

WELCOME

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

SAT. FEBRUARY 10/SUN. FEBRUARY 11, 2024



“LISTEN TO HIM”

AS WE GATHER

Within the pandemonium of the transfiguration, the voice speaks: “This is My beloved Son; listen to Him” (Mark 9:7). Moses is there and gone. Elijah is there and gone. The disciples are with Him on the mount and then head down into the valley. But the glory of the Lord will not depart. It will remain: lifted high upon the cross, revealed in the empty tomb, and placed upon the followers of Jesus. It is the Word that endures forever, the Word made flesh, and the Word who speaks through the voice of Scripture. The call remains: “Listen to Him.”

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN “’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here” *LSB 414*

**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.**

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POTSDAM S M Luke 9:28–36; Matt. 1:22–23; Ps. 130:7; Rev. 7:13–14

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: Extol Him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,
People: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
People: bring an offering, and come into His courts!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8–9*

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

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: 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.

Pastor: Jesus came down from the Mount of Transfiguration, even though He knew His disciples would forsake and deny Him. He went to the cross so that He could offer us all full and free forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in

the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

+WORD+

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☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“MAJESTY”

**Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne unto His own;
His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty;
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.**

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 34:29–35 (Moses comes down the mountain with the Law in his hands and the glory of the Lord upon his face.)*

²⁹ When 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6* (We all, with unveiled face, behold the glory of God.)

¹² Since 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 the Spirit.

4 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 tamper 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 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

(LSB p. 205)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 9:2–9 (With Moses and Elijah at His side, Jesus reveals His glory.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

People: 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; 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”
LSB 416 (Tune: LSB 648)

**1. Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,
Heaven’s voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent,
Turning from the summit’s rise
Downward toward the shadowed valley
Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.**

**2. Glimpsed and gone the revelation,
They shall gain and keep its truth,
Not by building on the mountain
Any shrine or sacred booth,
But by following the Savior
Through the valley to the cross
And by testing faith’s resilience
Through betrayal, pain, and loss.**

**3. Lord, transfigure our perception
With the purest light that shines,
And recast our life’s intentions
To the shape of Your designs,
Till we seek no other glory
Than what lies past Calv’ry’s hill
And our living and our dying
And our rising by Your will.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE 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 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 OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS “Crown Him the Lord of Light” Tune: *LSB 525*

**Crown Him the Lord of light,
Whom heav’n and earth adore.
Crown Him the Lord of pow’r and might,
Who leads His hosts in war!
Shout your hosannas loud
To the blest, coming King,
For He’ll return upon the clouds
And life eternal bring.**

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **“Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ☩ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI “Crown Him the Lamb of God” Tune: *LSB 525*

**Crown Him the Lamb of God,
Who takes our sins away.
Crown Him with glory, praise, and laud:
The Life, the Truth, the Way!
We pray ascended Lord
For mercy, peace, and grace**

**As we are sent with one accord
To share Your hope's embrace.**

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+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“I Stand Amazed”

**1 I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how he could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.**

Refrain:

**How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be;**

**How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!**

**2 For me it was in the garden
He prayed, "Not my will, but thine;"
He had no tears for his own griefs,
But sweat drops of blood for mine. [Refrain]**

**3 He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them his very own;
He bore the burden to Calv'ry,
And suffered and died alone. [Refrain]**

**4 When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me. [Refrain]**

Charles H. Gabriel

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN

"Crown Him the Lord of Might"

Tune: *LSB 525*

**Crown Him the Lord of might,
Who bids us go in peace,
For our own eyes have seen His light
Which never shall decrease!
Salvation is prepared
For each community,
For Christ has evermore declared
His perfect victory!**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, You have brought us to the mountain where the glory of Christ has been revealed in the Gospel preached and in the Sacrament administered. Lead us now down the mountain that we may not be lost in the darkness of doubt or fear nor surrender to the shadow of death without faith in Him who died that we might live and lives that we might never die. Keep us in this glory of Christ until time surrenders to eternity, finding perfect fulfillment in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Pastor: On this day, alleluias are sung for the last time in the Church until the resurrection of our Lord. Alleluia is not heard during Lent as we turn in penitence to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ to be renewed in our baptismal faith. Though every Sunday is a “little Easter,” we restrain our praise until Easter Sunday, when all of Christendom joins in singing alleluias to our King. Let us now raise our voices in song as we anticipate not only our coming Easter

celebration, but that ultimate feast of victory when we shall all sing “alleluia” with saints and angels, cherubim and seraphim, Moses and Elijah, apostles, martyrs, prophets, and all the company of heaven before the Lamb on His throne.

CLOSING HYMN “Alleluia, Song of Gladness” *LSB 417*

**1. Alleluia, song of gladness,
Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem
Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding
Thus they sing eternally.**

**2. Alleluia, thou resoundest,
True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother,
All thy children sing with thee,
But by Babylon’s sad waters
Mourning exiles now are we.**

**3. Alleluia cannot always
Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions
Make us for a while forgo;
For the solemn time is coming
When our tears for sin must flow.**

**4. Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee,
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter
With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee forever singing**

Alleluia joyfully.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ
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- **Liturgist (Sun.) Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
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- **Sun. Organist: George Kelm**
- **Choir Director: Gail Feick**
- **Ensemble Coordinator: Tabra Gomski**
- **A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie, Josh Walton
Stan & Cheryl Grey**
- **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: Scheduled services
will be held in spite of inclement weather. Please use your
best judgment to determine if you can safely attend.**
- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald
(oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**
- **LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY with an Ash
Wednesday supper at 6pm followed by our worship service
at 7pm. Please join us then and each Wednesday through
March 20.**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: Gary Estes
Communion: Mike Gomski
Acolyte: Grace Urban
Ushers: Josh Walton & Nathan Oswald
Fellowship: Tami Voigt

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Wayne Olsen
Communion: Mike Gomski
Acolyte: Amanda Siemers
Ushers: Sue Robinson & Peter Voigt
Fellowship: Beth Schneider

BIRTHDAYS

2/11 Shirley Lichte
2/15 Carolyn Tonkinson
2/17 Kimberly Zembal

ANNIVERSARY

2/14 Marv & Shirley Lichte

Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week
2/12/24 – 2/18/24

Monday: 6:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday: 6:00pm Lenten Supper
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday: 8:00am Men's Breakfast

Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service

Sunday: 8:15am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Worship Service
10:20am Bible Study “Theology of
Suffering” and Sunday School