



Transfiguration of Our Lord Fast Sunday After Epiphany Bold Women Sunday

March 2, 2025

the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for M
e for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's
and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's S

**St. John's Lutheran Church
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Helena, Montana 59601

Announcements:

of Church Council:

people have been elected by the members of Saint John's Lutheran Church to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ; we are in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our mutual mission as a congregation.

(Pres.), Lee Rhodes, (VP), Jennifer Wintersteen (Sec.), Bing Crosby, K'Lynn Slone, Teresa Kinley, Brian Tetrault, Jenny Taylor.

varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. We are to be the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

Those elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the members of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the Holy Spirit. You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, and service. The mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in the world, and in the whole world. You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Lord may be glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, and unity in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

My response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

In the name of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your *elected* leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that we have with all who are baptized?

All, and we ask God to help us.

We declare you installed as officers / council members of this congregation.

Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace,

that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

Pray.

Grant us God, as you have called workers to varied tasks in the world and in your church, to support these servants to this ministry of council member of Saint John's Lutheran. Grant that all who are baptized may be faithful servants of Christ.

and be the holy Trinity,+ one God,
creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

ng that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

ful God,

**Speak blessings and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with
cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your
justice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another.
from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Redeem
and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.**

proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have
You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refuse
of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

mn: "Thy Strong Word"

1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee, while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation, breathed thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator, to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

also with you.

he Day:

s pray. Holy God,

**hty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the f
rist. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so
re in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
God, now and forever.**

en.

ng: Exodus 34:29-35

*shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on
used the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's
spoke directly with God.*

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the
covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he
with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was s
were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the l
regation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites
he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sin
es had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Mose
ord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he c
the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of M
of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he w
him.

Word of the Lord.

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Christ's likeness.

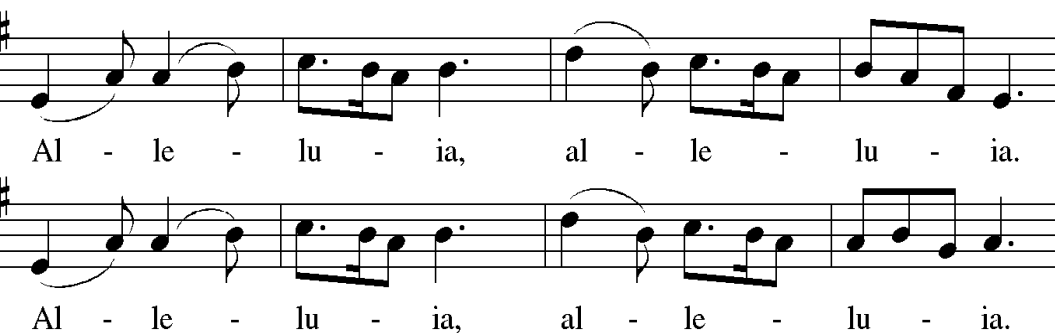
we, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness,¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set before them. Their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, a veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside.¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever that veil is read, a veil lies over their minds;¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not use guile. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to flatter people to receive their favor; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone, so that we will be approved in the sight of God.

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Announcement:.....

Celtic Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style with eighth and quarter notes, often beamed together. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating that the notes are sustained across the words. The first staff has a fermata over the first 'Al' and the second staff has a fermata over the first 'Al'.

...rms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission of his power over evil.

...oly Gospel according to Luke, the ninth chapter beginning with the twenty eighth

to you, O Lord.

...v about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James
...up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face
...ed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and
...alking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he
...to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with
...but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with
...³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here.
...ke three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what
...³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were taken
...y entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son,
...; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they later
...nd in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

...the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.
...man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only
...only a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at
...; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out,
...not." ⁴¹ Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer
...ou and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴² While he was coming, the demon
...to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and
...ack to his father. ^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

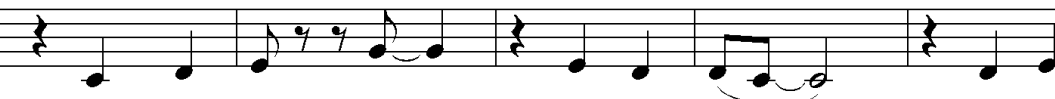
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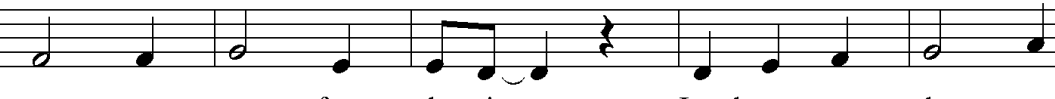
Message:.....L

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(Silence For Reflection After the Sermon)




1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our



us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our



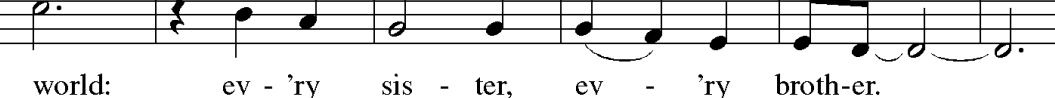
ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.



