



*The Transfiguration by Raphael, 1520*

## **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

February 19, 2012

8:30 am service



**St. John's Lutheran Church**

Salisbury, North Carolina

# Welcome to St. John's!

*Please note that today's service is printed entirely in this worship booklet.  
Occasionally you will be invited to turn to a hymn  
in the cranberry-colored book, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.*

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!** We hope that you will feel a warm sense of welcome today. If you are without a church home, we invite you to become a part of the ministry of St. John's. Please complete the Friendship Pad found on the pew so that we might get to know one another better. For more information, visit our website at [www.stjohns-salisbury.org](http://www.stjohns-salisbury.org).

**HOLY COMMUNION** is offered on the first and third Sundays at the 11 am service, and on the second and fourth Sundays at the 8:30 am service. All baptized and communing Christians are welcome to the Table to receive God's gift of grace through his body and blood. Those not communing are invited forward for a spoken blessing. Following the ushers' instructions, proceed down the aisle to the front of the church.

**SMALL CHILDREN** are always welcome at worship, although a nursery for infants through age 5 is provided in the educational building for your convenience. Please ask an usher to direct you to the building. Pagers are available for your peace of mind.

**ST. JOHN'S IS FULLY ACCESSIBLE** to those with physical restrictions. An elevator to the sanctuary is located along the side entrance of the church. Hearing aids and audio loops are available at the 11 am service. Large print bulletins are available at the 8:30 and 11 am services. Our ushers will be glad to assist you.



# Gathering

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

*The congregation's responses are in bold. All hymns are found in the cranberry worship book, unless otherwise noted.*

## Gathering Hymn #2

*A Story for All People  
(found in the purple worship book)*

**Welcome** *Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbor in the pew.*

## Prayer of Confession

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination.*

Gracious God,  
**our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.**  
**Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,**  
**and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**  
**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;**  
**open us to a future in which we can be changed;**  
**and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;**  
**through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

## Song of Confession

Leader Ky - ri - e, Lord, have mer - cy.

Congregation Ky - ri - e, Lord, have mer - cy.

The first system of musical notation for 'Song of Confession' consists of two staves. The top staff is for the Leader and the bottom staff is for the Congregation. Both staves are in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody for the Leader starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The Congregation part starts with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The lyrics are 'Ky - ri - e, Lord, have mer - cy.'

Chris - te, Christ have mer - cy.

Chris - te, Christ have mer - cy.

The second system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is for the Leader and the bottom staff is for the Congregation. Both staves are in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody for the Leader starts with a quarter note D5, followed by a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a quarter note G5. The Congregation part starts with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a quarter note G5. The lyrics are 'Chris - te, Christ have mer - cy.'

Ky - ri - e, Lord, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e, Lord, have mer - cy.

The third system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is for the Leader and the bottom staff is for the Congregation. Both staves are in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody for the Leader starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The Congregation part starts with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The lyrics are 'Ky - ri - e, Lord, have mer - cy.'

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

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## God's Promise of Forgiveness

God, who is rich in mercy, died on the cross to free you from sin. By grace you have been saved. Through the name of Jesus Christ your sins have been washed clean. May God strengthen you with his power, that Christ may live in your hearts forever. **Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ.** *Having been reconciled with Jesus through Confession and Forgiveness, let us now reconcile ourselves with one another by sharing the peace.* "The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**"

**Greeting and Prayer**

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

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have filled this new day with your love and your light. By your grace empower us to reflect your love and light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Word

**God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.**

**The First Reading** 2 Kings 2:1-12 (*page 328 in your pew Bible*)

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>Elijah said to Elisha, "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>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, 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 company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "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. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of 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 mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

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<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

**Response**

*Alleluia Verse*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel** Mark 9:2-9 (*page 921 in your pew Bible*)

*Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.*

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*Repeat Alleluia Verse*

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

Pastor Rhodes Woolly

**Hymn #838**

*Beautiful Savior*

SCHONSTER HERR JESU

**The Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

**Collection of our Tithes and Offerings**

*(Please tear off today's Friendship Pad sheet and place in the offering plate.)*

