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10 AM By phone 1(888) 788-0099 Meeting ID 886 7604 5376 for Personal ID use “ # ”

We are on Zoom and have established an 800 number for those who wish to use their phone to connect and not be charged long distance. Our weekly invitation link can also be used by Wi-Fi connection. The Zoom computer connection or 800 number is a good way for you to have our service available to you and your family and friends. **1(888) 788-0099** is the free 800 phone number. For Sunday worship the meeting ID is **886 7604 5376**, no personal ID is required. Just hit the # sign when asked for personal ID. If you have a smart phone you can enter with video connection or not. If you do not get in please call 385-234-1931 before 10 AM and I will try to help you connect.

The easiest way to come on Zoom by computer is to have an invitation email with a link. You will need to send your email address to me or Susan, so we can send out an invitation with a link to our meeting. If you notice someone missing from the email addresses in your email or want to invite someone you know, either forward this to them or send an email to Susan Roberts or Pastor Hank so we can include them in our ongoing email invitations if they desire.

We are privileged and commanded by God to worship Him. Worship is the highest art form and good work that humans can do before and with God. Worship brings us into God's presence, where we first confess our sins and receive His forgiveness to enter His presence as well as receive His blessings for life now and in eternity. Worship establishes and maintains eternal fellowship with God. Worship is not an entertainment activity. Do not sit back and watch; true worship requires your active participation. Even while muted, sing the hymns and speak the responses, prayers and confessions.

Because of the second to second and a half lag-time between you and the source of the music or leading voice, unison participation requires us to mute our mic or phone if feature available, or cover the mouth piece. Only one voice should be heard responding to avoid confusion. Our joyful noise is certainly heard by our Lord, but it is distracting to our worship concentration with the lag time. Remember, worship is not worship unless you are involved in the worship acts, so don't just watch, -- join in, listen and participate.

You will have opportunity to speak to and greet each other both before and after worship. The actual worship will start at 10 AM, but we will establish our meeting for you to connect at or after 9:45 AM. You will come into the waiting room and be brought in by the host or co-host ASAP. Your wait time will be very short. Please join us.

In these times of isolation and danger we give thanks to our God who tells us, "I will never leave you or forsake you." We may not be able to understand the why, but we know that God is in our midst working to sustain us and turn this evil to our good. His Word is never broken; His promises are sure! His love for us assures us of victory over all that which would destroy body and soul. We are with Him, and He continues to gift us with life, body, soul, family, friends, and our church family. We have much to be thankful for. Because of the resurrection of our Lord, we need never fear our future. We can do all things through Him who strengthens and loves us. We have Joy and Peace in Jesus Christ!

Transfiguration of Our Lord February 14, 2021

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Divine Service Setting 1 / Service of the Word

Opening HYMN: LSB 904 “Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”

1. Blessed Jesus at Your Word We are gathered all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teachings, sweet and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.
2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded Till Your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded. You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.
3. Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light of Light, from God proceeding, Open now our heart and mind; Help us by Your Spirit’s pleading. Hear the cry Your Church now raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.
4. Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, Praise to You and adoration! Grant that we may trust Your Word, Confident of our salvation, While we here below must wander, Till we sing Your praises yonder.

GREETINGS:

INVOCATION:

P: We worship in the Name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

P: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

C: for the LORD our God is holy!

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: but if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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 (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

PSALM / INTROIT (Ps. 99:1-5; Antiphon Ps.99:9)

P: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

C: for the LORD our God is holy!

P: the LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble.

C: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

P: The LORD is great in Zion;

C: He is exalted over all the peoples.

P: Let them praise Your great and awesome name!

C: Holy is He!

P: The King in His might loves justice.

C: You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

P: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool!

C: Holy is He!

**Glory be to the Father and to the (+) Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

C: for the LORD our God is holy!

KYRIE:

P: In peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, & the unity of all,
Let us pray to the Lord.*

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For this holy house & for all who offer here their worship & praise. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise Gloria in Excelsis

P: 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.**

Hymn LSB 414 “ ’Tis good Lord to Be Here! ”

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.

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.

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹When 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. ³⁰ 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.

³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³² Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ 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 ³⁵ 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

GRADUAL: (Is.9:6; Ps.98:1a)

P: Praise the LORD, all nations!

C: Extol Him, all peoples!

P: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

C: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His Name;

C: bring an offering, and come into His courts!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³ not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains

unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶ But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord Who is Spirit. ^{4:1} Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to taper with God's Word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴ In 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. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE: (*John 6:68*) & (*Ps. 45:2a*)

*P: Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips.
Alleluia, alleluia.*

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:2-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

² And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them. ³ and His clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; ⁵ listen to Him." ⁸ And suddenly looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, He charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon LSB 537 "Beautiful Savior"

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,
praise, adoration Now and forever more be Thine!

Sermon: "Are You Listening?"

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us now confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.

Prayer Hymn LSB 771 "Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord"

1. Be still, my soul, before the Lord, For God is always near. Before your mind is moved to pray, God listens and will hear.
2. You need not multiply your words Nor pray with practiced art. Beyond all speech, God understands The hunger of your heart.
3. Wait, then in quiet confidence, Your anxious thoughts at rest. God knows your needs before you ask And works for what is best.
4. Be still, my soul, before the Lord; On God in patience wait. God's love, unseen, surrounds your life; God's help will not be late.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

(after each petition ending in Lord in your mercy-- the congregational response is):

C: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Grace:

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by

Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Offering Hymn LSB 785 “We Praise You, O God”

1. We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You; We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.
2. We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You; Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o’er Take us, You will not forsake us, And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
3. With voices united our praises we offer And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. With You,
Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us. To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

OFFERING: (As you are privileged, do contribute to our ministry by sending your offering in support of God’s ministry at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 475 East Herbert Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84111)
In the House of the Lord, the Offering is taken for the partnership with God in His ministry in our community and through this congregation. To participate, you will need to send it to the address above or use the PayPal app on our website. stjohnslutheranslc.org

OFFERTORY:

All: 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.

