

# GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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**Welcome all** in the name of Jesus, especially those who are worshiping for the first time with us. Please sign our guest book (make sure to indicate if you would like the Pastor to visit) and accept our invitation to worship with us again.

**Who should commune at the Altar of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church?** According to the Scriptures and the Confessional statements of the church only those should commune who “have been examined and absolved” by the pastor. If you wish to commune at Glory of Christ for the first time, please talk to the Pastor before doing so. Holy Communion is the most intimate expression of Christian fellowship and it is important to the members of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church that all who commune have a common understanding and commitment to the Gospel teachings of the Bible.

**Following along with the Service:** At Glory of Christ the pastor typically makes announcements after the service. So the service just starts at the appropriate time without a specific welcome. (The welcome actually occurs in the service itself when the pastor says, “The Lord be with you” and the congregation responds.) To follow the service, you should turn to the page indicated at the top of your bulletin insert. This week the page is 151. Usually we simply work through the service interrupting the process for the singing of hymns, certain prayers and the scripture readings. The prayers are usually printed in the service folder as are the Scripture readings. Hymns are found in the latter half of the Service book. If you are having trouble following the service you can ask someone nearby and they will help you. You can also comfort yourself with the knowledge that almost everyone has a little trouble following the service the first time through. It gets easier.

## **Worship Notes**

### **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

#### **Matthew 17:1-9**

#### **“Glimpse of Eternity!”**

The Church has placed the Transfiguration of our Lord as the last word that we hear before entering the season of Lent for good reason. Over the course of the upcoming 40 days, we will follow our Lord to Jerusalem, *“where He must suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and be raised.”* For that brief time on the mountain, the three disciples experienced what it is like to live by sight and not by faith. They *“saw the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”* They saw Jesus just like Moses and Elijah and the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven see Jesus all the time; just like we will see Him too.

# ***Divine Service, Setting One (page 151)***

**February 23, 2020**

*"O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"* Hand Bell Choir

**OPENING HYMN #413** *"O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"*

Stanzas 1, 2, 4 & 5 Congregation

Stanza 3 Choir

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## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**INTROIT** Ps. 99:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 99:9



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!\***

**Ho- | ly 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!\***

**Ho- | ly is he!**

**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.**

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**COLLECT**

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 READING** Exodus 24:8–18

<sup>8</sup>And 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."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and 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. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The 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." <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And 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." <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The 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. <sup>17</sup>Now 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. <sup>18</sup>Moses 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.**

**PSALM 2:1-12** *Sung by the Choir with Hand Bell Choir*

I will tell of | the decree:\*

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;  
today I have be- | gotten you.

<sup>1</sup>Why do the | nations rage\*  
and the peoples | plot in vain?

<sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel to- | gether,\*  
against the LORD and against his anointed, | saying,

<sup>3</sup>"Let us burst their | bonds apart\*  
and cast away their | cords from us."

<sup>4</sup>He who sits in the | heavens laughs,\*  
the Lord holds them in de- | rision.

<sup>5</sup>Then he will speak to them | in his wrath,\*  
and terrify them in his fury, | saying,

<sup>6</sup>"As for me, I have | set my King\*  
on Zion, my | holy hill."

<sup>7</sup>I will tell of | the decree:\*

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;  
today I have be- | gotten you.

<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

<sup>9</sup>You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."

<sup>10</sup>Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>Serve the | LORD with fear,\*  
and rejoice with | trembling.

<sup>12</sup>Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*

Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.  
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.

## EPISTLE 2 Peter 1:16–21

<sup>16</sup>For 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. <sup>17</sup>For 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," <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And 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, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For 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 *Sung by the Choir*

## HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 17:1–9

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And 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." <sup>5</sup>He 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." <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And 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 to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN #414** *"Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"*

**SERMON**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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**The Distribution Hymns:**

**Hymn #631** *"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"*

**Hymn #620** *"Jesus Comes Today with Healing"*

**Hymn #415** *"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"*

**Hymn #814** *"O Bless the Lord, My Soul"*

**Individual Prayer for after Communion:**

*(It is suggested that you pray this in your pew after returning from the altar.)*

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened,  
To serve with holy fear.  
And when You call my spirit  
To leave this world below,  
I enter, through Your merit,  
Where joys unmingled flow.

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**Nunc Dimittis**

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**CLOSING HYMN #417** *"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"*



# Lent

*The Forty days before Easter*

## **Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services Schedule:**

Ash Wednesday – February 26<sup>th</sup>

Morning Imposition of ashes: 11:15 am; Service 11:30 am

Evening Imposition of ashes: 6:45 pm; Service 7:00 pm

Lenten Services: March 4<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>

Morning Services – 11:30 am

Evening Service: 7:00 pm

## **Lenten Meals:**

Soup lunches - Served after every morning service ***beginning February 26<sup>th</sup>***

***\*\*Compassion Circle is providing bars for all Lenten lunches. Thank You Ladies!!***

Lenten Dinners - Served every Wednesday evening prior to the Mid-Week Lenten Services, beginning at 6:00 pm. The following groups will be providing the meals:

## **Groups Serving Dinners during the Lenten Season:**

February 26<sup>th</sup> – Elders - Tacos

March 4<sup>th</sup> – Council – Pulled pork sandwiches, Salads

March 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School Teachers & Families – Pasta Bar, Salads & Bread

March 18<sup>th</sup> – Altar Guild – Hot dishes, Salads

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Choir/Bells – Lasagna, Salads and Breads

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Young Adults – Homemade Soups



# Easter

*Resurrection of Jesus Christ*

## **Holy Week, Easter Vigil and Easter Services:**

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We are having an Easter Vigil with Evening Prayer service on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and two Easter services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Elders will once again serve a wonderful Easter breakfast between the services that morning. Please plan to join us!

