

Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 3, 2019

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by the Spirit of God.

- Gathering -

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Musical Meditation, Welcome and Announcements

Our Journey of Hope Temple Talk and (10:30 a.m.) Commissioning Cancer Caregivers
Call to Worship *(Based on Psalm 99)*

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord! The Lord is King over all people and all creation.

The foundations of God's throne are justice and equity, and the Lord our God is the Holy One. Amen.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord! The Lord is King over the earth, keeping promises and answering the cries of the people.

The foundations of God's throne are justice and equity, and the Lord our God is the Holy One. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy One, ☩ one God who meets us in lonely valleys and upon breathtaking mountain tops and makes us new. **Amen.**

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Let us pray. Forgive us, God, **when we linger too long by the mountain tops, wowed with the glory that dazzles us. When we fail to listen to your voice leading and guiding us, shake us from our contentment and send us forward filled with your renewing power. Amen.**

Listen to the promise of God's beloved, Jesus Christ. Do not dwell in your sin and shame. Do not dwell in the empty promises you hear in the world. The grace of God is dazzling enough to make you new, and to shine with the mercy of the Holy One, through the love of the Father, ☩ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn – #307 Light Shone in Darkness

Greeting, Kyrie and Hymn of Praise – Page 138

Prayer of the Day

- Word -

God speaks to us in Scripture, reading, preaching and song.

Scripture Readings *(Response: Thanks be to God.)*

Gospel Acclamation – **Alleluia. This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!**

Alleluia. (*Luke 9:35*)

Gospel (*Before reading: Glory to you, O Lord. After: Praise to you, O Christ!*)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – #715 Christ, Be Our Light

Nicene Creed – Page 104

(10:30 am) Holy Baptism – Page 227 (Bristol Stevie Ler)

(10:30 am) Hymn – #677 (vs.1) – This Little Light of Mine

Prayers of the People

Sharing the Peace (*Response: And also with you.*)

- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering *Senior Choir Anthem at 10:30 a.m. “Be Thou My Vision”*

Offertory Hymn – #834 (V. 1-2) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving and Holy, Holy, Holy – Page 144

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

Distribution of Bread and Wine

All who believe in the redeeming power of Christ’s love are welcome at the Lord’s Table.

Lamb of God – Page 146

Hymns – #465, #798, #838

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

- Sending -

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Banishment of Alleluia during Lent

Alleluia. **Enclose and seal up the word, alleluia. Let it remain in the secret of your heart, alleluia, until the appointed time. You shall say it with great joy when that day comes. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Benediction

Hymn – #315 How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

Dismissal (*Response: Thanks be to God!*)

Welcome to Worship at St. John!

If you are here for the very first time, or if you are a regular visitor, we are excited you found St. John. Walking into a church building for the first time can be intimidating. Now that you are here, sit back and relax. Everything you need to know about the service is in your bulletin or on the projector screen. You do not need to know stuff about the Bible or Lutheran liturgy.

You need only to be curious about what God might up to in this service and in your life. Through the mysterious work of the Spirit, you will be fed with God's Word in song, Scripture and sermon, and then we will set the table with our best dishes and welcome you to the feast of Holy Communion. You may be new to St. John, but we have been expecting you and waiting to welcome you on this day.

**To learn more about worship and St. John's story,
click on the GET TO KNOW US page at www.stjohnelc.org**

~ To Assist You at Worship ~

- *If you are considering becoming a member at St. John*, we ask that you begin by visiting with a pastor and attending a *new member coffee or meal*, held four times each year. For details, click on the MEMBERSHIP link on the GET TO KNOW US page at www.stjohnelc.org.
- *Personal amplifiers for the hearing impaired are available*. Please ask an usher.
- *Children's worship bags* are in the narthex and the Commons Area.
- *Childcare*: Children are always welcome in worship, but if a parent feels that little hands, feet and voices are making it difficult for others to worship, the nursery is staffed during the 10:30 a.m. service. If a child needs a shorter break, there is wiggle room and a glider chair in the narthex.
- *Holy Communion* is celebrated at each worship service. The table is open to all who believe in the redeeming power of Christ's love. It is not a requirement to be Lutheran or a member of this congregation. You may stand or kneel and receive the bread and wine. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer or grape juice, simply ask the person serving.
- *The decision about when a child should commune is made by the parent*. We encourage families to visit with a pastor to learn about the sacrament before communing for the first time. Children communing should extend their hands. Children not communing are invited to fold their hands.
- *Fair Trade Coffee is served* in the Commons Area before Sunday worship services.
- *About St. John*: St. John is a member congregation of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** and part of the **Western North Dakota Synod**. St. John is a corporate member of Badlands Ministries Bible Camp and St. Luke's Nursing Home. ELCA congregations in western and eastern North Dakota own Lutheran Social Services of N.D., a private, nonprofit social services agency.

~ Introductions to the Reading ~

Exodus 34:29-35- *Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.*

2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2- *In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.*

Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]- *The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.*

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching.....	Pastor Joe Natwick	
Presiding Minister.....	Pastor Lisa Lewton	
Assisting Ministers.....	Michele Anderson	Thursday
	Renee Boomgaarden	8:00 AM Sunday
	Hillary Moberg	10:30 AM Sunday
Deacons.....	Jesse Kilwein	8:00 AM Sunday
	Seth Poland	10:30 AM
Organist.....	Barb Arneson	Thursday
	Cheryl Hewson	Sunday
Servers	Ian Homiston	Thursday
	Dylan Smith & Ethan Erdman	8:00 AM
	Matthew Schmitt & Isaac Hoffer	10:30 AM

WORSHIP LIFE

At worship services this past week, these numbers reflect how many people were sent to *Live in Service to Christ*: Wednesday 133, Thursday 65, Sunday 214.

