

# The Transfiguration of Our Lord

## February 10, 2019



**IMMANUEL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**(Missouri Synod)**

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**TO OUR GUESTS**

**Welcome!** We're glad you're here. If this is your first visit, please sign our Guest Book by the front door. To ensure pastoral care, we also invite you to fill out an attendance slip each time you are with us. Special aids, such as **large print copies of the Order of Service** and **personal PA's** are available. Please ask an usher for any of these. **Restrooms** are in the southeast corner of the basement.



**BEFORE PARTAKING IN THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR**

Again, we welcome you to this Divine Service, however, because of the sad divisions in Christendom we cannot extend to non-members a general invitation to receive the Lord's Supper. Our church body, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, in accord with the historic and Biblical Christian practice, confesses that the Lord's Supper gives testimony to oneness in faith, love and worship. Those who come to receive come in repentance of their sins, which implies the desire to turn from all contrary beliefs and allegiances, and trusting Christ and His work for our salvation alone. Though we certainly pray for union in faith and doctrine, reception of the Lord's Supper by one who is not fully united with us would proclaim a false Communion. **Visitors who have never received the Lord's Supper with Rev. Meissner are kindly asked to speak with him before approaching the altar.**

\*Please ask an usher for direction. Please kneel for Holy Communion as you are able, but know this is not an obligation. To indicate to the assistant that you wish to partake of the blood of the Lord from the chalice, please fold your hands until the pastor approaches. When partaking from the chalice, you may assist the pastor by tipping its base.

\*\*In addition to Sundays 8:15-8:40, Pastor Meissner is available throughout the week for **private Confession and Absolution**. Please phone him either at his home or the church office to make arrangements.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank Thee, that Thou hast sown the good seed, Thy holy word, in our hearts: We pray Thee that by Thy Holy Spirit Thou wilt cause this seed to grow and bring forth fruit, and defend us from the enemy, that he may not sow tares therein. Keep us from carnal security, help us in all temptations, and give us at last eternal salvation; through Thy beloved Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one true God, world without end. Amen.

PRELUDE:

Fughetta

P. C. Kolb

Let All Together Praise Our God

A. Mahnke

Prelude

J. S. Bach

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

K. Hildebrand

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Confession and Absolution

*Please stand and face the procession*

**O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair**

*LSB 413*

- 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.
- 5 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.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit (soloist)

*Ps. 84:1–2a, 4, 10–11; antiphon: Ps. 77:18b*

Your lightnings lighted | up the world;\*

the earth trem- | bled and shook.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O | LORD of hosts!\*

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD.

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,\*

ever sing- |ing your praise!  
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.\*  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.  
For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.\*  
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.  
*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\**  
*and to the Holy | Spirit;*  
*as it was in the be- | ginning,\**  
*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*  
Your lightnings lighted | up the world;\*  
the earth trem- | bled and shook.

## Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P 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 foreshowed 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.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 34:29–35*

<sup>29</sup>When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

<sup>34</sup>Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, <sup>35</sup>the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Ps. 45:2a; 110:1*

**You are the most handsome of the | sons of men;\***  
**grace is poured up- | on your lips.**  
**The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my | right hand,\***  
**until I make your enemies your | footstool."**

## Epistle

*2 Peter 1:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they

were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and face the procession*

## **Alleluia and Verse**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Sing to the LORD; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 17:1–9*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The procession returns*

## **Nicene Creed**

**C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,**

**by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here***LSB 414*

- 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

## Offering

*Stand*

## Offertory

*LSB 159*

- C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the  
Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the  
Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His  
people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O  
Jerusalem.**

## Prayer of the Church

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord,  
saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the  
Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

## Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

*LSB 160*

- P The Lord be with you.  
**C And also with you.**  
P Lift up your hearts.  
**C We lift them to the Lord.**  
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **Sanctus**

*LSB 161*

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 161*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 162*

## **The Words of Our Lord**

P 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **Pax Domini**

*LSB 163*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163

- C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*Sit*

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

The true body of Christ, given for you.

**Amen.**

The true blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

**C Amen.**

## Wide Open Stand the Gates

LSB 639

- 1 Wide open stand the gates adorned with pearl,  
While round God's golden throne  
The choirs of saints in endless circles curl,  
And joyous praise the Son!  
They watch Him now descending  
To visit waiting earth.  
The Lord of Life unending  
Brings dying hope new birth!
- 2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless:  
"This is My flesh and blood!"  
He bids us eat and drink with thankfulness

This gift of holy food.  
All human thought must falter—  
Our God stoops low to heal,  
Now present on the altar,  
For us both host and meal!

- 3 The cherubim, their faces veiled from light,  
While saints in wonder kneel,  
Sing praise to Him whose face with glory bright  
No earthly masks conceal.  
This sacrament God gives us  
Binds us in unity,  
Joins earth with heav'n beyond us,  
Time with eternity!

