

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain Where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there That your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there That your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain Where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, Ris - en and as -



James, and John, We are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, Where you shout - ed, "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, Can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



Light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 Fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 Says of the in - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 Where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 All that we have seen and heard, Say with Pe - ter,



for the night By the vi - sion of that sight.
 ours you go, Matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
 ev - 'ry - one; This is my be - lov - ed Son!"
 tu - ri - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
 James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

The hymn writer reminds us that the glimpse of glory seen in Jesus' transfiguration foreshadows the ultimate glory of Christ displayed at Calvary, hidden under the cross.

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Transfiguration Sunday

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Welcome!

We extend a very warm and friendly welcome to all who've joined us for worship today. We pray that the God of grace, who sent his Son to save you and who proved his love for you by raising him from the dead, will fill your heart with joy in knowing that your salvation has been made sure through Jesus. May God bless your worship!

If you're a guest with us this morning, please sign the Friendship Register in your row, checking any applicable boxes. If you need assistance of any kind, don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers. If you'd like to learn more about St. John congregation or the Bible's teachings, please speak with Pastor Mike Gehl. And if you don't already have a church-home, feel free to return and worship with us again at your earliest convenience.

Our restrooms are located downstairs (through the entryway). Activity bags to help keep children occupied are on a hanger in the entryway. We love having your children sit with you during the service, but if you feel that your infant or toddler is getting a little too fussy, you may briefly step out of the sanctuary until they're ready to come back in.

Today's order of service is displayed on the screen and printed out in the worship folder (with music notes) for your convenience. Hymns are found in the red book in front of you.

St. John also operates an all-day preschool and a full-day kindergarten through eighth grade Lutheran Elementary School. We're a member of the Fox Valley Lutheran High School federation. If you are interested in hearing more about these opportunities for Christian education, please speak with Pastor Gehl or Principal Tim Raddatz.

At Your Service Today:

	7:45	10:15
Greeters:	Janet Wierschke Lois Baumgartener Tammy Olp Aura Lee Gehl	Diane Laabs Joan Zahn Tina DeMerritt
Ushers:	Eric Olp Elliot Olp William Olp Randy Kluess Carl Uitenbroek	Dale Laabs Zaine Gehl Jeremy Uecker Doug Otten
PowerPoint:	Zaine Gehl	Carol Just
Altar Guild:	Lou Ann G, Janet W, & Courtney S	

Mission and Purpose

St. John Lutheran Church exists as part of the Holy Christian Church on earth. We engage in the continuing development of disciples of Jesus Christ by **GATHERING** for worship, education, and fellowship in order to **GROW** in faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. By God's **GRACE** we **GO** to proclaim Christ and his Word with our lips and lives. We realize that it's only through the **GOSPEL** in Word and Sacraments that one can be equipped for discipleship and bringing **GLORY** to God.

The Week(s) Ahead as We Live in God's Grace

Today (26th)	7:45 am	Worship (WELS Connection)
	9:00 am	Sunday School (The Temptation of Jesus) Adult Bible Class (Life of Christ: Passion)
	10:15 am	Worship (WELS Connection)
Mon (27th)	7:00 pm	Fox Valley Lutheran HS General Board Meeting
Tue (28th)	7:00 pm	Long-Range Planning Meeting
Wed (1st)	6:45 am	Breakfast & Bible Study (Life of Luther / Reformation History)
	8:15 am	St. John LES Chapel (at church)
	3:30 pm	6 th -8 th Grade Catechism Class
	5:00 pm	Lent Supper (sponsored by Events Committee)
	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship w/ Holy Communion
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thu (2nd)	12:30 pm	Discover FVL Day (7 th and 8 th graders)
	7:00 pm	Handbells Practice (at Trinity, Kaukauna)
Sun (5th)	7:45 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School (Jesus Changes Water into Wine) Adult Bible Class (Life of Christ: Exaltation)
	10:15 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
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Tue (7th)	9:00 am	Martha's Circle
	4:30 pm	FVL Family Open House (until 7:00 pm)
Fri-Sun (10th-12th)		FVLHS Spring Musical (6:30 pm on Fri and Sat; 2:00 pm on Sun)
Sat (11th)	4:00 pm	Family Fun Night (until 7:30 pm; at St. Luke, Little Chute)
Sun (12th)	7:00 pm	Satellite Bible Study (at the Gehl home)
Mon (13th)	7:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Tue (14th)	11:45 pm	Senior Luncheon (members of all ages are invited)
	6:30 pm	WELS United Annual Meeting (at Mt. Olive, Appleton)
Thu (16th)	7:00 pm	Board of Elders Meeting
Mon (27th)	TBD	New Luther Film (at Marcus Valley Grand Cinema, Appleton)
Thu (30th)	7:30 pm	Board of Ed. Meeting
Sat (4/1st)	4:00 pm	MLC Choir Concert (at St. Paul's, Algoma)
Sun (4/2nd)		MLC Choir (during AM worship services at Martin Luther, Neenah)
Sat (4/8th)	10:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt & Activities (at St. John School)
Sun (4/16th)		Easter Services and Breakfast
Sat (4/29th)		Seminars for Christian Service

Closing Hymn.....“Alleluia, Song of Triumph”



