

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



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AS WE GATHER- GOD MANIFESTS HIS GLORY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST JESUS, TRANSFIGURED FOR US BY HIS CROSS- The Transfiguration confirms “the prophetic word … to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place” (2 Peter 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were “eyewitnesses of his majesty” (2 Peter 1:16). “He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun” (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 17:5). By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, “the appearance of the glory of the LORD” is no longer “like a devouring fire” (Ex. 24:17), but it is graciously revealed in His own body. As “Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel” went up the mountain with Moses and “beheld God, and ate and drank” (Ex. 24:9, 11), we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar.

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OPENING HYMN “JESUS ON THE MOUNTAIN PEAK” 415

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† THE SERVICE OF THE WORD †

INTROIT PSALM 99:1-5; ANTIphon: V. 9

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy!

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth
quake!**

The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

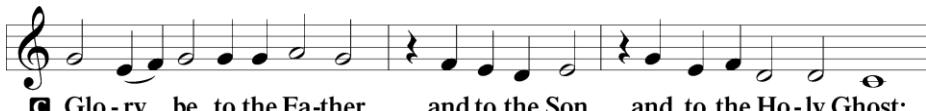
Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.

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

Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

GLORIA PATRI**P. 186****C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;****as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.****KYRIE****P. 186****GLORIA IN EXCELSIS****P. 187-189****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.**OLD TESTAMENT****EXODUS 24:8-18**

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." ⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. ¹²The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So

Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now 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. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

PSALM 117:1-2A, 96:8

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

EPISTLE

2 PETER 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ

APOSTLES' CREED

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HYMN OF THE DAY “O WONDROUS TYPE! O VISION FAIR” 413

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy,

C Hear our Prayer.

In Our Prayers:

+ Scott Christenson	+ Darian Litzau
+ Andy Birkholz	+ Robin Lueck
+ Dan Gueningsman	+ Karen Strei
+ Maya Radtke	+ Hillard Klaustermeier
+ Jeremy Radtke	+ Angela Litzau
+ Carol and Les Parpart	+ Call Process for Associate Pastor
+ Merlin Mathews	
+ Family and Friends of Dorothy Christen	

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT † P. 194-199

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

Examination Questions: Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE”	414
“JESUS COMES TODAY WITH HEALING”	620
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COLLECT/SALUTATION

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BENEDICTION

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: 191

Sun School/Youth: 24

Bible Study: N/A

Organist:

Lynn Mueller

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING- A Special Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 22nd between services, approximately 9:15 AM. There will be no Bible Study that day (there will be Sunday School). This meeting will be to vote on Associate Pastor candidates.

2. LOST AND FOUND- We have accumulated a lot of left behind items, including gloves, scarves, coats and an umbrella. Please check the coat rack in the main hallway to see if any of the items are yours. Anything remaining after February 28th will be disposed of.

3. YOUTH MISSION TRIP -If you are interested or want to learn more about our youth mission trip to Camp Lutherhaven, please attend a meeting TODAY at 3pm. Mission trip dates July 11 – 18th.

4. LENT SCHEDULE- Please join us for our Midweek Lenten Services, starting Ash Wednesday, February 18th, at 7:00 PM. Meals will be served prior to the service. Please note that the services on Wednesdays March 18th and 25th will be at St. Peter Lutheran Church.

5. ASH WEDNESDAY CHILI SUPPER- Join us for a heartwarming evening of fellowship and flavor at the Chili Supper on Ash Service on Wednesday February 18th, hosted by St. Paul's to support our youth. Your presence helps us fund their mission trip to Camp Lutherhaven in Indiana, a wonderful opportunity for growth and service. As you enjoy a delicious bowl of chili, know that your free will offering at the door will make a significant impact, empowering our youth to embark on this meaningful journey.

6. PRE-SCHOOL MUSIC CLASS will be held ALL THURSDAY evenings in February from 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the St. Paul's music room. Babies through age 5 are welcome! Questions? Contact Jane Holasek.

7. SANDWICH MINISTRY- Join us for our monthly sandwich making event on Thursday, February 20th at 8:30 a.m.

8. LILY ORDERS- If you would like to order an Easter Lily, forms are available on the table in the Upper Narthex. Deadline to order is March 5th. No late orders will be taken.

9. BAKED POTATO BAR- The Board of Education invites all youth and congregation members to join them for a Baked Potato Bar following

second service on Sunday, March 8th. Please bring your favorite topping to share. A sign-up sheet is in the Upper Narthex to indicate how many will be attending, and what topping you are bringing. Please also bring your favorite card/board game to play after lunch.

10. DARTBALL- If you would like to order a Dartball t-shirt or sweatshirt, forms are available on the table in the Upper Narthex. Deadline to order is Sunday, February 22nd. Reach out to Amy Meyer if you have any questions.

10. MEAL TRAIN- A meal train has been set up for the Schulteis Family. What is Meal Train? Please use this link to visit the meal train sign up for the Schulteis family: <https://mealtrain.com/8nzeq4>

11. SCHEDULE- *February 22:* Ushers: 1st Service-Peter Feltmann, Cameron Mogenson, Duane Litzau; 2nd Service: Joey Schauer, Jack Schauer, Carolyn Toenies, Brandon Schmidt; Acolytes: 1st Service- E. Novotny, B. Peterson; 2nd Service: M. Schauer, W. Schauer; Greeters- 1st Service: John & Julie Lange; 2nd Service: Nick & Karissa Rasset; Flowers: Patsy Schauer; Altar Guild: Angela Christen/Debbie Bahr; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Calendar of Events

Sun. Feb 15	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Sun. School/Adult Bible Study/ACT WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Call Committee Meeting ACT Mission Trip Meeting
Mon. Feb 16	Noon	Deadline for Lamplighter
Wed. Feb 18	Noon 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for Bulletin Release Time/Confirmation Classes Chili Supper ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION
Thur. Feb 19	8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Sandwich Ministry Music Class
Sun. Feb 22	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE COMM Special Voters Meeting Sunday School WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE COMM