**Offertory Music**

*Come, Beloved of the Maker*

David Cherwien

Linda Voelker, Gretchen Witt, Dave Roof, Mike Weddington

Come, beloved of the Maker, come, behold the First-born One;  
See revealed creation's splendor crowned in glory like the sun.  
See the Morningstar now beckon to those bound to doubt and night;  
"Follow me," Christ calls in welcome, "come from darkness into light."  
Follow to the birth of newness; follow to the life of peace;  
Follow to the hill of anguish; follow to the garden bliss.  
There we too will burn and brighten, God's resplendent work begun;  
Glory will ascend and heighten, crowning us with glorious sun.  
Christ, bright image of the Maker, God, whose glory none may pass,  
Spirit, sun of love and splendor, bear us into light at last.

*The congregation stands as the gifts are gathered at the altar.*

**Offertory Hymn**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession.** *Each petition ends: "Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**"*

**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.**

## **Sending**

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

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn #318**

*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

LAUDA ANIMA

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

*Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy  
that cannot die;*

*Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to  
choirs on high;*

*In the house of God abiding thus they  
sing eternally.*

# *This Week at St John's*

## **SUNDAY 19**

### **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY**

8:30 am Chapel Worship  
9 am Center Celebration  
10 am Sunday School  
10 am Baptism Workshop/Chapel  
11 am Sanctuary Worship/HC  
4:45 pm Men's Chorus  
5 pm Women's Ensemble  
5:30 pm MS/HS League  
6 pm Men's Chorus Ensemble

#### **On call:**

**Pastor Rhodes Woolly, 704.754.2250**

## **MONDAY 20**

8 am Links Group Training  
10:30 am Staff meeting  
1 pm Monday Rembrandts  
6 pm CC musicians  
6:30 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting  
7 pm Boy Scouts  
7:30 pm Concert Choir

## **TUESDAY 21**

### **SHROVE TUESDAY**

5:30 am Zumba  
8 am Links Group Training  
noon Disciple 1 and 2  
3:30 pm Disciple 3  
5:30 pm Discipleship Ministry  
6 pm Scout Roundtable  
6:15 pm Luther Ringers  
6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous  
6:30 pm NarAnon  
7 pm Congregation Council  
7 pm Boy Scout District Committee

## **WEDNESDAY 22**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

9:30 am Prayers for the People of God  
noon Weekly Word  
2 pm Archives Team  
4 pm Weekday Church School  
4 pm LifeKeys  
5:30 pm Wednesdays! meal  
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

## **THURSDAY 23**

5:30 am Zumba  
10 am Red Cross Blood Drive  
10:15 am Trinity Oaks Singers & Ringers  
3:30 pm Barnabas Connection  
6 pm Boy Scout Troop Advancement Mtg.  
6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

## **FRIDAY 24**

10 am Pre-Week Office Staff Meeting

#### **Pastor on weekend call:**

**Pastor David Nelson, 704.798.1150**

## **SATURDAY 25**

6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

## **SUNDAY 26**

### **LENT 1**

8:30 am Chapel Worship/HC  
9 am Center Celebration  
10 am Sunday School  
10 am Covenant & Kingdom Sunday School  
11 am Sanctuary Worship  
4:45 pm Men's Chorus  
5:30 pm Confirmation  
6 pm Men's Chorus Ensemble

#### **On call:**

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*Please plan to join us this Wednesday, February 22, for Ash Wednesday Worship.  
A service of Holy Communion is set for 6:30 pm.*

## Covenant and Kingdom begins next Sunday

“Covenant and Kingdom: The DNA of the Bible,” is a six-week Sunday School class led by Pastor Rhodes and Pastor Jan. The series begins next Sunday, February 26, and the class will meet in the library. Call the office for details.

## Church Notes

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in memory of my daughter, Jody Lynn Benson, by Fran Hoke.

**A SILENT PRAYER RETREAT** takes place from 1:30 to 5:30 this afternoon at StillPoint on High Rock Lake. The 13-acre site offers lots of space for solitude in a beautiful place of God’s creation. Snacks will be provided. See an usher for directions.

