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Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2024

Our mission:

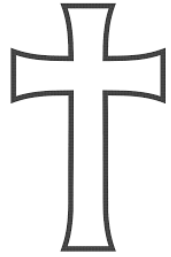
*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,
honor God, serve others, and grow in faith.*

Welcome Over the course of history, God has shown His power and glory in many ways - by miracles, signs and wonders. Moses saw it on Mount Sinai. Elisha saw it when his mentor, Elijah, was taken up into heaven in a whirlwind. But nowhere have God's power and glory been seen more clearly and beautifully than in the radiant figure of Jesus at his Transfiguration. Today, we behold him by faith in his promises. One day, we will see him up close and in person!

Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon, sign the guest book next to the front doors, and let us know how we can be of service to you. The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cry room is available at the back left of the sanctuary for families with young children if there is a need.

Communion Note: We believe that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because unworthy reception of the sacrament can be harmful, those who are not yet instructed, are uncertain or doubtful, or hold to a different confession should speak to the Pastor before participating.

PREPARATION



PRELUDE “Wie schoen leuchtet der Morgenstern” - J. Pachelbel

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. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

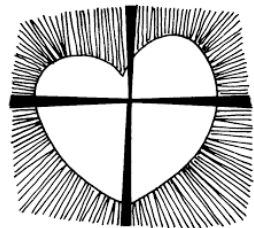
P Most merciful God,
C have mercy on us.

All: We confess that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and truth. Amen.

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.
C Thanks be to God!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN 537 Beautiful Savior



KYRIE *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

Pastor: In peace, in peace,

Assistant:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

Pastor: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

Pastor: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word...
(Refrain)

Assistants:

Help, save and defend us, O God.

Pastor:

Congregation:

A - - - men.

Cong:

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God.

To refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *To refrain*

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *To refrain*

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P
C
P

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God,

in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son

You confirmed the mysteries of the faith

by the testimony of Moses and Elijah.

In the voice that came from the bright cloud

You wonderfully foreshadowed our adoption by grace.

Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory

and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in Heaven;

through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

C

Amen



OLD TESTAMENT READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12 (see back cover)

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6 (Spoken responsively)

P: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing
praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of
praise is fitting.

**C: The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

P: He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

**C: He determines the number of the
stars;
he gives to all of them their
names.**

P: Great is our Lord, and abundant in
power;
his understanding is beyond
measure.

**C: The Lord lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the
ground.**

P: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!

**C: He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.**

P: He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.

**C: His delight is not in the strength of
the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a
man,**

P: but the Lord takes pleasure in those
who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast
love.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the
Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6 (see back cover)

ALLELUIA VERSE

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Mark 9:2-9 (see back cover)

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED (Inside the back cover of the hymnal.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P ...Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

Prayer Request List (Names are placed on the list by request only.)

For comfort:

Mallepalle/Pilli families	Death of Rao, Julius' uncle	Mallepalle
Rev. Greg Jans and family	Death of Karen, Greg's mother	Dunbar
Behnfeldt/Galli families	Death of Rose	Behnfeldt
Dudridge family	Death of Marie	Teschke
Sharpe family	Death of Audrey	Van Hise

For those with health concerns:

Pres. Stephen Gewecke	Fran Bryzinski	Kay Compton	Corrine
Tom Reside	Claire Haenisch	Ursula	Pat Dietz
Bob Latimer	Harry Tinsman	Phillip Trivett	Keith Riley
Marge Carr	Mina Ciquis	Brennan	Cathy Akers
Lydia Bloom	Ekaterina		

For those with cancer:

Charlie Huebner	Yolanda Piekaoskey	Rich deDufour	Lynn
Rich Knechel	Rose Bonecki	Aaron Kline	Linda
Carol Tezla	Karen Shevchuk	Jane Chmielewski	Kathy
Edward Keenan	Kathy Lamkin	Mary Ellen	Mary Ann
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Nancy Gilliland	Anna Mantel	Judy Grube
Charles Greenberg	Jason		