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri-umph, sound of joy that
 2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
 4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing—hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 pure ac - cord, With Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
 Trin - i - ty— As we look to your blest Eas - ter,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; Saints a - dorned in
 jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, And with all his
 make us for a while fore - go. For the sol - emn
 here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, When we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.
 faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
 time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
 more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

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**Last Week's Stewardship of the Means of Grace
and the Means for His Work**

Worship 127; 100 LS

ABC: 28 SST: 6 YSS: 14

	<u>LW</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Goal</u>
Church Offerings	\$3,977.79	\$174,838.68	\$231,792.62
St. John LES Tuition	\$0	\$22,000.00	\$45,769.10
Synod / Missions	\$131	\$9,674.49	\$11,769.10
Fox Valley Luth. HS	\$145	\$6,287.00	\$6,538.54

Service Theme for Transfiguration Sunday: Jesus appears in glory as the Son of God. The Epiphany season is bookended by the voice of God the Father proclaiming Jesus his Son. Before he suffered as man's substitute, Jesus gave his Church a glimpse of the glory that he set aside to be our Savior. See how much he loves us! The God of Mt. Sinai, the Majestic Glory, became a man to suffer and die for us, just as Moses and the Prophets had foretold. It's good that we are here.

Divine Service I

Opening Hymn.....“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain” (CWS 712)

Greeting

In the name of the Father and of the Son [†] and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession of Sins

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, Have Mercy.....(Kyrie)



C Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son [†] and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory to God..... (Gloria in Excelsis)

C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heav - en-ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry! Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. You are
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -
ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Free-Will Thank-Offering

*These offerings are used to support the ministries of our church, both locally and worldwide.
Our guests should not feel compelled to give an offering, but may do so if they desire.*

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and [✠] give you peace.

Amen.

Farewell to Alleluia

Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word alleluia, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to alleluia. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The alleluias will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day....."Down from the Mount of Glory" (CW 97)

Sermon..... 2 Peter 1:16-21

God Is Pleased!

Create in Me

C Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me.
Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word

First Lesson Exodus 24:12,15-18 (EHV)

How different Mt. Sinai was from the Mount of Glory! Moses entered into thick darkness (Exodus 20:21) to receive the Law of God and the two-sided covenant for Israel. When he came down from the mountain and found Israel dancing before a golden calf, he could see how man would never be able to keep this Law. Yet on the Mount of Glory, in the midst of a bright cloud, Moses saw God's new covenant in the person of Jesus Christ. Here was the Man who would not just keep the covenant, but who would be the covenant for all mankind. On Mt. Sinai, the people cowered in fear at the glory of God which looked like a consuming fire. But on the Mount of Glory, that same glory looked like a man—a man who touched his disciples and gave them the message of the covenant fulfilled, "Don't be afraid!"

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain. Wait there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commands that I have written, so that you can teach them."
¹⁵Moses went up onto the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The Glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered the mountain for six days. On the seventh day the LORD called to Moses out of the middle of the cloud. ¹⁷The appearance of the Glory of the LORD looked like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered into the middle of the cloud and climbed up the mountain. Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Second Lesson 2 Peter 1:16-21 (EHV)

"We were eyewitnesses of his majesty." Only two remained, since Herod had killed James years earlier. But for Peter and John, that day on the sacred mountain continued to shape their lives. From John 1 to 2 Peter, these men who had seen Christ's glory testified that the man Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God. Peter promised that the Lord Jesus Christ would come again in power, and he offers us a three---fold assurance of his reliability: Peter was an eyewitness of the glory of Christ; Peter heard the Majestic Glory call Jesus the Son of God; Peter had the word of the prophets which were inspired by the Spirit and fulfilled in Christ.

¹⁶To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, ²⁰since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. ²¹In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Verse of the DayMark 9:7b

Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Alleluia.

Gospel LessonMatthew 17:1-9 (EHV)

Six days earlier, Peter had his moment of great triumph and great failure. After witnessing the ministry and miracles of Jesus, his mouth confessed what his heart believed: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. But his great failure of faith came immediately thereafter when he wanted no part with a crucified Christ. Six days later, God gave him proof for what his faith confessed, and hope in the face of what his heart feared. God showed Peter, James, and John all the glory that belonged to the Son of God shining out in the person of Jesus. They heard God the Father testify that this was his own Son. They understood that Jesus' death and departure were a fulfillment of the Old Testament promises of God. As Peter said, it is good for us to be on this mountain and see this Jesus, because it prepares us for Lent, and it prepares us for life. We have seen his glory, so we know he goes to his suffering and death willingly, lovingly, to be our Savior. We have seen his glory, so we know that no matter the sorrow or darkness we face in this life, we have been bought for another life in the kingdom of glory with our Lord.

Today's Gospel reading is recorded in the ___ chapter of the Gospel according to St. ___, beginning at the ___ verse.



Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James; and he led them up onto a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured in front of them. His face was shining like the sun. His clothing became as white as the light. ³Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. ⁴Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Just then, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. ⁷Jesus approached and as he touched them, he said, "Get up, and do not be afraid." ⁸When they opened their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Do not tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

[the lesson ends with the words] ...this is the Gospel of our Lord.