**ASH WEDNESDAY CHAPEL SERVICE.** A brief service, including Imposition of Ashes, is scheduled for noon on Wednesday, February 22. Those members who do not wish to drive at night are invited to begin their Lenten journey with this service.

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE FIESTA!** Join us 5-7 pm Tuesday, February 21, in the Fellowship Hall for all-you-can-eat pancakes with all the fixins. A freewill offering will be accepted to support our mission work in Guatemala.

**WEDNESDAY MEAL** for Wednesday, February 22: BLT salad, chicken cacciatore over rice, crusty Italian bread, tiramisu.

**OUR ANNUAL RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 2:30 to 7 pm on Thursday, February 23. Please help us meet our goal of 60 pints. Call Judy Trexler for further information at 704-754-8807 or 704-647-1380.

**THE SIXTH-ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION** will be held Saturday, March 24, beginning at 4:30 pm. Proceeds will support our National Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 18-22. Tickets at \$10 are available from the youth.

**SILVER AWARD PROJECT.** Caroline Parrott is still seeking volunteers for her Silver Award Project. She will be building stages at the Child Development Center gazebo on February 25. If you can help, please contact Caroline at [carolinetarheels@carolina.rr.com](mailto:carolinetarheels@carolina.rr.com).

### JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**HEALTH & HEALING** — Noah Melton, Mildred Brown, Willi Beilfuss, Gail Swan, Karen Rawling, Marge Fuertinger, Ellen Trexler, Ora Patterson, Charles Rufty, Ray Buie, Carrie Mae Wood, Marilyn Cohen, Virginia Baker, Cathy Ryerson, Frank Skiles, Harriet Bolstad, Karen Rogers, Margaret Borland, Esther Hodgkin

**CONSOLATION** — Gilda Kuhn and Beth Kearney, family and friends, on the death of Gilda’s brother, Max Koontz, who died February 13. Jason and Amy Huebner, family and friends on the death of Amy’s grandmother, Alice Franzen, on February 15.

**GUIDANCE & PROTECTION** — Those in the military; our mission partners; and Joy Loeblein, the granddaughter of Bob & Anne Loeblein and Pat O’Neal, serving in Haiti for 2 1/2 months on a mission trip.

# Today's Worship Leaders

*\*Indicated 8:30 service*

**PREACHING MINISTER:** Pastor Rhodes Woolly

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Pastor Jan Huntley

**LAY ASSISTING MINISTER:** Gretchen Witt

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Christine Mowery, Donna Beilfuss

**READERS:** Ann Hatchett\*, Larry Britt

**ACOLYTES:** Robert Sullivan, Kenneth Fink

**CRUCIFER:** Nathaniel Greene

**ELEMENT BEARER:** Callie Kirchin & family

**ST JOHN'S INSTRUMENTALISTS:** Laurie Stevens, violin; Bethanie Stauffer and Kevin Agner, cello; Bob Tannehill, oboe; Rosemary Kinard, flute; Gary Rhodes, Carter Woolly, trumpet; Aleksandr Witt, trombone

**WELCOME PLACE GREETER:** Hen Henderlite

**GREETERS:** Margaret Meek, Carol Pomeroy, Sonny & Nancy Lippard

**AFTER SERVICE GREETERS:** Mark Lewis, Clancy Bostian, Bob Glover

**NURSERY VOLUNTEER:** Amy Ritchie

**USHERS: Head Ushers** — Stan Ferguson, Ernie Kirchin

**Team 3E\*:** Bob Loeblein, Jeff Nelson

**Team 4:** Loyd Hill — Captain, Ted Goins, Herkie Harris, Ernie Keich, Johnny Linebarger, Ken Mowery, Mark Wineka, Scott Plyler, Hoyt Pope, Pat Fahey, Kent Brown

**COMMUNION PREPARERS:** Laura Salow & Maria Lewis

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sally Taylor, captain; Sandy Jordan, Joan Harris, Pat Roos, Ann Palmer

**P.A. OPERATOR:** David Wilson

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