BENEDICTION

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.*

C: AMEN.

Closing Hymn LSB 801 “How Great Thou Art”

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some wonder Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy pow’r through-out the universe displayed; (*refrain*)
2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When
I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (*refrain*)
3. But when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin; (*refrain*)
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!” (*refrain*)
5. And when in pow’r He comes, Oh, may our native land From all its rending tombs Send forth
a glorious band, A countless throng, With joy to sing To heav’n’s high King Salvation’s song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Please keep in your prayers: Robert Schiavo, Sharyn Oliver, Louise Merritt, Bob Malinsky, Dorothy Erickson, Joan Schrank, Lola Stopper, Irma Keil, Irmgard Ristau and Maurine Rathje.
2. Wednesday's Bible Studies: Meeting ID on Zoom is 8133 807 5489. Join us and get the live session or down loads from our website and the archive. stjohnslutheranslc.org **To join us for the Wednesday Bible Study just send an email to susan.roberts.utah@gmail.com for an email link. We will be starting the Epistle of James.**
3. We are still in basic lockdown for our services as per the state mandates. Stay safe; wear your mask for your sake and for the sake of others. Communion is available by request.
4. We now need our congregation and friends to take a good look at what St. John's is about. You need to visit our website stjohnslutheranslc.org to see our new church image to the public. Questions, suggestions and corrections all help us improve our ministry to you and the public.
5. Offering donations may now be made on PayPal using our web page connection or by check. It should be made out to St. John's Lutheran Church and mailed 475 E Herbert Ave. Salt Lake City, 84111. Yes, to do ministry we need your participation as God blesses and you give thanks. Gifts for special projects should be noted on check or if by PayPal an email to us identifying what fund you are designating.
6. Our Church's flat roof and Swamp Coolers need replacing. We have some money set aside for this but we are about \$25,000 short of being able to pay for this. This needs to be done this year so Church Council has set aside this as a designated fund and special need. Please consider donating to this needed project.
7. There is a lot of information and stories about the Corvid 19 immunization shots and response. It is wise to remember to take all these stories with a grain of salt. The people in that industry only get to tell their stories by sensationalizing them. You don't get just the facts. You get the hysteria historical, which is mostly historical ad-lib. If Presidents Biden and Trump can get it along with the Queen of England, Queen Elizabeth and the Pope, maybe you can too.
8. Ash Wednesday worship February 17 at 7PM will be both by Zoom and at the church using social distancing. Communion will be offered to those confirmed in the faith and attending. See the February New Letter for further details.
9. The Lenten worship theme is a focus on The People of the Passion Story.

From the Pastor's Desk February / Epiphany beginning of Lent Greeting February 13, 2021
Happy Valentine's Day Everybody!

1. It has been a long quiet time since we have gathered at the church in person. My concern is that Word and Sacrament Ministry is not effectively being done by your pastor in this isolated environment. Yes, we worship on Zoom, but are you worshipping or being entertained, or worse, is it a duty you are doing? My concern for you and the ministry are real, and I know that if you give the devil an opportunity, he takes a mile and then all. The Word of God is active, sharper than a two-edge sword cutting through the junk and going

clean to the bone. It is God we worship and not ourselves. Are you hearing His Word or do I or the electronic media and every distraction around you in the house get in the way? Worship of God is not passive listening. It is active listening and participation as well as applying God's Word to our daily life. The hymns need to be sung, and the prayers prayed together as the family of God. God still needs our full attention and participation for you to be blessed by and for it. For your own good spiritual growth, you need to actively worship. God commanded this worship for our good and for building our relationship with Him and His family—your church members. I pray that despite all the distractions and problem of communication you will continue in His Word and our fellowship together. For those desiring communion, private communion, or communion after normal worship at the church is available to you.

2. I am encouraging all to get your Corvid 19 immunity shots as we progress into this year's winter and spring cold, flu, and pandemic season. I hope to be able to assemble again as family and have asked the elders to schedule the July picnic in the canyon this year. We will have to work on the food distribution and preparation at council to insure this is safe for you.
3. Ash Wednesday is February 17th – this Wednesday begins our Lenten season. We will have zoom services at 7 PM on Wednesday evenings until Holy Week/Passion Week, which starts with Palm Sunday, March 29. The church will be open for attendees with communion offered following services as desire. Masks and social distancing will be required until the pandemic settles down. Imposition of Ashes can be done for attendees. Please let me know if you desire this. Email rev.dr.hankmalone@gmail.com, or text 385-234-1931 or call and talk to me or leave a voice mail please.
4. The Church Council established a special fund for the church's roof replacement. Now we need your participation as and if you are able. Until further notice this will need to be done by check to earmark the money for this project. PayPal donations on the church Website go to the general fund. We don't have a way to designate on PayPal.
5. We are beginning a Bible Study on the Epistle James this Wednesday. Do join us.
6. God continues to bless us with life and love and forgiveness. I had a Commander in the Navy who would advise that you are not doing it right, if you're not having fun. So do it right! Yes the joy of life and family and friends is a true blessing, especially during these restricted times of social gathering. Children teach us to play and God gives us all that we need to support body and life. We turn to Him for the joy of forgiveness and hope for a better tomorrow. Your life is to be cherished and nurtured in His presence through Word and Sacrament. I have been ordained to do that ministry, and I want to do it to His glory and honor. Let me know what I can do for you. Stay happy and safe.

Joy and Peace in Jesus Christ our Lord
Pastor Hank