

*And a cloud overshadowed them,
and a voice came out of the
cloud, "This is My beloved Son;
listen to Him."*



Mark 9:7

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Transfiguration Sunday February 11, 2024

The transfiguration is a momentous event in the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus. It has been celebrated distinctively by Lutherans on the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday (which has been the conclusion of the Epiphany season) since Reformation times. The *Old Testament Reading* of the day (Ex 34:29–35) is logically connected to significant aspects of the appointed *Gospel* (Mk 9:2–9)—both in that Moses appears at Jesus’ transfiguration and in that both he and Jesus emanate radiance (Jesus in His transfiguration and Moses after his face times with the Lord).

The Lord’s Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. If you are not partaking of the Lord’s Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US. Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church.

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use, located just outside the sanctuary.

Transfiguration is the climax of Jesus showing His identity and glory as the Son of God. It is the bridge into the Lenten season. This glory that Jesus displays at His Transfiguration—this is the glory that God’s own Son had in the beginning with the Father. And it is the same glory He will return to, once He has completed the saving mission for which He came. The Father will raise up His beloved Son on the day of resurrection. The Son will return then to His Father on the day of His ascension. Believers will share in this glory. **Listen to Him!**

- adapted from a sermon by LCMS Pastor Charles Henricksen -

Opening Hymn 908 "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *(Hebrews 10:22)*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *(Psalm 32:5)*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C Amen.

Adult Choir "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

1. Christ is our Cornerstone, on Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love our hopes we place of present
grace and joys above.
2. Here, gracious God, do Thou forevermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow and mark each suppliant sigh.

In copious show'r on all who pray each holy day
Thy blessings pour.

3. Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n, be with us evermore
Until that day when all the blest to endless rest are called away!
4. Oh, then, with hymns of praise those hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long,
that glorious name!

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9

P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

C **for the LORD our God is holy!**

P The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

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

P The LORD is great in Zion;

C **He is exalted over all the peoples.**

P Let them praise Your great and awesome name!

C **Holy is He!**

P The King in His might loves justice.

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

P Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool!

C **Holy is He!**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

C **for the LORD our God is holy!**

Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy* (Mark 10:47)

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

LSB 187


(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



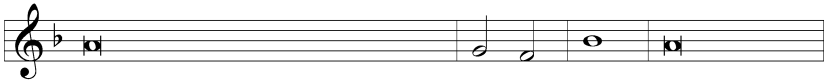
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



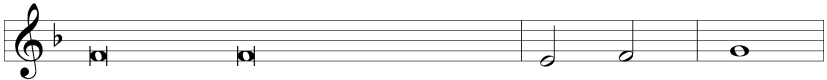
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And with thy spir - it.

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 A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:29–35

²⁹When 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. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴Whenever 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, ³⁵the 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

C **Extol Him, all peoples!**

P For great is His steadfast love toward us,

C **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

C **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not 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. ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And 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.

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But 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. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In 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. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²After 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, ³and His clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And 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." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son; listen to Him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come

again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 414 "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

Sermon Text

Exodus 34:29-35

Sermon "The Light of Christ: Bright, Brighter, Brightest"

1. The light of God's grace and love was shining brightly in _____ communicated to Moses.
2. The light of God's grace and love was shining even more brightly in _____ and His transfiguration.
3. The light of God's grace and love will shine most brightly when Jesus inaugurates His _____ .

Hymn 413 "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"

Prayers

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

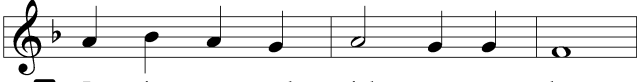
(Colossians 3:1)



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

(Psalm 136)



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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 saying:

Sanctus ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy* (*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*) *LSB 195*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy 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 that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



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

Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

LSB 162

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

C **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.**

The Words of Our Lord (1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

LSB 197

Pax Domini (John 20:19)

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God (John 1:29)

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Hymn 621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Hymn 625 "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

Hymn 619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

Hymn 622 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

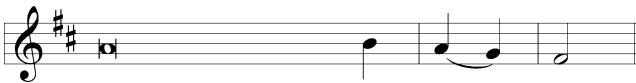
Nunc Dimittis ~ *Song of Simeon* (Luke 2:29-32) LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving (*Psalms 107:1*) LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus ~ *Let Us Bless* (Psalm 103:1)

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn 417 "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

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The Time of Easter begins this week with Ash Wednesday. Anyone wishing to donate for lilies to adorn the chancel on Easter may give their gift to Mel Schutz or any attendant. Thank you.

