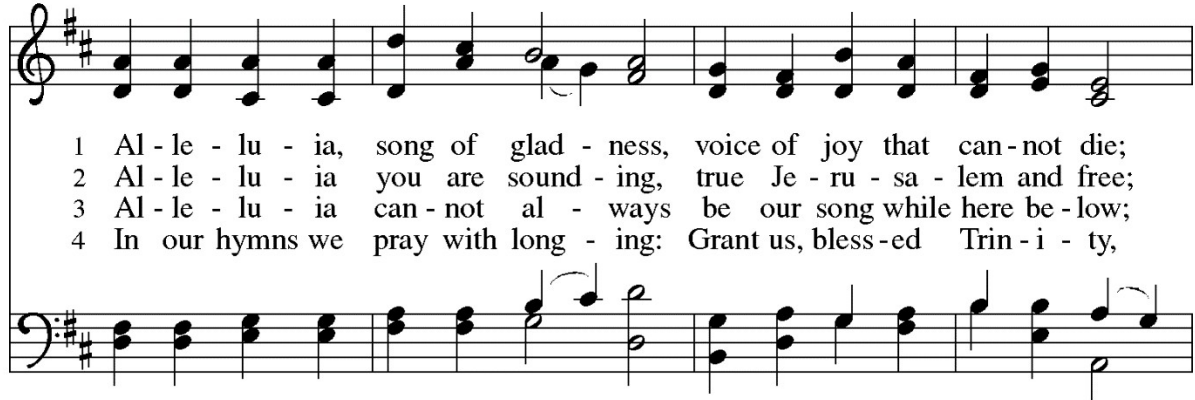
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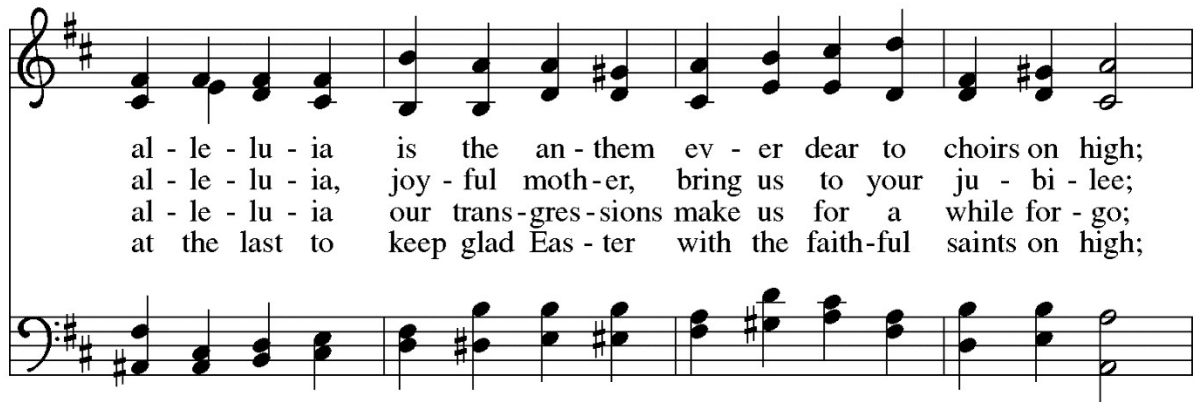
P: May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn~ “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude~ “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

Keith Kolander

Assisting with Worship

Pastor	Pastor Rachel Manke
Director of Music	Lawrence Baker
8:15 Usher	
10:30 Usher	Troop 98 Scout
8:15 Lector	Cheryl Posen
10:30 Lector	Troop 98 Scout
8:15 Communion Assistant	
10:30 Communion Assistant	Audrey Pyle
8:15 Acolyte	Max Scherffel
10:30 Acolyte	Troop 98 Scout
Video Technicians	Phil Wood, Adam Kiefski, Xavier Mitchell, & Megan Kiefski
Counters	Dan Pfeiffer

Flowers are given today in honor of God's Blessings to Ron on his birthday by Lisa and Greg Nordmeyer.

*Our full prayer list is printed on a separate piece of paper which is available near the bulletins. Names will remain on our list for **a month and then be removed**. If you want to be sure that someone remains there, contact the church office.*

This Week at St. John...

Sunday, Feb 15

Scout Sunday!
8:15 Worship
9:15 Adult Class/Sunday School
10:30 Worship
3:30 Vespers Rehearsal
7:30 Transfiguration Vespers Concert

Monday, Feb 16

10:00 Quilters

Tuesday, Feb 17

5:45 Cub Scouts

Wednesday, Feb 18

12:00 Ash Wednesday Service
1:30 Visual Arts Class
6:00 Soup Supper
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, Feb 19

12:15 Pastor's Bible Study
10:00 Visual Arts Class

Friday, Feb 20

10:00 Visual Arts Class
6:30 Boy Scouts Troop 98 [FH, MPR, YC]

Sunday, Feb 22

9:15 Adult Class
9:30 Worship
10:45 Annual Minitry Meeting



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Happening at St. John

Scout Sunday - Once again we welcome our resident scouts as they join us today and celebrate "Scout Sunday" with us in worship and by making us pancakes between services! What excellent timing with Ash Wednesday being this coming Wednesday. (Remember the tradition of having pancakes the day before?) Join us!