LJ Lupinacci Carrick Porter Nate Fiske Jake Grube
Daniel Gewecke (in Middle East)

War in Europe	Prayers for peace and forgiveness
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine	Prayers for health, safety, and provision
War in Middle East	Prayers for peace and forgiveness

Tom Reside	Feb 11	Sherry Wright	Feb 17
Jean Van Beuzekom	Feb 15		

Refrain

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be

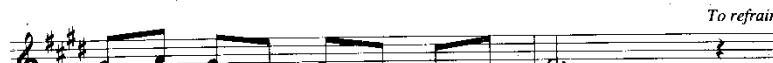


gath - ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, _____
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when _____



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C And also with you.
C We lift them to the Lord.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...
C Amen.

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy (LSB p. 208)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PAX DOMINI *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

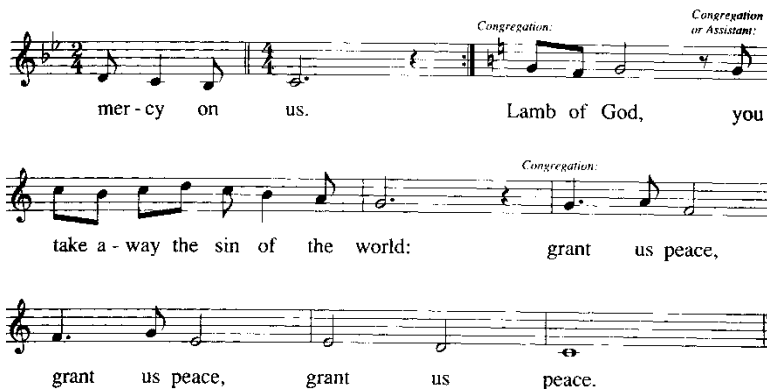
AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God*

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
you are the bread of life for us
you are the way of jus-tice and

Congregation:

world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,
all:
peace:



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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

POSTLUDE “Wie schoen leuchtet der Morgenstern” - J.C. Bach



Announcements – Week of February 11, 2024

**Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week
Tues, Wed. and Thurs. from 1:00 - 3:00 to help.**

Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study

Welcome! Serving in worship today are: Norm Klesat (Communion Assistant and Reader), Mark McAllister (Usher and Live-streaming, Liam McAllister (Acolyte), Audrey deDufour and Lesley deDufour (Communion and coffee set-up and clean-up).

Today's service will be live streamed on You Tube at the following link:
<https://youtube.com/live/hW8qYT84Mfk?feature=share> If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted after the fact to the church's website.

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study. We're on break from our study of Acts until after Easter. Join us for worship on Wednesdays at 7:30pm through the season of Lent. We'll resume on Wednesday, April 3rd.

(Announcements cont'd)

Sunday Bible Study. This Sunday (2/11) is the conclusion of our 6-week topical study on God's calling on our lives - "Who Am I? What Am I Doing Here?". In this final session Dr. Biermann will teach us about the eschaton, or end of time. In order to understand the purpose of life, we have to know not just where we've come from but also where we (and this world) are headed! How does our Biblical understanding of the End influence how we think and live in the present? In Christ, we can be hopeful about our future!

Men's, Women's, Senior's, Youth and Family Ministry

We need your updated data! The final step of getting our directories out to you is to verify your important information so we are completely current. We would also like to make sure our membership data is confirmed in our computer system. Please grab a pink form, fill it in, and drop it in the office to help us out.

Prayer Shawl Ministry. The Prayer Shawl ministry team continues to meet every other week, creating gifts to share. Consider joining them!

Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain is ready to receive your prayer requests. Simply call Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928 to start or update a prayer.

