

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Holy Communion & Thanksgiving for Baptism

February 11, 2018

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!!

St. Mark's Mission: *St. Mark's Lutheran Church exists to embrace all persons we meet with the Good News of God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ and to empower all for joyful service in the church and the world.*

Thank you for joining us today in worship, whether you're a life-time member of this congregation or a first-time visitor looking for a new spiritual home.

Communion at St. Mark's is open to all.

About this service: Everything you need for this service is either in the booklet, the insert, or in one of our hymnals:

Worship & Praise Songbook (W&P) - Purple

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) - Red

If you have questions, a member sitting near you will be glad to help.

Please stay after worship to share in refreshments and fellowship in our Gathering Room.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Hannah Benedict

Deacons David Grindle, Tom Henry & Sue Sterner

Youth Coordinator & Office Manager Megan Wolling

Organist Julie Grindle

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9a-12p

Pastor Hannah Benedict

Pastor Benedict will be available by appointment.

Please contact the office or email her at

Rev.StMarks@gmail.com to schedule an appointment.

In case of an emergency she can be reached on her cell at

563-213-3204

GATHERING

WELCOME/PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (Bells, 10:30am service)

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

We bless you, almighty God, for the gift of water--
for the oceans that surround the earth,
for the rivers that nurture the land,
for the Seneca River and Lake Ontario that you provide for our community--
we bless you, O God, for the waters of earth:
We bless you, O God, for the waters of earth.

We honor you, merciful God, for showering us with water--
for the rain that nourishes the plants and trees,
for the floods that restore the fields,
for the dew that freshens dry places--
we honor you, O God, for the waters you send:
We honor you, O God, for the waters you send.

We glorify you, gracious God, for the waters of baptism--
for the water of the Jordan that washed our Lord Jesus,
for the water that baptized the believers on Pentecost,
for the water that illumines us with your Word,
for the water that pours out the gifts of the Spirit,
for the water that bathes the church universal--
the Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Protestants,
Pentecostals, Evangelicals, independents--
we glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism:
We glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism.

We worship you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
almighty, merciful, and gracious.
Well of forgiveness, you revive us,
Cup of cold water, you refresh us,
Pool of rebirth, you renew us.
To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever:
To you comes the worship of all your people, now and forever.

Amen. **Amen.**

GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

FIRST READING:

2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now 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."

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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 50:1-6

Sung Responsively at Both Services



Psalm 50:23

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¹The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.

**²Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,
God shines | forth in glory. *Refrain***

³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.

**⁴God calls the heavens and the earth | from above
to witness the judgment | of the people.**

⁵“Gather before me my | loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”

**⁶The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,
for it is God | who is judge. *Refrain***

SECOND READING:*2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled 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 we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
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¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
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 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

HOLY GOSPEL:*Mark 9:2-9*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

W&P 32 *Come to the Mountain*

APOSTLE’S 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

Response: Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

Anthem –Light Shone in Darkness

OFFERTORY HYMN:

God Extends an Invitation

Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
 God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -

vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
 a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we

so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
 gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



*sí*es la co - mu - nión; *pues a - sí*es la co - mu - nión.
 feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Stand As You Are Able

Let us pray...**Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 & praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



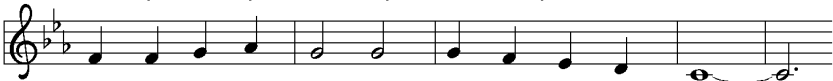
San - to, *san - to,* *san - to,es* *el Se - ñor,*
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; *san - to,es* *el Se - ñor.*
 God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



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Ho - san - na *en* *el* *cie - lo,* *ho - san - na* *en* *la*
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
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high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.

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Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father...

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

COMMUNION

Everyone is welcome to Christ's communion table at St. Mark's; all are invited to learn more about God's gift of grace through communion, word and baptism.

We receive communion kneeling at the altar, and by intinction – taking the host (bread), and dipping it into the red wine or white grape juice in the chalice (cup). We also have gluten-free wafers upon request. Please approach the table beginning with those in the front pews, from the side aisle, and return via the center aisle.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Stand As You Are Able

Let us pray. **O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ELW 318 *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MARK’S

THIS WEEK:

TODAY

- 8a** Worship
- 9:15a** Faith Formation
- 10:30a** Worship
- 3-5p** Girl Scouts
- 5:45p** Confirmation

Monday

*Vision Articles
& Council Reports Due*

Tuesday

- 11a** Bible Study
- 6:30p** Fellowship

Ash Wednesday

- 12p** Worship
- 12p** Tax Clinic

Ash Wednesday, continued

- 6:15p** Choir
- NO** Bells
- 7p** Worship

Thursday

- 4:30p** Community Dinner
- 7p** Council Meeting

Friday

- NO** Youth Third Friday

Sunday

- One in the Spirit Sunday**
- 9:30a** Worship
- NO** Faith Formation
- 5p** Evening Worship

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Eleanor Munzel.

- **Food of the Month:** February's Food of the Month is Canned Stews or Meats.
- **Bags for Meals on Wheels:** Following worship today, decorate a bag for Valentine's Day. The bags will be used by Baldwinsville Meals on Wheels.
- **Free Tax Clinic:** Program of B'ville Cares for households under \$56,000. Held on Wednesdays from 12-6:30p until April 11th.
- **Thrivent Choice Dollars:** If you are Thrivent member and haven't assigned your 2017 Choice Dollars yet, you have until the end of March. You can assign them to St. Mark's.
- **St. Mark's Youth:** Sign up for the Volleyball Marathon & the Winter Retreat Today!
- **Heart Attacks:** Help us send a heart attack to our college youth. Fill out a heart with an encouraging note and put it in the envelope for the youth member.
- **One In The Spirit Sunday:** Next Week!! Worship is at 9:30a.

Ash Wednesday Services		February 14 th 12 noon (brief service) 7 pm
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SERVANTS:

FEB & MAR SERVANTS: Available for Sign Up!

ASSIGN ME: *We are doing a new list for 2018.*

Please sign up if you would like to be assigned!

8 AM	FEB 11	FEB 18	FEB 25
Greeter & Usher(s)	1 - 2 -	ONE IN THE SPIRIT SUNDAY @ 9:30A	Pam & Terry Dilg
Comm. Asst.	Judy Earle		Jean Goulet
Lector	Mike Arendt		
Acolyte	Ralph Koch		
Coffee Hour	Jean Goulet		Pam Dilg
10:30 AM			
Greeter & Usher(s)	1 - Lorna Dupre 2 -	1 - 2 -	1 - 2 -
Asst. Minister	David Grindle	Andy Olson	Sue Sterner
Lector	Tom Grindle	Sally Frenza	Lorna Dupre
Acolyte			
Counters	Lorna Dupre Mark Hopkins	The Earles Andy Olson	Lori Honan Terry Dilg
Nursery	1 - 2 -	1 - 2 -	1 - 2 -
Coffee Hour	Sally Frenza		Sally Frenza
Altar Care	Bente Haerum	Bente Haerum	Bente Haerum