Parish Fellowship will meet on Monday, February 26 at 10:30 am

Calendar of Events

TODAY February 11th, 2024

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am
Super Bowl Sub Pick-up..... After Worship Service
Bell Choir Practice 5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice 6:00 pm

MON:

Book Club in the Jerusalem Room 11:30-12:00 noon

TUES:

Pastor at The Whitlock..... 3:30 pm

WED: ~ Ash Wednesday ~

Prepare Hospitality Meals 9:00 am
Day School Chapel 11:00 am
Chili Dinner 6:00 pm
Lenten Worship Service..... 7:00 pm

THURS:

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am
Preschool Chapel 9:30 am
8th Grade Public School Confirmation 5:00 pm
New Member Class 2.0..... 7:00 pm

FRI:

NEXT SUNDAY February 18th, 2024

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service..... 9:30 am
Adult Basketball..... 2:00-4:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice 5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice 6:00 pm

It's Time to Spruce Up the Sanctuary!

All men, women, and children (supervised, please) are invited to dust and polish church pews, windowsills, and the sanctuary doors **in preparation for Easter**. This is an independent project; come when you can and leave when you must. (You can ring the doorbell to gain access during regular church or school office hours.) There is a record-keeping chart and instructions for this project as well as supplies in a large tote in the cry room. This project starts on February 1st and the goal is to be finished by Saturday, March 23.

Any questions? Please call or text Linda Tinkey.

Thank you for your gift of time and energy for this project.

From the Hospitality Group: We will be packing a roast pork with noodles or rice and roasted veggie meal this Wed., at 9:00 am. We are in need of pork gravy (jars or cans), and vegetables to roast. You can bring sweet potatoes, carrots, cauliflower, potatoes, onions, zucchini or any other vegetable for roasting. All help is welcome! Thank you so much!

Altar flowers: if any donor needs help in ordering or arranging flowers, the altar attendants are willing to assist in any way they can. Please contact the attendant for the month (listed on left side of Flower Chart & the Epistle calendar), and let them know by the SUNDAY BEFORE your flowers are to be displayed.

Voters' Assembly Minutes – Copies of the minutes from the Sunday, January 21 Voters' Assembly meeting are available on the table in the narthex. The minutes contain reports and activities of the various boards of St. Paul's congregation. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, please contact Ken Eichinger.

Budget info: Operating budget fund balance as of February 8th, 2024 is \$38,100. This amount represents over 2 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

For those who would like to give their offerings to the Lord electronically, there is a QR Code link posted next to the offering box in the Narthex.

Groovy, Man!

The **school musical this year** will be a 70s game show- "Tell Me the Truth". If you have any 60-70s era small appliances, like a hair dryer, rotary phone, veg-o-matic, etc., please contact Jennifer Harman, 574-210-2103. We specifically are also looking for a transistor radio, lava lamp, and any vintage clothing you may have!

If you would like to volunteer to help with the set, props, or costumes, please contact Jennifer Harman as well.

From the Church Office: normal Monday - Friday hours resume this week. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

SCHOOL CORNER

February is Reading Month! Students are reading for points, to accomplish personal goals and whole school goals. Students will get weekly awards and, if the school reaches 1200 points, they will get to go on a special field trip (TBD). **If you have a child or grandchild in the school, please make sure they are reading or read with them!**

Reading helps your child with comprehension, critical thinking, vocabulary, language skills, benefits mental health, and helps with every single core subject.

Thank you for all of the donations for the teachers and school! This is the last Sunday for the Teacher Wish List Tree! If you would like to gift the teachers with an item for their classrooms or volunteer time, take an ornament from the tree and sign your name beside the corresponding item on the list. Items can be brought to the school office or placed under the tree. We appreciate your generosity!

Check out our Third Grade Class on the narthex bulletin board!

Thank you for all the end-of-the-year donations to the Lutheran SGO and Tuition Assistance!

Our goal is to make a Christian education affordable, so please continue to give, and receive the tax credit and deduction for your donations!

Now, there is a link to donate to the LSGO on the church's website under the School drop-down menu.

You can also find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. These scholarships make a big difference for our families. Please contact Jennifer Harman, in the school office, if you have questions.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.

YOUTH NEWS

Super Bowl Subs: For those who ordered subs, please pick up your sandwiches in the Bethany Room following the church service today. Although there is no cost for the subs, free will offerings will be accepted as we plan for future Youth Gatherings and mission opportunities. We thank you for your continued support of our Youth.

Servants for Today's Worship February 11, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Paul Wonnacott & Curt Nielsen

Acolyte: Kamden & Kellan Guse

Elder: Terry Miller

Communion Assistant: Jon Rettinger

Video Streamer: Tyler & Dakota Schmeltz

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship February 18, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Bruce Augustine & Joe Hughes

Acolyte: Karli & Kayli Miller

Elder: Dennis Sienicki

Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott



**Fundraising opportunity Monday
February 26, 2024 all day at La
Parilla Caliente Mexican
Restaurant, 119 W. Plymouth St.
Bremen. This is dine in or carry
out. This year will also include
proceeds from any \$25 gift cards
that are purchased.**