The Arts at St. John's Upcoming Concert: Transfiguration Vespers ~ *Glory Fills the Night* – tonight at 7:30 p.m. We gather in the evening before our Lenten journey begins. Join us for an expanded setting of Evening Prayer as part of *The Arts at St. John's* as we sing and ponder the mountaintop experience with the disciples in scripture and song. The service concludes with a moving Farewell to Alleluia. Invite a friend and share this evening experience together.

Ladies Who Lunch - Join the St. John Ladies Who Lunch on **Tuesday, February 17th at noon**. The group will meet at Mirna's Café, 758 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell (the shopping center across from PJ Whelihan's). RSVP to Betty Jeanguenin at 484-624-9800 or yellowbelly1@verizon.net.

Ash Wednesday - Our usual Ash Wednesday evening service this year will be a on **February 18th at noon and 7 pm** (*note the earlier evening time*). This year we are hosting our neighbors of the S.P.A.M. Ministers group to get the Lent series started. Our liturgy will be our usual and we will host the **traditional soup supper at 6 pm before the service**. Can you help with the soup supper? Make soup? Organize bowls and such? There is a sign-up sheet in the Great Room.

Lenten Services - We will once again join our neighbors of the S.P.A.M. Ministers group and their congregations for weekly Wednesday Lent services at each other's churches. The theme for preachers this year is "Encounters with Jesus". *Keep an eye out in the Great Room for our usual table of Lenten resources to aid in your prayer life during the season.* **Lenten services at 7pm at the following locations and dates:**

- 2/18 – St. John Lutheran in Blue Bell
- 2/25 – Trinity UCC in Skippack
- 3/4 – Methacton Mennonite in Fairview
- 3/11 – Wentz's UCC in Skippack
- 3/18 – Bethel Hill UMC in Lansdale
- 3/25 – Trinity Episcopal in Blue Bell

Save the Date: Chili Cookoff Fundraiser - Mark your calendars for a youth fundraiser on **March 7th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** A panel of judges will select one winner, and attendees will vote to determine a Crowd Favorite. Information on the event and details about who the cooks are will be provided later this week on the event on Facebook, and keep an eye out for event posters going up this week. We have 4 chefs confirmed but still room for any aspiring chefs, but hope to see as many people as possible on March 7 to help us raise funds for the youth programs at St. John. Cash prizes for Judges' Choice and Crowd Favorite.

Pastor's Thursday Bible Study - Our Thursday Bible Study continues this week at 12:15 pm. Bring a bag lunch! Regular attendees take turns bringing a special treat to eat. We are studying the book of ACTS. Join us.

News and Info

Annual Ministry Meeting - Please note that our annual February ministry meeting will be held on **next Sunday, February 22nd**. We will have **ONE SERVICE that day at 9:30 am** and following will be our usual brunch and meeting. Voting members especially, plan to attend to hear where we've been and where we are headed as a congregation and ministry.

The Sweet Numbers are in! - We have the total from the Blackberry Jam fundraiser sales! **We raised \$731!** Half of that will support our Youth Group activity and the other half is going to Cornucopia Cupboard to support our food insecure neighbors of North Wales. Thanks for buying the jam! We sure intend to make more later this year. *If you have polished off your jam could you RETURN those jars?* There is a basket in the Great Room for collecting returns. This will allow us to refill them with jam for the next sale! (and raise more \$ by recycling jars!)

2026 Summer Youth Trip — Gettysburg (July 12–17) - This summer we're returning to Gettysburg for a week at the seminary! In 2026, we'll be partnering with the seminary and participating in **Theological Education of Youth (TEY)**—a program that blends service, fun, and opportunities for youth to dig deeper into their faith. All youth in the confirmation program through completed 12th grade are invited. For details, please contact Ray.

Giving Envelopes - Just a few envelopes remain for pick-up! Please reach out to Laura Smeltzer, bookkeeper, at stjohn1802bookkeeper@gmail.com if you have not picked up yours.

Sanctuary Heat Update - Good news on our ongoing heating issues in the sanctuary and Troster Room - we are scheduled for next Tuesday, 17th thru Thursday, 19th for boiler repair!

Snow Policy - We thought we might communicate a plan for cancellation and communication should there be weekend snow again. The plan is that by 7:00 am on Sunday we will send out an email and post on Facebook if we are CANCELLING services (one or both - and include any changes to morning classes). If you don't get an email or see a posting on our Facebook page you might assume that we are on. As best as we are able we will livestream anything that goes on in person.

Altar Flowers - Remember that YOU can sponsor our weekly flowers for Sunday worship. They are not actually in the budget, so your sponsorship is helpful. Celebrate an occasion, remember a saint of yours, etc. \$30 is the cost. The sign-up sheet is at the base of the stairs in the Great Room.

Bulletin Announcements & Weekly Email - *To request the inclusion of an announcement in the bulletin, please contact the church office by Monday of that week. To request inclusion in the weekly email, contact Katie Myers by Monday of that week.*



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