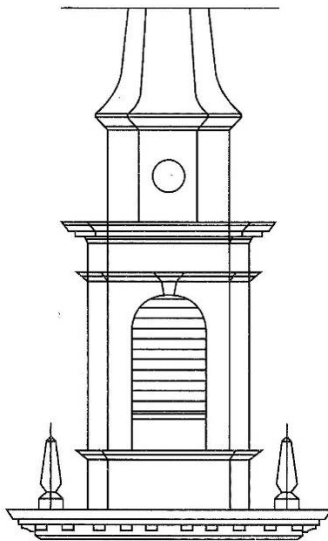


# St. John's Lutheran Church

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STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT



HOLY EUCHARIST  
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | 10:30AM

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We are delighted to have you with us today! To help us keep track of our cherished visitors, we kindly ask that you sign the visitor book located in the Narthex. This small gesture allows us to connect with you and offer any assistance you may need. Additionally, our ushers are more than happy to provide guidance and answer any questions you might have during worship. Whether you're here for the first time or returning, we hope you feel welcomed.



Join us for  
**Godly Play**  
Every Sunday at 10:30

Busy bags are in the Narthex for your little ones to enjoy. These bags are thoughtfully prepared to keep children engaged during the service. Additionally, we invite you to explore and make use of the Godly Play area at the back of the Nave, designed to provide a welcoming and enriching environment for our young attendees. We hope these resources help create a meaningful and enjoyable experience for your family.

# MISSION STATEMENT

**All are welcome! We share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.**

*Welcome to St. John's. We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.*

**PRELUDE** *The prelude signals a time of silent prayer and reflection.*

*We stand*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

**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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as  
ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Holy Name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**HYMN AT THE PROCESSION** *Love divine, all loves excelling  
Omit Verse 2.*

**HYMN 631**

## 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.

## GLORIA

**Fast and lively**

Org. *f* Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

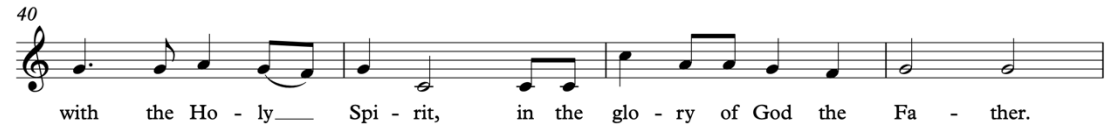
5 peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al -

9 - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

13 *mp* praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

18 Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

22 sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

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FIRST READING

EXODUS 24:12-18

A reading from Exodus.

**T**HE Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Here ends the reading.

GRADUAL PSALM

PSALM 99

*Sung by the choir. Music by Kathryn Rose (contemporary)*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is King;  
let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the  
cherubim;  
let the earth shake.  
<sup>2</sup>The Lord is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples.  
<sup>3</sup>Let them confess his Name,  
which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.  
<sup>4</sup>“O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.”  
<sup>5</sup>Proclaim the greatness

of the Lord our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.  
<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those  
who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the Lord,  
and he answered them.  
<sup>7</sup>He spoke to them  
out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies  
and the decree that he gave them.  
<sup>8</sup>“O Lord our God,  
you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,

yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

<sup>9</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the Lord

our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \*

for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

## SECOND READING

II PETER 1:16-21

A reading from II Peter.

**F**OR we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

SEQUENCE

SING VERSES 1-3

HYMN 315



- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
- 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
- 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

## GOSPEL

ST. MATTHEW 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**S**IX days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John 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 dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

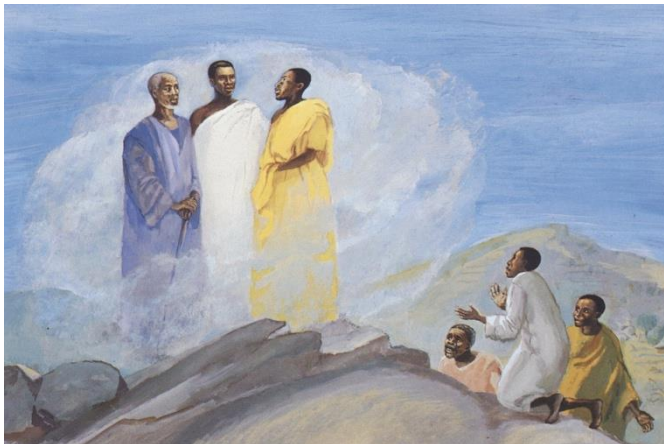
## SEQUENCE

SING VERSES 4&5

*We sit.*

## CHILDREN’S SERMON SERMON

THE REV. MARTHA MCCREIGHT





*We stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Jesus shining broke the darkness*

NEWMAN

1 Je - sus shin - ing broke the dark - ness hid - ing  
2 Christ, in you the past is pres - ent, not in  
3 Je - sus shin - ing bor - rowed splen - dor from a  
4 Christ, in you we find the fu - ture, as you  
5 Je - sus, shin - ing on the moun - tain, till we

Mos - es from our sight; sha - dows fled to  
dim - ness dead and gone; Mo - ses and E -  
day that is to come; when the Lamb is  
turn our fear to trust; in the ci - ty  
walk that ci - ty street, we re - joice to

show E - li - jah stand - ing in the sud - den light.  
li - jah wit - ness to you now, O bless - ed one.  
throned in glo - ry, in the ci - ty with no sun.  
all roads lead to, you are there, a - wait - ing us.  
glimpse its glo - ry, as your past and fu - ture meet.