Build us up, Lord, build us up; as w
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help u




guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with t
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep



world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

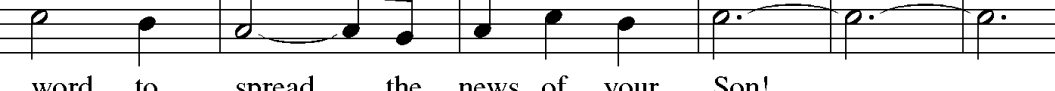
Refrain



Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low i



faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of yo



word to spread the news of your Son!

**ve 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.**

**ve 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.**

Intercession:

ne Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and
n.

Response: *(Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.)*

f grace,

our prayer.

trust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is re
the people.

of Bold Woman 2025 Recipient, Jennifer Wintersteen:

us God, we have celebrated the power of many women, past and present. It is time
ennifer. Within her is that same life and light and love. We can all touch with love;
al; our minds can seek out faith and truth and justice. Spirit of Life, be with us in o

ace of Christ be with you always.

also with you.

ay greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace and may say “Peace be with you

gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need and the

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them:“Shine, Jesus Shine

Words and music by G. Kendrick, arr
St. John’s Sa

figuration Sunday, when we celebrate Jesus transfigured, and “ His face shone like
s became “white as the light”. Today’s anthem should be a familiar song and highl
avior. Feel free to join us on the chorus or follow along in your hymnal.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory:

Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth your Word, Lord and let there be light.

ayer:

pray. God of Grace,

ove reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless
er to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with
de and generosity, now and always.

also with you.

your hearts.
t them to the Lord.

give thanks to the Lord our God.
ight to give God our thanks and praise.

er duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to
through Jesus Christ who is your light made manifest to all nations. So with the ch
h, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending

Holy, Holy, Holy *Great Thanksgiving*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en 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



and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened
to all.

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

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

remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory
and upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this
Eucharistic food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Prayer:

**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.
Deliver us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
The kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Communion:

The body of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

*Partake of this meal together at Christ's table, and all are welcome and encouraged to receive the
gracious presence of Christ in communion. Ushers will invite you forward starting at the
sanctuary. Wine is the darker liquid on the outer portion of the tray. Gluten-free wafers and
apple juice are available. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward for a prayer
(singing.)*

*In a deep, unbounded darkness, long before the first light shone,
you, O God, beyond all merit worked a wonder faith makes known:
in your mercy, in your mercy, you embraced us as your own,
evermore and evermore.*

*Though our world is everchanging, you are constant, firm, and sure,
faithful to your cov'nant promise. Trusting you, we live, secure:
singing praises, singing praises, long as heart and breath endure,
evermore and evermore.*

*Joy transforms our lips to boasting only in your matchless grace,
sending Christ to dwell among us, Word made flesh in time and space:
Friend and Savior, Friend and Savior, in whose life we glimpse your face,
evermore and evermore.*

*God of Hagar, God of Sarah, God of nomad Abraham;
God of Miriam, God of Moses, Fi'ry Pillar, great I AM:
lead us homeward, lead us homeward, to the love-feast of the Lamb,
evermore and evermore*

r Communion:

pray. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray.

e Alleluia

spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you



- le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not
 - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and
 - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be -
 our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i -



- le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on h
 - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - l
 - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for -
 the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on h



the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal -
 re by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are
 r the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall
 ere to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful -

peace. Live in hope.

As be to God.

g: Linda McDonald, Susan Olson, Mike McDonald, Paula Blessinger, Diane Evans, n Boettcher, Ken Downing, Rosita Moe, Bruce Gottwig, Bob Sorensen, Deb Berg, chard Bomar, Jeff Shirley, Jeremy Stockstad, Tatiana Ceaicovschi, Randy Holmes, wicki Alpiner, Brent Bushnell, Tom Andersen, Sally Indreland, Jana Clark, Gracie V Kynlie Weber, Everyn Weber, Ann Hadley, Mary Lou Hadley

residential living centers, extended care or homebound:

Rev. Wayne Olsen, Rosita Moe, Esther Fuehrer, Julie Wolff, Adeline Rasmussen, , Jimmie McGee

o are deployed and getting ready to deploy:

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o have died and now rest in God's merciful care: All the Saints in Heaven

ries: Missionaries around the world; Willie Langdji in Cameroon

eaders: We pray for the health and recovery of Pope Francis as he battles multiple him in Intensive Care.

