



The
GLORY
of the **LORD**

THE FESTIVAL OF THE
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 19, 2023

Welcome To Worship

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child becomes restless, you can use the Family Room to calm them. Quiet bags and children's bulletins are also available to keep little ones busy. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the worship space. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service folder and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers can help you find the restrooms or family room and answer any other questions.

Service Notes For This Sunday



Throughout his ministry Jesus said astounding things and did astounding things. Yet, he looked like a normal man. The prophet said, “He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him” (Isaiah 53:2). This would all change one day atop a high mountain. There, Jesus gave his disciples—gave his Church—a glimpse of the glory he set aside to be our Savior. And the voice of the Father thundered from the heavens, just as it did at Jesus’ baptism, announcing Jesus’ true identity to the world—the glorious Son of God.

And so the Transfiguration of our Lord serves as a one-week bridge between the season of Epiphany, where Jesus is revealed as the true Son of God, and the season of Lent, where we witness what the Son of God came to do.

On the Mount of Glory, St. Peter declared, “It is good for us to be here.” Indeed! For here we see the God of Majestic Glory, who became a man to suffer and die for us, just as Moses and the Prophets had foretold. Oh, how much this glorious God loves us!

Today’s service includes a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For personal preparation, consider using the Questions for Examination on page 9 of this service folder or Christian Questions on page 295 of the blue hymnal.

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The Service: Setting One

Setting One begins on page 154 in the hymnal.

Welcome

Hymn

392 *This Brightness, Lord! What Shall I Say*
Join to sing following the first verse.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

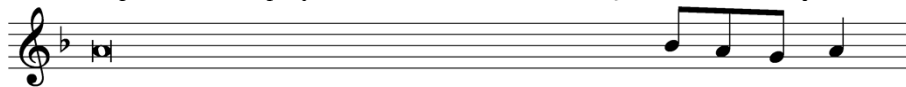
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



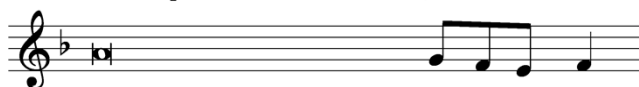
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

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Glory Be to God

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,
 we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
 God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
 For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Exodus 24:9–18

On Mount Sinai, Moses saw the glory of the Lord as a terrifying fire; he would later see the glory of the Lord in the Savior who takes away his sins.

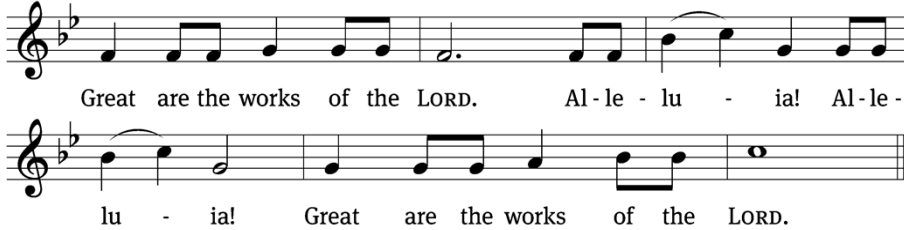
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

2D Great Are the Works of the LORD

Refrain



Great are the works of the LORD. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Great are the works of the LORD.

Tone



Why do the nations / conspire
and the peoples / plot in vain?
The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together a - / gainst the LORD
and against his A - / noointed. *Refrain*

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and the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together a - / gainst the LORD
and against his A - / noointed. *Refrain*

The One enthroned in / heaven laughs;
the Lord / scoffs at them.

He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, / saying,
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy / mountain.” *Refrain*

I will proclaim the / LORD’s decree:

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your / Father.”

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be - / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16–21

Peter, an eyewitness of the Lord's glory, testifies to the reliability of the Christian faith.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:7

Refrain



Pastor sings:

A cloud covered them, and a voice came / from the cloud:

“This is my Son, whom I love. Lis- / ten to him!”

Refrain

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Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

The account of the transfiguration of the Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

388 Down from the Mount of Glory

Sermon

Stand

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated

Connect Card

Please take a moment now to fill out a Connect Card.

Prayer of the Church

Eternal God and Father, we pray for the Church around the world. Always keep your people faithful to you. Lift the veil from our eyes and guide us to see Christ in the Word and sacraments. During all the distractions of life, help us set our sights on Jesus.

Keep us safe and protect us from the tricks and treachery of the devil.

We pray that you move us to have compassion on those stumbling in the darkness and empower us to proclaim Christ to all who have no faith. Give us courage to be unashamed of the light you have given us.

Help us to carry it willingly with joy wherever we go and whatever we do.

Hear our prayers for Christians everywhere who are being persecuted because of the light they bear. Give them the strength to endure the hardships they are undergoing and give them the peace and hope of Christ as they battle on. Also be with those who are sick, in need, and anyone whose needs we hold in our hearts.

Reveal your gracious presence to all who suffer.