**Let All Together Praise Our God**

*LSB 389*

- 1 Let all together praise our God  
Before His glorious throne;  
Today He opens heav'n again  
To give us His own Son,  
To give us His own Son.
- 2 He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne,  
Is born an infant small,  
And in a manger, poor and lone,  
Lies in a humble stall,  
Lies in a humble stall.
- 3 Within an earthborn form He hides  
His all-creating light;  
To serve us all He humbly cloaks  
The splendor of His might,  
The splendor of His might.

- 4 He undertakes a great exchange,  
Puts on our human frame,  
And in return gives us His realm,  
His glory, and His name,  
His glory, and His name.
- 5 He is a servant, I a lord:  
How great a mystery!  
How strong the tender Christ Child's love!  
No truer friend than He,  
No truer friend than He.
- 6 He is the key and He the door  
To blessed paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more.  
To God our praises rise,  
To God our praises rise.
- 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,  
Lord Jesus, we adore  
And praise to God the Father yield  
And Spirit evermore;  
We praise You evermore.

### **Jesus on the Mountain Peak**

*LSB 415*

- 1 Jesus on the mountain peak  
Stands alone in glory blazing;  
Let us, if we dare to speak,  
Join the saints and angels praising.  
Alleluia!
- 2 Trembling at His feet we saw  
Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the law  
Shout through them their joyful greeting:  
Alleluia

- 3 Swift the cloud of glory came:  
God proclaiming in its thunder  
Jesus as the Son by name!  
Nations, cry aloud in wonder,  
Alleluia!
- 4 This is God's beloved Son!  
Law and prophets sing before Him,  
First and Last and only One.  
All creation shall adore Him!  
Alleluia!

### *Stand*

#### **Thank the Lord**

*LSB 164*

- C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

- A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.**

## **Benediction**

LSB 166

- 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 T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

*Please face the procession*

## **Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor**

LSB 534

- 1 Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor,  
First-begotten from the dead,  
You alone, our strong defender,  
Lifting up Your people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus, true and living bread!  
Jesus, true and living bread!
- 2 Though the lowliest form now veil You  
As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there Your angels hail You,  
Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
We in worship join with them;  
We in worship join with them.
- 3 Paschal Lamb, Your off'ring, finished  
Once for all when You were slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall forevermore remain,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain;  
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.

- 4 Life-imparting heav'nly manna,  
Stricken rock with streaming side,  
Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna  
Worship You, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!  
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!

POSTLUDE:

Aria and Allegro

K. Hildebrand

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### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Francis "Bud" Mann  
from Bob and Becky Mann.

**CHANCEL CANDLES** for the month of FEBRUARY are from Lois Genova in  
gratitude for love received. "Beloved, let us love one another,  
for love is from God, and whoever has been born of God and knows God.  
Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love."

1 John 4:7-8

### **SERVING THIS MONTH**

#### **ELDERS/USHER**

Paul Sengstock, John Stachulak/Erwin Hanck

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

Barbara Coy, Lois Genova and Candy Pfeifer.

### **Supplication and Thanksgiving**

*"Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.  
(Psalm 86:1)*

*O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit and relieve Your servants for  
whom we offer our supplications:*

(Rev.) Matthew Harrison; President, LC-MS

(The Rev.) Alan Buss, President, Northern Illinois District

(The Rev.) Craig Meissner, our Pastor

Cody Baine, Travis Baine, Rebecca Burkhart, Stephanie Burns, Juanita Cristelli, Bonnie & Joe Escoe,Carolynn Fields, Nancy Hanck, Don Judd, Evelyn Martinez, Elva Mednansky, Kim Merrell, Iola Middleton, Evelyn Miller, Henri Miller, Amber Oakes, Michelle Oakes, Christopher Oldendorf, Kathy Peternell, Loretta Rach, Carol Risley, Melanie Shannon, John & Mary Stachulak, Andrew Stone, Gertrude Themer, Jim & Rochelle Walters, Brittney Wolff, Carrie Woodruff, Terri Yoder, our shut-ins & caregivers.

### **SPECIAL PRAYERS**

Beverly Bloom, Vanessa Croon, Sheree Mata, Richard Metzger, Caroline Pfeifer, James Rich, Jim and Rochelle Walters, Cal Yoder.

Christians in Syria and Iraq.

### **Those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Nathon Capps, Tyler Coy, Scott Dickover, Steven Dickover.

**Immanuel Congregation:** Her members, officers, boards, volunteers, and Her Pastor.

**The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod:** The congregations, schools, seminaries, missionaries, officers, service organizations. The Northern Illinois District, the pastors & congregations of our circuit.

**The United States of America:** Her President, Vice President, Congress, Legislature, Armed Forces, and all in authority.

*Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy; give them comfort and sure confidence in You, defend them from the danger of the enemy, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

*Amen*

*"But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me! (Psalm 66:19-20)*

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**LIFE QUOTE:** February 10 "[T]here's more ... more to life than sensual pleasures, more to love than the shriveled-up version that has captivated our Western imaginations. So today, ask yourself, 'How am I responding to so great an expression of love as what God has shown us?' Valentinus's response was to give up his own life. For us, too, a kind of 'death' is required—a death to self, a death to the desires that our culture treats as ultimate. Now of course, guys, none of this lets you off the hook with your wives. So don't forget the flowers." *John Stonestreet with Roberto Rivera, www.breakpoint.org – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**STEWARDSHIP SENTENCE:** Matthew 17:8 – "And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only." Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, speak about Jesus and His sacrifice, and then they are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him, and Him alone, the rest of our lives comes into focus. He is primary; all else is secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, "Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you."

**THANK YOU:** to everyone who shared their change for "Lutherans for Life". We are collected \$200.

**IMMANUEL SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We will continue to collect food items on the first Sunday of each month through May. But we will gladly accept donations given on any Sunday of the month!

**ST. JOHN'S (Beecher):** is holding their 41st annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, Feb 23 from 4:00-7:30 PM at Beecher Amvets Hall. Carry outs are available: Adults \$8.00, Children (K-8) \$4.00, preschool and under FREE. (See bulletin board for flyer.)

**ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED:** August 4<sup>th</sup> – one side is available if you are interested in putting flowers on the altar. Contact Lois.

**ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL - OPEN HOUSE (BEECHER)** will be holding open house on the following dates: Saturdays – Feb. 16 & March 16@ 9–11am. Please join us on these days to tour the school and meet the teachers. Please invite your friends and family that may have school age children. For more information, please call the school office 708-946-2272.

**SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF February 10, 2019**

SUNDAY: 8:10-8:40 AM – PC & A  
8:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:00 AM – BIBLE CLASS  
10:00 AM – DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY: 8:15 AM – MATINS  
9:30 AM – BIBLE CLASS

TUESDAY: 8:15 AM – MATINS

WEDNESDAY: 8:15 AM – MATINS

THURSDAY: 8:15 AM – MATINS

SATURDAY: 8:15 AM – MATINS

SUNDAY: 8:10-8:40 AM – PC & A  
8:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:00 AM – BIBLE CLASS  
10:00 AM – DIVINE SERVICE

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READING FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

Sun: Job 6:14-30, John 3:22-4:6, Mon: Job 7:1-21, John 4:7-26,  
Tues: Job 8:1-22, John 4:27-45, Wed: Job 9:1-35, John 4:46-54,  
Thur: Job 10:1-22, John 5:1-18, Fri: Job 11:1-20, John 5:19-29,  
Sat: Job 12:1-6, John 5:30-47, Sun: Job 13:1-12, John 6:1-21.



# The Transfiguration of our Lord

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

So we have, in a brief way, covered the first point that deals with this Sacrament's essence. Now examine further the effectiveness and benefits that really caused the Sacrament to be instituted. This is its most necessary part, so that we may know what we should seek and gain there. This is plain and clear from the words just mentioned, "This is My body and blood, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Briefly, that is like saying, "For this reason we go to the Sacrament: there we receive such a treasure by and in which we gain forgiveness of sins." "Why so?" "Because the words stand here and give us this. Therefore, Christ asks me to eat and drink, so that this treasure may be my own and may benefit me as a sure pledge and token. In fact, it is the very same treasure that is appointed for me against my sins, death, and every disaster."

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## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

### APOSTLES' CREED – THE THIRD ARTICLE

The Creed calls the “holy Christian Church” a “communion of saints.” Both expressions, taken together, are identical. But in the past the expression “communion of saints” was not there. This phrase has been poorly and unwisely translated into the German as a *communion* of saints. If it is to be rendered plainly, it must be expressed quite differently in a German way. In the same way, the word *ecclesia* properly means in German “a gathering.” But we are used to seeing it translated as the word Church, by which the simple do not understand a gathered multitude but the consecrated house or building. This is true even though the house ought not to be called a Church, just because the multitude gathers there. For we who gather there make and choose for ourselves a particular place and give a name to the house according to the gathering.

So the word Church really means nothing other than a common gathering, and is not really German, but Greek (as is also the word *ecclesia*). For in their own language the Greeks call it *kyria*, as in Latin it is called *curia*. Therefore, in real German, in our mother tongue, it ought to be called “a Christian congregation or gathering” or, best of all and most clearly, “holy Christendom.”

So also the word *communio*, which is added, ought not to be translated “communion,” but “congregation.” It is nothing else than an interpretation or explanation by which someone meant to show what the Christian Church is. Our people understood neither Latin nor German. They have translated this word “communion of saints,” although no German dialect says this or understands it this way. But to speak correct German, it ought to be “a congregation of saints”; that is, a congregation made up purely of saints, or, to speak yet more plainly, “a holy congregation.” I say this in order that the words “communion of saints” may be understood. The expression has become so established by custom that it cannot be cast aside easily, and it is treated almost as heresy if someone attempts to change a word.

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