Worship with Holy Communion
Fellowship
Bible Study

March 3
Staff Meeting
Celebration Ringers Rehearsal

March 4
Sing Friends
Hospitality

March 5; Ash Wednesday
Singing
Wednesday Service
Songs of St. John's Rehearsal
Ash Wednesday Service

March 6
Choir Rehearsal

March 9 Daylight Savings Time
Worship with Holy Communion,
Fellowship
Bible Study

March 10
Staff meeting
Celebration Ringers

March 11
LCA

March 12
Singing
Songs of St. Johns Rehearsal
Hot Soup Supper; donations to Global Refuge
Week/Space of Grace

March 13
Club
Luchmark Service
Choir rehearsal

March 16
Worship with Holy Communion,
Fellowship
New Member Class– No Bible Study

in up sheet downstairs for groups or individuals who brings soup. Come enjoy fellowship and soup.

Supper Collections:

Energy Share

HARRT

Cruzando Fronteras

Global Refuge

Lutheran Social Services

Feast of Greater Helena: Comfort Food Challenge on Sunday **March 23rd from 3:00-5:00pm**

at Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$45 per family. In person tickets are available at the church office, Birds & Beasley's, the Blackfoot River Brewing Co., and the Mandan Rake, randalrake@gmail.com.

August 11-15: We are shaking things up this year and have moved our annual VBS week to August. We are looking for registration forms, our theme, and other fun activities associated with the week.

Class: It is with great joy and excitement that we are able to announce we are going to start a new class for those who are new to Saint Johns along with some who are returning to Saint Johns. The first class will be on Sunday, March 16th. We will gather in the Fireside Room at 11:00am. Refreshments will be available and accompany a time of fellowship and getting acquainted. We are looking forward to this time together as we live into the Baptismal covenant that weaves through our ministry at St John's.

If you are interested in attending please talk to Pastor Keith or email him at pastorkeith@helenastjohns.org or call the church office at 406-442-6270 with any questions.

First Communion Instruction: First communion classes for students and their parents will be held on Monday, March 15th, Tuesday, March 16th, and April 9th. Classes will take place during the regularly scheduled Faith Formation class on Monday, March 15th and Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00pm. The celebration of First Communion with the congregation will take place during regular church service on Palm Sunday April 13th. For more information contact Pastor Keith or email him at pastorkeith@helenastjohns.org or call the church office at 406-442-6270 with any questions.

As a part of our faith journey, a practice that deepens and transforms our relationship with God, and with one another. This year, the council members at St. John's Lutheran Church are embracing discipleship as a key aspect of our shared ministry.

Therefore, the council and ministry team have decided to engage in a special prayer initiative for the next six months. Each month, they will randomly select a member or family from our congregation. As part of this, you may receive a phone call or a letter asking for any specific prayer requests.

We have invited the council members to share any prayer requests with me so that I, too, can intercede for the prayers of the church. It is always comforting to know we are held in prayer, and the experience to hear our prayers voiced by others.

We continue to support one another in prayer as we "walk in faith, grow in grace, and serve

ld Women Recognition

cheon at 12 noon

Women's Spring Retreat

mer Social @2pm-Spring Meadow Pavilion

ancheon @noon/ Hosted by WELCA Board

od Gathering-SWO/Hosted by St. John's

nk Offering

al of Angels

Ulgenes will lead a six hour Bible workshop using a manual called *See Through The* March 29 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The cost of the manual for the workshop will be \$15. 55 participants can order a workbook.

ble workshop and materials will begin February 16. You can register by calling Our Redeemer at 406-442-7842 or email at loriw@ourredeemerlives.org. You can also email Pastor Lori at loriw@gmail.com to sign up, ask questions or get information. Sorry no zoom or streaming available. Please let us know if you are interested in attending this exciting Bible workshop on March 29 as part of your Lenten journey. Bring a friend. It will change your understanding and knowledge of the Bible and it will

ard", Richard Rohr

discussion based on Richard Rohr's book, "Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the 21st Century". The next gathering is on Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30-8:00pm at Our Redeemers Lutheran Church. We'll have 6 gatherings, finishing on April 15. Facilitators are Father Dan Shea and Pastor Lori. The book is available on Amazon. Both 2011 and 2023 editions, new or used are appropriate. Call or text Fr. Dan 406-422-6674; e-mail dshea@carroll.edu; or 406-449-1111; text message; or Charlotte Neill at 651-587-8083 or cneill001@luthersem.edu.

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Pianist/Organist: Gretchen Munding

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