



The Transfiguration of Our Lord
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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

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.

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

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- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **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.

Confession of Sins

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- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, 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.**

Declaration of Grace

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- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

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!**
C **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

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- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** 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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

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A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so 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 A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:8-18

A The Old Testament Reading for The Transfiguration of Our Lord is from the twenty-fourth chapter of Exodus the Second Book of Moses.

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.**

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16–21

A The Second Reading is from the first chapter of the Second Epistle of Peter.

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,²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.²¹ 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.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

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

C Glo - ry to You, 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.”⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹ 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.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

Sit

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Stand

Offertory

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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Prayer of the Church

Responsive Form

- P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

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- 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**

Concluding Collect

- A** Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Benediction

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- P** 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.



Bury the Alleluia

417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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THE GLAD SPIRIT

BURY THE Alleluia

This coming Wednesday is observed as Ash Wednesday beginning the penitential season of Lent. That penitential nature is displayed in a number of different ways. One of these is to refrain using the word "Alleluia" in our worship and in our hymns. The expression of joy and happiness is reserved for Easter Sunday when we come together to shout "Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia"

Many congregations have a variety of ways of calling attention to the fact that the Alleluia is missing. One common way is to have a big bold "Alleluia Banner" on display in the sanctuary throughout the Epiphany season and then hide it in some way during Lent. That hiding is done on this particular Sunday which we observe today, the Sunday of the Transfiguration. Some congregations drape the Alleluia banner in black. Some take it down and hide it elsewhere. Some even place the banner into a wooden box and then dig a hole in the church lawn to literally bury the banner and then dig it up again on Easter. This action brings to mind the serious tone of Lent as we remember the suffering, passion, and death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

At St. Paul, we provide a way for you to personally bury the Alleluia. As the final hymn is sung, which is entitled " Alleluia, Song of Gladness," the ushers will distribute to you an Alleluia card. We ask that you hide this somewhere, perhaps in your wallet or in your purse, somewhere where you will not see it during the Lenten Season. However we do ask that you remember it is buried and in your prayers and meditation you still speak the words on the back side of the card: "The Lord Be Praised!"



The Glad Spirit

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Laura Schassburger
Dominique Sella
Henry & Mary Sella
Louis Sella
Bill Sommer

BIRTHDAYS

Dean Bloom, 2/15

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Brianna Middleton, 2/18
Micci Orth, 2/19
Henry Sella, 2/19

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Sandy Bodza, Sondra Budde, Pastor Collins, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Shirley Emerick, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Bill Sommer, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren & Chris Van Mynen, Jean and Gene Wiltjer, Ray & Madelaine Zander.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, Dakota Gaut and Nathan Lopez.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Harrison & Arianna Cromey, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

NEWS UPDATE

There is a new sign-up sheet for the fellowship hour; it is located on the bulletin board by the kitchen across from the food table. Please look at it and sign up for a sweet treat for a Sunday.



St. Paul Book Club will meet on Wednesday April 8th at 10:00 am, to review *The Ritual Bath* by Faye Kellerman. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

Christ For You the week of February 15th on KFUE.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), we're continuing our study of the book of Genesis, picking up with chapter 18! Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our new series through the book of Numbers. On Concord Matters this week (2/21 at 10 a.m. CT), we're continuing our study of Holy Baptism as found in the Large Catechism— is Baptism limited to those who can understand it? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

The Week of February 15th The Light Of God's Word In A World Of Darkness...Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent subjects include: A Christian View of Leisure, Responding to Transgenderism in Light of God's Word, Jesus as Priest, Faithful Ministry in a Post-Christian Culture, Reducing Theology to Pithy Slogans, Christian Apologetics and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider. You can also tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis.

“The message of Jesus’ transfiguration—the fact that Jesus is God and Savior—has the power to transfigure you, to give you metamorphosis, to transform you from a bug to a butterfly! That’s what metamorphosis means. So, this week—and forever!—live a new life, one worthy of Christ, in whose sunshine and light, in whose transfiguration, you now bask.” Rev. Paul Marggraf – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

The Transfiguration

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 17:1-9



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JOHN
ELIJAH
HIGH

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

February 8th Attendance 15, 8 Online

Envelopes	\$467.00	Weekly Missions	\$35.00
Basket	5.00	Social Ministry	115.00
General Fund	175.00		
Budgeted Total	647.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$150.00
Offering Needed	1,342.00		
Short	\$-695.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Lenten Potluck
	7:00 pm	Worship Service
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...

SERVANT SCHEDULE

Sun, Feb 15, 9:30 AM Wed, Feb 18, 7:00 PM

Pastor

Pastor Fluechtling

Lay Reader

Norma Allen

Let's Discuss

ZOOM ROOM

MONDAY – FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Portals of Prayer 8:00am to 8:15am

Lutheran Hour 8:00pm to 8:15pm

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