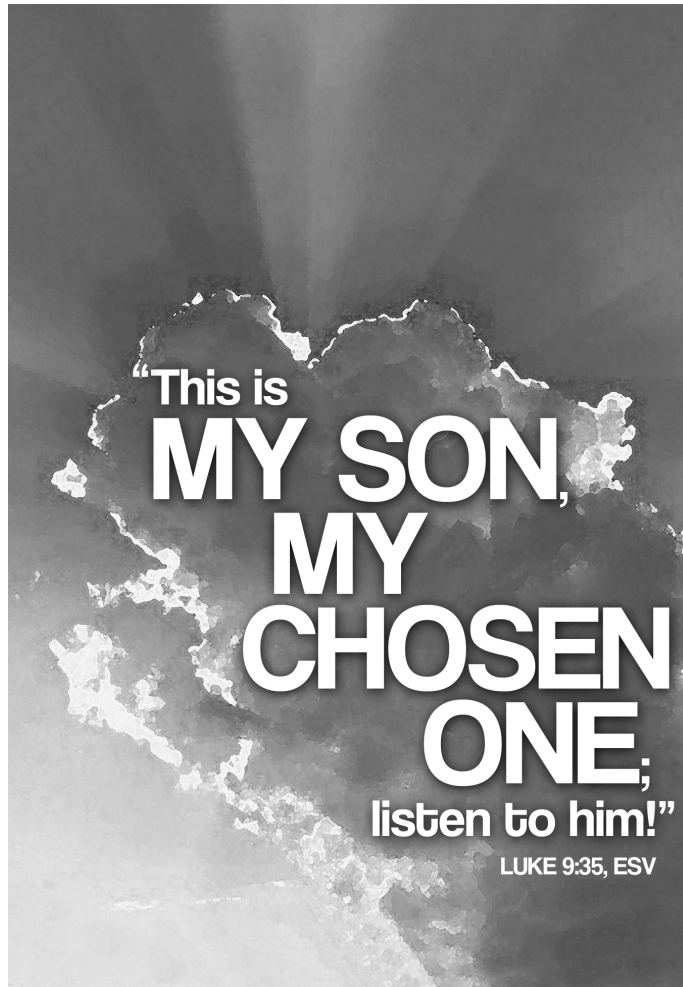


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



GLORY UNCOVERED:
WHEN IT IS MOST HIDDEN,
IT IS MOST ON DISPLAY

The Festival of the Transfiguration

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church | Wisconsin Rapids, WI

February 27, 2022



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 Epiphany, we have seen that God must uncover for us the truths that could not be discovered by us. As this season ends, we are presented with a twist. For God's glory to be revealed, it actually must be covered. God's glory needed to be hidden in Christ. It is hidden in the gospel. This is how God enables sinful human beings to see his glory and, rather than turning away in fear, stare at it in wonder for as long as they want. The truth God uncovers for us today: when his glory is hidden, it is most on display.

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The Service: Setting Five

Welcome

Hymn

389 *How Good, Lord, to Be Here*

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

Tune: NETTLETON



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he loves so
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our sin a -



well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your



grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and



glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our
ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the



joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

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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 34:29-35

Though Christ, God would establish a new and greater covenant than the two sided covenant which he established at Sinai.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

2D Great Are the Works of the LORD
Please sing the refrain and the "Glory be..."

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*

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 Corinthians 3:7-18

The glory of the New Covenant of grace far surpasses the glory of the Old Covenant of law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:7

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

“This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

The glory of God, hidden in Christ, shines through on the Mount of Transfiguration.

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

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Be seated

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. Lift the veil from our eyes and guide us to see Christ in your means of grace. 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.

Move us to have compassion on all who stumble in darkness and empower us to proclaim Christ to the faithless. Give us courage to be unashamed of the light you have given us.

May we carry it willingly with joy wherever we go and whatever we do.

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 over our sin, 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. Guests, please don't feel obligated to take part in the offering. We're just happy you're here as our guest to hear and take to heart the message of Jesus. 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

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Hymn

522 Beautiful Savior

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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.

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 give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

390 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



Take Home Questions

1. Make a list of all the different characteristics between the two ministries Paul is describing in 2 Corinthians 3:7-18. In what ways do those two ministries manifest themselves in your everyday life?
2. Reread the Gospel from Jesus' baptism, which began the season of Epiphany this year (Luke 3:15-17,21-23). Now, compare and contrast that with today's Gospel from Jesus' transfiguration, which is closing the season of Epiphany (Luke 9:28-36). What do these similarities and differences teach us about Jesus and his work?
3. During the transfiguration, Jesus, Moses, and Elijah were talking about Jesus' upcoming "departure" in Jerusalem. At first, it seems like the glory displayed in the transfiguration and Jesus' upcoming suffering contradict each other. However, how are these two things actually in concert with each other?
4. This is the final Sunday in our Epiphany series, Uncovered. Look back at all the themes from the past six weeks. (Service folders or services can be found on our website.) What surprising truths about Jesus and life in his kingdom do you most want to remember? What can you do in your life to carry these truths with you?

News & Announcements



This Sunday's Bible Study: Called to Serve

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

Help with Easter for Kids

April 2

We still need several volunteers for Easter for Kids, which is on April 2. Descriptions of the positions and a signup sheet can be found on the Ministry Table. We also need people to hang posters around town. See the Ministry Table for more details.

NLHS Friendraiser/Fundraiser

March 6 | 12-3PM

Help Northland Lutheran High School (NLHS) raise \$12,000 for their tuition assistance fund. There will be a soup competition and silent auction. (Competition entries and silent auction donations are still being accepted.) Join the fun and make some new friends.

Hygiene Drive Ends Next Sunday

March 6

If you have been meaning to donate to the hygiene drive, be sure to bring you items by next Sunday. The collection box will be picked up on Monday March 7.

Ministries Are Hiring

Our WELS synod offices and Martin Luther College are now accepting applications for full-time support staff employees. For more info, visit wels.net and tap on Careers or visit mlc-wels.edu/hr.

Special Prayers This Week:

- Troy Raflik, the nephew of Marvin Raasch, passed away
- Renee Nieman passed away. Her funeral is on Thursday.
- For Deb Buelow who was called to serve at our 1st & 2nd grade teacher
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Sunday	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in church
	9:15 AM	Catechism Class in the West Wing
	9:15 AM	Sunday School (grades 3K-6)
	10:30 AM	Worship
Monday	6:00 PM	Men's Devotional Basketball in the gym
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	Unified Board Meetings
Wednesday	8:55 AM	School Chapel Service
	4:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
	4:45 PM	Fellowship Meal
	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	6:30 PM	Easter for Kids Planning Meeting
Sunday	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the cafeteria
	9:15 AM	Catechism Class in the West Wing
	9:15 AM	Sunday School (grades 3K-6)
	10:30 AM	Worship
	3:00 PM	Together We Shine at Northland Lutheran High School

Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week's Attendance: 229

Anticipated offerings YTD: \$ 513,400

Actual offerings YTD: \$ 484,649

YTD giving to the Organ Fund: \$ 109,491



Fellowship Meal Menu:
Sloppy Joes





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