BAPTISM

On Sunday, we celebrate the baptism of Bristol Stevie Ler. Bristol's parents are Justine Braunagel & Braden Ler. Sponsors are Jacob & Tierney Braunagel.



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES - "The Walk Where God Showed Up" **March 13 – April 10**

Walking through this life, God shows up through people. Look back and wonder who has walked with you along the way to encourage you in your life and faith in Jesus. Look ahead and know God will continue to show up and walk alongside you. Come and hear when "God showed up" in stories from the following St. John members: March 13th – Bruce Pier, March 20th – Kris Pederson, March 27th – Rasia Mackey, April 3rd – Rachael Sisson, April 10th – Trevor Conrad.

~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, March 4	4:30 PM	Lutheran Social Services
	5:00 PM	Scouts
	6:30 PM	Pak #112 Leader Mtg
	7:00 PM	Scouts
Tuesday, March 5	8:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
Wed., March 6	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	12:10 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship
	5:30 PM	<u>First</u> Lenten Supper
	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship
Thursday, March 7	6:00 PM	Backpacks
Friday, March 8	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
	9:00 AM	Backpack Delivery
Sunday, March 10	8:00 AM	Worship
(Daylight Savings)	9:15 AM	Adult Education
		Senior Choir
	10:30 AM	Worship
	3:15 PM	Handbells
	7:00 PM	Senior High Youth



LENTEN SCHEDULE

March 6th: ASH WEDNESDAY

Worship	12:10 & 7:00 pm
Supper	5:30 pm (Mystery Mission Trip FUNdraiser)

March 13th – April 10th: LENT

SUNDAYS	8:00 & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Adult Lenten Study – Confirmation 2.0 “The Bible”
WEDNESDAYS*	7:00 pm Lenten Worship – “The Walk Where God Showed Up” 5:30 pm Lenten Supper (Mystery Mission Trip FUNdraiser) 5:45 pm Adult Lenten study - “Confirmation 2.0 – The Bible”
THURSDAYS	No Worship

During Lent, you are encouraged to slow down and reflect. As Lutherans, we set aside 40 days to let go of our unhealthy attachments and renew a right relationship with God. The season of Lent reminds us to say no to things that do not nurture our relationship with Christ, and to say yes to things that do.

**There is no Church School, Milestone Ministry classes or Confirmation activities during Lent. Families are invited to participate in Lenten worship together.*

~ SERVE & CONNECT ~

MEET YOUR PAKISTANI NEIGHBORS

March 31st @ 9:15 am (Fellowship room)



Did you know DSU hosts exchange students from all over the world? Through a highly competitive process, a small group of students are selected to travel to the United States for one semester of study.

On Sunday, March 31st, three exchange students from Pakistan will give a presentation about life in their country. Anusha, Narmeen, and Rabia will cover a range of topics related to the politics, religion, and culture of Pakistan. They will also share about their experiences in the United States beyond just the freezing temperatures and the piling snow!

You are invited to come learn more about your neighbors and their experience in Dickinson!



DVRCC COLLECTION

The Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center (DVRCC) has moved to its new location! St. John will be gathering items for them during the month of February to get help them through these winter months. Items which are most needed right now are:

- 1) Laundry soap (HE),
- 2) Hand sanitizer,
- 3) Food items such as boxed dinners & pasta sauces (no mac & cheese), boxed rice, bread, beans, etc.
- 4) Frozen meat (must come from a meat shop or market)

There is a collection tub in the Commons area (by the elevator) for your donations. If you would like to provide frozen meat, you can either purchase a gift card from a store and leave it in the offering plate or contact Amy Graves, Director of Hospitality & Stewardship, for pick-up and delivery (agraves@stjohnelc.org or 701.225.6747).

BUTTER BRAIDS ARE COMING!

Sale dates: Feb.25-Mar 25

Delivery date: April 17th

Campers who are anxiously awaiting Summer Bible Camp are encouraged to participate in this great FUNdraiser! Kids earn \$4.50 / braid sold as a campership! Forms are located on the Commons area and basement bulletin boards, and available online through the weekly E-News.

OUR JOURNEY OF HOPE

This ministry brings hope, assistance and encouragement to cancer patients, as well as their caregivers, family and friends. Cancer caregivers who have completed the *Our Journey of Hope* training will talk about the program and be commissioned during worship on Sunday. You can learn more about *Our Journey of Hope* at www.stjohnelc.org/Serve and [Connect](http://www.stjohnelc.org/Connect) \Caring Ministries.

IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD – Benefit Concert

March 19th @ 7:00 pm (St. John)

This concert will feature nationally renowned opera singers Andrew and Megan Potter. We are excited to host these fantastic singers and to share their talents with the community! Other musical selections will be provided by members of the Dickinson State University music faculty. The event is FREE and open to the public. Non-perishable food items and cash donations are encouraged and accepted. All proceeds will go directly to the Amen Food Pantry. Click on the homepage slide on our website for more info!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
is MARCH 10th!

Visit us at www.stjohnelc.org for updates on activities & schedules!