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flower Chart:** The cost of the Altar flowers is \$40 per Sunday and you will be able to take your flowers home with you after the service in a box located *in the kitchen on the shelf above the triple sink*. To have your payment for flowers applied correctly, please use one of the *Designated Offering* envelopes found in your box of envelopes or label the outside of one of your regular envelopes with the words 'Altar flowers'. *If you take the black liners home, please be sure to bring them back to church by the following Wednesday*. Janice Hartness is our flower coordinator. If you have any special requests, please contact her at 763-355-5427 by the Wednesday prior.

**We have changed Florists for our Altar Flowers. We are now using *Flowers by Myra*, located here in Plymouth – 612-728-0399.** Her card is on the Altar Flower Chart. The following people have signed up through March:

March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Craig & Charlotte Smith
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Anonymous Family
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Andrea Neumann
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Josh & Alisha Christian
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Carl & Janice Hartness

**Betty Reinke** gave Altar Flowers today in celebration of her 21<sup>st</sup> Leap Year Birthday! May God Bless her on this special Occasion!

**Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 pm.**

**Sunday Schedule: Divine Service 9:00 AM;** followed by Bible Class and Sunday School at 10:40.

**Wednesday morning Prayer Service and Bible Study** –Bible Study at 10:00 am. *When Lent begins, Morning Prayer services will be suspended until after Easter Sunday.*

**Northwest Suburban Circuit Congregation Prayers** – Each week we will be praying for a congregation in the circuit and for others who have or have had a connection with them. This week, we are asking for Glory of Christ Lutheran, Plymouth, and Pastor Jeremiah Johnson and Pastor Kyle Krueger.

**Save the Date! Missions Fest 2020 will be on April 25<sup>th</sup>.** The theme this year is the Wild Wild West! Sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the table in the Narthex and will be on the Church Website soon. Mark this important date down in your calendar!

**Youth Group** will meet after Bible Study **TODAY, February 23rd**. We will have lunch, devotions, then activities at church. Take part in our mini talent show; and take on "minute to win it" games. Should wind up by about 2pm. If you have a talent you are interested in showing the group, please rsvp with a description for planning purposes. (No one is required to perform.) [julesanders@live.com](mailto:julesanders@live.com). Thank You! Julie Anderson, GoC Youth Group Coordinator.

**Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne Seminary Kantorei** will be visiting Glory of Christ and will be part of our evening Mid-Week Lenten service on Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>! Thank You to all who have volunteered to host them! Please join us for the evening Lenten service that night and enjoy this wonderful group!

**Next Quilting Dates:** March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. Also, April 21<sup>st</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>. We have some new faces at quilting. We have some fascinating conversations over our coffee breaks and lunch, where we get to know them personally. Hope to see more friendly faces. We start at 9:00am. and bring a bag lunch. Any questions call or text: 612-801-8677.

**VBS Save the Date!** VBS will be the week of June 8<sup>th</sup> and will be 4 days again this year; June 8-11 from 9-12 am. More info to follow but please place this fun event on your calendar!

**Gloria Christi Music Camp Save the Date!** The Gloria Christi Music Camp will be the week of July 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. More info to follow but please place this fun event on your calendar!

**New Sunday Morning Bible Study! Sunday School--All Grown Up:** Do you remember Sunday mornings with flannelgraphs, cross stickers, cassette players, and orange drink? For most of us, Sunday School was a long time ago, when we heard the stories of Noah's ark, the covenant with Abraham, Solomon's wisdom, and Daniel and the lion's den. Chances are however, we haven't heard them since. But beginning this Sunday, we have the opportunity to go back, only this time, as grownups (and without the orange drink). During Bible Study hour, we're going revisit all the old Sunday School stories, but this time around, we'll be able to dive deeper and make the connections that the six-year-old version of ourselves never would have understood. So, join us as we hear all the old stories and we see how they fit together to tell the bigger picture of God's salvation. Even if you can't make them all, don't worry. Each Sunday is a stand-alone lesson.

**MORE TOPICS, MORE GUESTS, MORE JESUS...Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Book of 1 Thessalonians, "Love" in the New Testament, The Season of Lent, Jesus Feeds Five Thousand and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.



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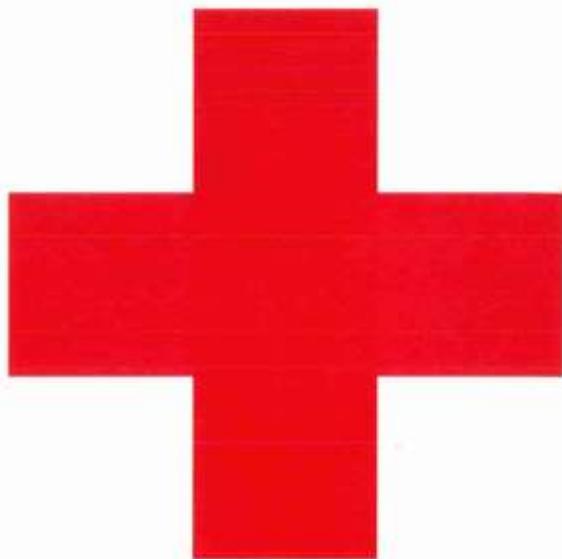
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