TEXT BY RICHARD LEACH

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

*We kneel or sit.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each intercession ends with these words:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*We stand.*

## PEACE

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

*We sit.*

## GREETINGS

## MEAL

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### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us  
and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**      *My eyes for beauty pine*  
ELIZABETH COXHEAD (*contemporary*)



*We stand.*

### HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION      CREATE IN ME

HYMN 188

Cre - ate   in   me   a   clean   heart,   O   God,   and   re - new   a   right

spir - it   with - in   me.   Cast   me   not   a - way   from   your

pres - ence,   and   take   not   your   Ho - ly   Spir - it   from   me.   Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding: we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**Majestic**

Org. *f* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
6 *ff* might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

**Slower**

Org. *p* Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

*pp* Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
 You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.  
 You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.  
 We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
 to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
 his life-giving passion and death,  
 his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
 and the promise of his coming again,  
 we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
 not as we ought but as we are able;  
 we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
 and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
 and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
 so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ

may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
 and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
 may be formed to live as your holy people  
 and be given our inheritance with all your saints.  
 To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

Our Fa - ther who art in\_\_ hea - ven, Ha - llow'd be thy Name;  
 Thy king-dom come; thy will be\_\_ done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.  
 Give us this day our\_\_ dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pass-es as  
 we for-give those who tres - pass a - gainst\_\_ us. And lead us  
 not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil. For thine is the  
 king-dom, the po - wer and the glo - ry, for e - ver and e - ver.  
 A - men. For e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

*All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sin and promising eternal life, are welcome to the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*We sit.*

## LAMB OF GOD

**Slowly and gently**

Org. *p* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

7 *mp* world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

13 *mf* sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

19 *rit. pp ppp* take a-way the sin of the world, grant us peace.

## MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

ANTHEM

*O nata lux*

TALLIS

*We stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ.

Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## SENDING

### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son,  
and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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*The Lord's Prayer, trad. Afrikaans, arr./translated by Marnus Lively-Greyling*

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**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Martha McCreight, Pastor
Organist	Cantor Nathan Lively-Greyling
Worship Assistant	
Reader	
Communion Assistants	
Acolytes	
Usher	
Altar Committee	Eva Jakubek, Cheryl Milukas
Counters	Noel Bartels, David Hendrickson
Coffee Hour	Karen & Sue Brandt
Little Free Pantry	

**Monday, February 16**

President's Day - Office Closed

**Tuesday, February 17**

6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Dinner

7:00 pm Sneak Peek Bible Study

**Wednesday, February 18**

12:00 noon Ash Wednesday

12:15 pm First Weekly Lenten Organ Meditation



7:00 pm Ash Wednesday at  
SJLC

**22** First Sunday in Lent

**25** 11:30 am First Weekly  
Lenten Lunch and Bible Study

12:00 pm First Weekly Lenten  
Eucharist in the Nave



## **-AROUND THE PARISH-**

If you're **interested in joining St. John's**, reaching out to the church office is a great first step. The church office can provide information on membership, upcoming events, and the various ministries and programs you can get involved with. Whether you're looking to deepen your faith, find a spiritual community, or volunteer, the church office is there to support and guide you. Don't hesitate to contact them with questions or to schedule a visit to learn more about what St. John's offers.

Join us for our **First Holy Communion classes** for children in grades 1-5. Classes will begin in February, offering thorough and engaging preparation for this important sacrament. The First Communion is scheduled for Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 7 PM. This marks a significant milestone in your child's spiritual journey, and we are excited to be part of it. For more information or to enroll your child, please contact our office. We look forward to guiding your child through this sacred experience.

**Baptisms** will take place at the Easter Vigil this year on April 4 at 7 PM. This sacrament marks a new beginning and a spiritual rebirth. Those interested in being baptized, or parents wishing to have their child baptized, are encouraged to reach out to Pr. Martha for more information and to make necessary arrangements.

### **Large Print Bulletins Available!**

Large print bulletins are now available for anyone who needs them. If you or someone else needs a copy, please visit the narthex and ask an usher for help. Thank you for helping us ensure everyone can fully participate in our service!

We are updating our **church photo directory**! To ensure it accurately reflects our vibrant community, we kindly ask you to contact the parish office with your updated photo, phone numbers, email addresses, and mailing addresses. This update will help us stay connected and support each other better. Please reach out at your earliest convenience to share your information.

## WE NEED YOU!

### ACOLYTE SIGN-UP



### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, READERS, USHERS, COFFEE HOUR, AND LFP SIGN-UP



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## PRAYER LIST



Pastor Emeritus Dennis Albrecht, Beryl, Charlotte, Diane, Robert, family of Ron Meyer, Valerie, Dom and family and friends of Pr Nick, Sue Sachs and family on the loss of her mother, Joe, unspoken, Gary, Br. Ian, Pr Harv Weitzel, Trish. Pam, Robert, Charlotte

If you have someone to add to the prayer list, please email the parish office.  
Contact Pr Martha for pastoral needs.

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**ASH**  
**WEDNESDAY**

**FEBRUARY 18**

12 noon | Chapel

7pm | Choral Euchraist



**CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD.**



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## INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church, Stamford, CT, is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Munsee Lenape, Schaghticoke, Mohican, and Wappinger peoples. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial and wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.