Service and Other

Lenten Services & Meals. Lent is a 40-day season of repentance that prepares us to celebrate Easter. Beginning **February 14th (Ash Wednesday)**, join us for evening Vespers every Wednesday at 7:30pm. We'll follow the Lenten theme: "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High". Borrowed from the title of a beautiful hymn (LSB 544) and based on Ephesians 3:17-21, this sermon series will focus on the enormous dimensions of God's merciful love for sinners in Christ, with the goal of helping us more fully comprehend and rejoice in "the breadth and length and height and depth" of that love as we experience it through Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. **Starting on February 21, come early at 6pm and enjoy our Lenten soup supper with friends!** Look for more information about these meals on the church bulletin board or talk to Leslie Klesat.

NOAH and all seniors are invited to enjoy a fun filled PIZZA and BINGO afternoon in the St. Peter fellowship hall at noon on Friday, February 23. Bring a friend. A free will offering (suggest \$7) will be taken to offset the cost of the pizza. Sign up on the bulletin board. NOAH Planning Committee – (Bill Kianka, Hank and Jean, Jim and Shirley, Norm and Leslie)

Operation Christmas Child. As we look forward to this year's collection, we are focusing on certain supplies during each month. For **February** we could use **children's or costume jewelry**, and **handheld pencil sharpeners (need 50)**, so if you can, pick up a few and drop them in the collection box in the narthex.

Flowers. A Flower sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Flower contributions can be made in honor of someone, in thanksgiving for God's grace, or for a special occasion. The suggested donation is \$25.

Lambertville Food Pantry. Please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. **February's collection is Fruits, Juices, and Condiments – canned fruits, fruit juices, mayo, mustard, ketchup, canned tuna, and lunch bag stuff.** You can also sign up to deliver the donations; see the bulletin board sign-up.

Faithfulness Report 2/4 Attendance: 68 Gen Fund (plate and electronic): \$6232
Mortgage: \$25 Loan angel: \$325 Flowers: \$75

Website and Facebook. Our website is at www.stpeternj.org, and our Facebook page is Saint Peter Lutheran Church - the link is: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Peter-Lutheran-Church/337705479662612>. Come check us out!

Weekly Schedule.

TUESDAY (2/13) 6:00am Men's Breakfast @ Orlando's; 9:50/11:50 Nursery Chapel;
2:00pm Pennington Clergy @ St. Peter; 4:30pm Confirmation Class;
7:00pm Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY (2/14) 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service

SUNDAY (2/18) 8:15am Bible Study/SS; 9:30am Worship;
6:30pm Sr. Youth Group @ St. Paul, Flemington



Lenten/Easter Schedule at St. Peter:

Ash Wednesday Service	Wednesday, February 14 7:30 PM
Lenten Soup Suppers	Wednesdays, 6:00 PM, Feb 21-March 20
Midweek Lenten Services	Wednesdays, 7:30 PM, Feb 21–March 20
Service of Healing	Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 PM
Palm Sunday Service	Sunday, March 24, 9:30 AM
Maundy Thursday Service	Thursday, March 28, 7:30 PM
Good Friday Service	Friday, March 29, 7:30 PM
Easter Sunday Services	Sunday, March 31, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Easter Breakfast	Sunday, March 31, 9:15 AM
Easter Egg Hunt	Sunday, March 31, 10:00 AM

Other Important web links.

NJ District LCMS	njdistrict.org
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	lcms.org
LCMS World Relief and Human Care	lcms.org/ca/worldrelief
The Lutheran Hour™ Broadcast	lhm.org

This week's Bible memory verse challenge: *Ephesians 4:32*

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.*

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1–12

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And 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. ³And 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.”

⁴Elijah 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. ⁵The 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.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Please 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 sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then 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.

⁹When 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.” ¹⁰And 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.” ¹¹And 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. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots

of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12–13; 4:1–6

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not 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. . . .

^{4:1}Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But 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. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In 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. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For 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.

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2–9

²After 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, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And 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.” ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And 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.