Be with us, Lord, as we think about the coming days of Lent. Let your law convince us that we indeed deserve your punishment and would be lost forever without Christ. As our hearts fill with sorrow and regret, lift us up to see the Savior's sacrifice on the cross.

Give us hearts full of faith in him.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Lord God, hear the prayers we offer and let your grace and mercy flow to us and all for whom we pray. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Light of the world.

Amen.

Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.



Musical Offering

Questions for Examination

- † *Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness?*
- † *Do I believe that Jesus died on the cross to win forgiveness for me?*
- † *Do I believe that Jesus offers his true body and blood with the bread and wine in this sacrament?*
- † *Do I believe this sacrament strengthens my faith and strengthens me to live a God-pleasing life?*
- † *Am I a member of a church that belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS)?*
- † *If you answered "no" to any of these questions, please hold off on communing with us today. Following worship, one of the pastors would be happy to explain why we ask you to do this.*

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 165



Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -

san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,

bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,". The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

389 *How Good, Lord, to Be Here*
 660 *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face*

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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 T give you peace.
Amen.

Hymn

522 *Beautiful Savior*

Take Home Questions

1. Although said from a place of misunderstanding, Peter's words, "Lord, it is good for us to be here" can be applied to us today. For what reasons is it good for us to see Jesus' glory on this Transfiguration Sunday, especially as we go into Lent and Holy Week?
2. Read Exodus 24:9-18 and Matthew 17:1-9. Then compare and contrast Mount Sinai with the Mount of Glory. For what reasons can we rejoice in God's new covenant in the person of Jesus Christ?
3. Based on his eye (and ear) witness and on the prophetic word, Peter boldly confessed the truth that Jesus is the Son of God (2 Peter 1:16-21). For what reasons can we make that same bold confession in confidence?
4. Jesus resolutely came down from this glorious mountain top to face suffering and death. Pause and consider these two extremes—the glory of the Transfiguration and the humiliation of his Passion. In what ways do we see these two extremes in our own lives as we live as Christians?

News & Announcements



This Sunday's Bible Study: Discussing Transgenderism with Children

Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 AM
For the google meet link, contact a pastor.

Lent Begins This Week

Feb. 22

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday services on Feb. 22. One thing that is new this year is that our **second service will be held a half hour earlier at 6:00 pm**. The first service will remain at 4:00 pm, and we will still have a fellowship meal between the services. We will continue this pattern throughout Lent.

Volleyball Begin Today

Feb. 19 | 2:00 pm

Coed Volleyball gets underway next Sunday, Feb. 19. Come to the gym from 2:00-5:00 pm for some fun, fellowship, and a good workout.

Kindergarten Roundup

Feb. 25 | 10:00 AM

On Saturday, we are holding our Kindergarten Roundup for any families interested in our kindergarten program. You will meet the teacher, see the classroom, and get to know some of the other families with Kindergarteners. Come to the Kindergarten Room at 10:00 am.

Help at the Food Pantry

Mar. 13-17

Our congregation will be serving at the local FOCUS food pantry March 13-17. Volunteers are needed from 11:45 am to 4:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday and from 3:45-7:00 pm on Tuesday. If you can help, please contact Judy Anderson (sjanderson@charter.net or 715-423-5922) by Feb. 28.

Help at Easter for Kids

Easter for Kids will take place on Saturday, March 25. Volunteers are needed for all areas: lesson, games, crafts, music, food, registration, and more. To volunteer, use the signup sheet on the Ministry Table or sign up online by going to our website and looking for Easter for Kids under What's Happening. If you want to learn more, there is a planning meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 2 at 6:30 pm, or contact Kent Schroeder at 715-213-7904.

Registration for Easter for Kids is also open. Look for registrations forms on the Ministry Table or our website.

- Sunday** 8:00 AM Worship
 9:15 AM Bible Study in the cafeteria
 9:15 AM Catechism Class in the Bible Study Room
 9:15 AM Sunday School for 3K thru 6th grade
 10:30 AM Worship
 2:00 PM Coed Volleyball in the gym
- Monday** 4:30 PM Choir Practice in the balcony
- Tuesday** 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
 9:45 AM Women Walking in the Word in the Resource Center
 6:30 PM Leadership Council in the Resource Center
- Wednesday** 8:55 AM School Chapel Service
 4:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
 4:45 PM Fellowship Meal in the cafeteria
 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
- Thursday** 7:00 AM Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
- Saturday** **10:00 AM Kindergarten Roundup**
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Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week's Attendance: 251
 Anticipated offerings YTD: \$ 586,232
 Actual offerings YTD: \$ 469,346
 Mortgage balance: \$1,046,180

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 2 ~ Easter for Kids Planning Meeting
 Mar. 5 ~ Together We Shine at NLHS
 Mar. 10 ~ Family Fun Night / NPH Book Fair
 Mar. 11 ~ National Handbell Festival in Watertown, WI



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
 February 22
 4:00 & 6:00 PM

Fellowship Meal
 served 4:45-5:45 PM



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