



The Transfiguration of our Lord

First Communion Sunday February 19, 2012 11 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.

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.*

Prelude

Beautiful Savior
St John's Instrumentalists

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

Call to Worship & Ringing of the St John's bell

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 features two staves. The top staff is for the Leader and the bottom for the Congregation. Both parts begin with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with rests. The lyrics are: Leader: Ky - ri - e, Lord, have mer - cy. Congregation: 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 continues the melody. The top staff is for the Leader and the bottom for the Congregation. The lyrics are: Leader: Chris - te, Christ have mer - cy. Congregation: 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 continues the melody. The top staff is for the Leader and the bottom for the Congregation. The lyrics are: Leader: Ky - ri - e, Lord, have mer - cy. Congregation: Ky - ri - e, Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The top staff is for the Leader and the bottom for the Congregation. The lyrics are: Leader: Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Congregation: 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

Anthem

O Sing to the Lord! (Cantad al Senor)

Brazilian Folk Tune

arr. By Harriet I. Ziegenhals

Crusader Choir, Carol Everhart, director; Kimberly Lentz, accompanist

Oh, sing to the Lord, Oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to our God. Oh, sing to our God.

*Cantad al Senor un cantico nuevo,
Cantad al Senor, Cantad al Senor!*

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders,
Oh, sing to our God, Oh, sing to our God!

*Jesus es Senor! Amen Alleluya!
Cantad al Senor! Cantad al Senor!*

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. ²Elijah 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. ³The 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."

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⁴Elijah 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. ⁵The 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."

⁶Then 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. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then 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.

⁹When 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." ¹⁰He 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." ¹¹As 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. ¹²Elisha 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



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.

²Six 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, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then 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." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As 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.**

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

Collection of our Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory Anthem

And All the Earth Shall Own Him Lord

C. Hubert Parry/Fred Bock

And did those feet in ancient time walk upon Israel's mountain green?
And did the Christ of heaven come down? Was God in flesh both heard and seen?
And did He die to prove His love? And did He rise again more powerful still?
And was His rule on earth started there upon Golgotha's tragic hill?

Bring me my bow of burning gold! Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold! Bring me my Chariot of Fire!
I will not cease to spread His light; My faith a shield, His Word my sword.
'Til Christ my God, is crowned as King,
And all the earth shall own Him Lord!

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.**

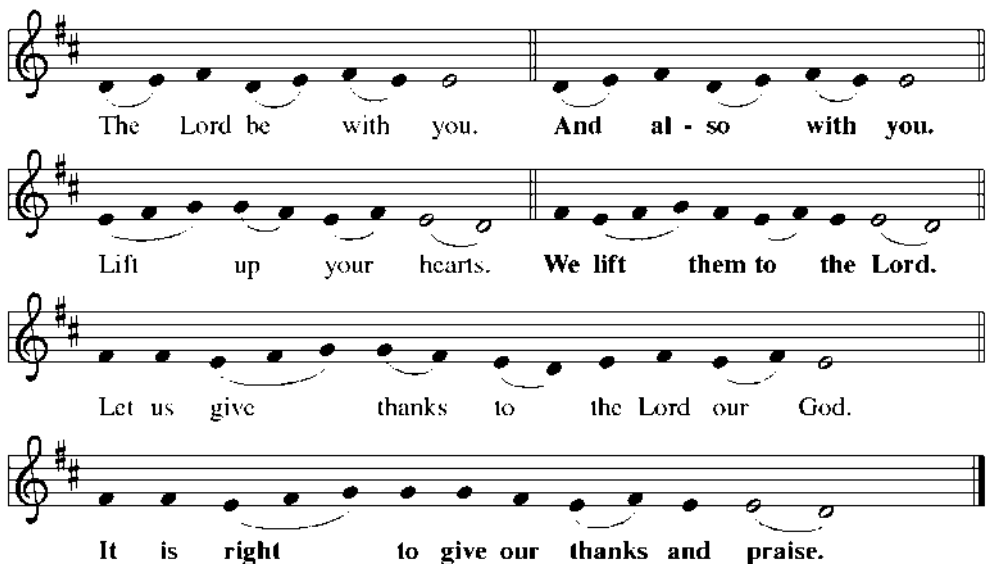
Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving



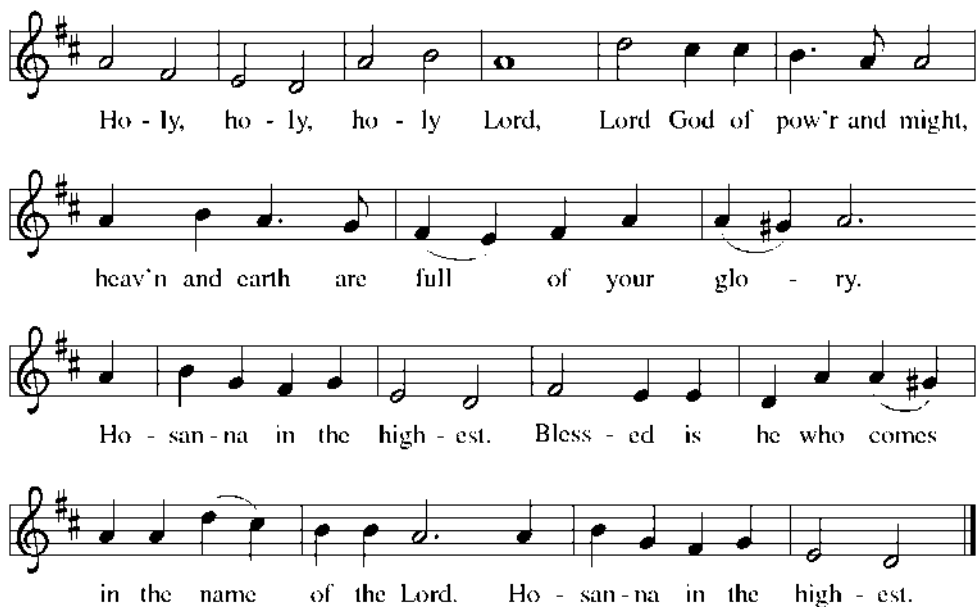
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. ... And join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer, followed by 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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion. *Please see page 2 for instructions. This morning, our First Communion students and their families will commune first. The bread used in communion this morning was made by our First Communion families. Welcome to the feast!*

Hymn

Lamb of God

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, grant us peace.

Communion Music

- Hymn #481**
- Hymn #515**
- Hymn #310**

*Come to the Table
Break Now the Bread of Life
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

Prayer of Peace

1. Peace be - fore us, peace be -
2. Light be - fore us, light be -
3. Christ be - fore us, Christ be -

4 hind us, peace un - der our feet. —
hind us, light un - der our feet. —
8 hind us, Christ un - der our feet. —

— Peace with - in us, peace
— Light with - in us, light
12 — Christ with - in us, Christ

o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace.
o - ver us, let all a - round us be light.
o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ.

Following the distribution of communion, please stand for the blessing:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, that we may see your light shining in the dark and embrace it as children of the light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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!**

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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