



## **St. John Lutheran Church and School**

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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## **Divine Service II**

### **OPENING HYMN 413** *O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair*

- 1 O wondrous type! O vision fair  
Of glory that the Church may share,  
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,  
Where brighter than the sun He glows!
- 2 With Moses and Elijah nigh  
The incarnate Lord holds converse high;  
And from the cloud the Holy One  
Bears record to the only Son.
- 3 With shining face and bright array  
Christ deigns to manifest today  
What glory shall be theirs above  
Who joy in God with perfect love.
- 4 And faithful hearts are raised on high  
By this great vision's mystery,  
For which in joyful strains we raise  
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
- Δ5 O Father, with the eternal Son  
And Holy Spirit ever one,  
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace  
To see Thy glory face to face.

\*INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**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.**

**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.**

\*KYRIE

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** 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 mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *This is the Feast*

**P** 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** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

*(The Collect of the Day is spoken.)*

**C Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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." <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As he LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup> 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." <sup>10</sup> 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." <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6

<sup>12</sup> Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

\*ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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

HOLY GOSPEL

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter. (2-9)

## **C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup> 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, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup> For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup> And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” <sup>8</sup> And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup> And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY 414** *'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here*

- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past And hope of things to be,  
We hail Thy body glorified And our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death, We see Thy kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;  
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

SERMON *“The Way of the Cross”* Mark 9:2-9

## **\*APOSTLES' 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.

**\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*COLLECT**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN 417** *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die;  
Alleluia is the anthem Ever raised by choirs on high;  
In the house of God abiding Thus they sing eternally.
- 2 Alleluia, thou resoundest, True Jerusalem and free;  
Alleluia, joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee,  
But by Babylon's sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.
- 3 Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below;  
Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while forgo;  
For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.
- 4 Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless-ed Trinity,  
At the last to keep Thine Easter With They faithful saints on high;  
There to Thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.

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## SERVING –

**Preaching:** Rev. Jeff Caithamer

**Organist:** Keith Williams

**Videographer:** Lou Ann

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – The altar flowers are given by Marvin & Esther in celebration of their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Vicki and family at the death of husband; *for healing and recovery:* Heidi, Maelynn- granddaughter of Rick & Rita, Karla, Shirley, Pastor Ehlers, Esther, Judy, Martin-son of Letty, Aidan, Whitney-wife of Ellie’s grandson, Barbara-friend of the congregation, Ashlyn-infant relative of Joyce, Jan, John, Tom, Opal, Hendricks-grandson of Dan & Joanie, Jacob-great grandson of Bob & Joan, Maria, Brett-cousin of the Kindts’, Merv, Jessica-granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Joan-mother of Bill, Judy-mother of Rochelle, Rebecca-daughter of Marvin & Esther, Roy-father of Anne, Dan-brother of Bonnie, Todd; *following surgery:* Steve-brother of Brenda; *for successful treatments:* Luke, Kendra (school parent), Cari (school parent), Nicole (school parent), Earl, Jayne, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Ethan, Kai, Margaret; *for those in the military:* Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy , Brandon, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Lavina, Gaylord.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:

<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

## OUR WEEK AHEAD

<b>Today</b>	<i>Transfiguration</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class
<b>Monday</b>	<i>No School</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> ; 8:20 Chapel; 3:30 Holy Communion; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 Lifelight; 6:00 Lifelight; 6:30 Men’s Choir
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 VBS Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

**New Member Class** – Pastor Caithamer will teach this class on Sunday afternoons from 1pm-2:30pm through the end of April.

**Open House** – We will be hosting an Open House for Little Lamb Preschool and St. John Lutheran School on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00-6:30pm. Prospective families will have an opportunity to meet our teachers, see the classrooms, and ask questions about our school. Please invite friends, neighbors, family members, or anyone else who may be interested in sending their child to St. John this upcoming school year. \*Masks and social distancing required.

**Contribution Statements** have been mailed. If you have not received yours or you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

**This Week at SJ and LL** – Feb. 15-21: Monday – No School – Presidents’ Day: Wednesday – Ash Wednesday, Chapel – Offering for Campus Ministry – UIUC

**LWML** February 15, 2021 meeting, which was rescheduled from January 25th, is being cancelled due to the weather. The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held in March. More information is to follow.

**Lutheran Church Charities** – Our school was blessed to have Bethany, a comfort dog, visit our school this week. Bethany is a trained LCC K-9 Comfort Dog at Trinity Lutheran in Danville. She interacts with people at churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, events, and in disaster response situations. Visit Bethany’s Facebook page at Bethany Comfort Dog to see pictures of her visit. Visit [www.K9Comfort.org](http://www.K9Comfort.org) for more information.

**Thank You** – The altar guild ladies who have been working on the refurbishment of the candles would like to thank all who have had input and physically helped them with this project. A special thanks to Chris for all his creative talents which made our candles extra special with the adornment of the crosses. Also a big thanks to Mark who helped create the design and did all the assembling and had no extra parts leftover. Also a big thanks to all who donated to this project. Thanks a million our altar looks great.

**Esther Berg is turning 100** on March 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a good chance she will not be able to receive visitors at that time, so the family is requesting a birthday card shower for her. Let’s all wish Esther a happy birthday and send her a card to her son’s address.

**Church Directory Update** – The Church Directories have arrived, and are in the church overflow. Anyone who got their pictures taken will find a directory with their name on it. Extra directories are available for those who were unable to get their pictures taken, while supplies last.

**Educating a New Generation of Lutherans** – Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s teachings include: The Word “Mercy” in the Bible; The Rise & Triumph of the Modern Self; Surrogacy; Faith That Engages the Culture and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.



**LEARN BY HEART**  
***THE FAMILY ALTAR***

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

The Sacrament of the Altar

*What is the Sacrament of the Altar?* It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

*Where is this written?* The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**Bible Passage:** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not by your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Hymn 413 *O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair*

Psalm 50:1-6

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

The Bread from Heaven – Exodus 16:1-15, 31

Water from the Rock – Exodus 17:1-7

The Golden Calf – Exodus 32:1-20