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*You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured upon your lips.*

Psalms 45:2a

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 413 [*tune: Tallis' Canon*]

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Introit

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!

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.

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

for the Lord our God is holy!

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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.

Old Testament: Exodus 34:29-35 (ESV)

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. 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. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

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, 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.

Gradual

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 Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:6 (ESV)

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, 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. 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. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 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.

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

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Holy Gospel: St. Mark 9:2-9 (ESV)

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

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.

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P In Your great mercy:

C Transfigured Lord, remember us according to Your steadfast love.

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ’s Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination’s doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

In our thoughts and prayers,

- † Eileen Cresap (Jean Bornemann’s sister), Ray Halter, Neal Reinhardt, and Donna Weidner;
- † The Family of Violet Jose, as they mourn her death;
- † Pastor, Tina & Family as they mourn the death of Pastor’s brother.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 110 Offerings: \$2,175.00

Christian stewards are like cracked clay pots. This might at first sound like a negative but when we remember that when the light of Christ is in us it will shine through our cracks. This means that we sometimes show our best Christian stewardship when our cracks are present. By the power of the Holy Spirit let us be all we can be and even more that we are!

Welcome to worship on the Transfiguration of our Lord. In our Lord's transfiguration, we see the divine glory of the Lord Jesus Christ shine through His human body. The Transfiguration teaches us the certainty of eternal life for all believers in heaven. As Moses and Elijah beheld the Lord in all His glory, so we too will live in the presence of His glory forever. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Today in Sunday School, students study the story of "The Transfiguration." In the Transfiguration, we see Jesus as the pure and holy Son of God, whose perfect righteousness is given to us through God's Word and Sacraments. Parents could ask, "*What did Jesus reveal to His disciples about Himself in the Transfiguration? What does God's Word reveal to us about Jesus?*"

Fellowship Committee: Chair-people and co-chairs of the work groups, please remember our meeting this morning, 9:30 a.m.

God's Gift of Forgiveness

Ash Wednesday, February 22, marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. "God's Gift of Forgiveness" focuses upon the Passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ in light of the seventh penitential psalms. Our worship will be at 6:30 p.m., with soup and sandwiches served by the LWML beginning at 5:30 p.m. Chime Practice begins at 7:15 p.m. with Bell Practice following at 7:45 p.m.

Greeters are needed for 2012. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our dear sister in the faith, Violet Jose. Christian Burial was this Friday, February 17, 2012. "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:54b-55).

Lenten Soup/Sandwich Schedule

February 22		LWML
February 29		LYF & Elders
March 7		Sign-up Sheet
March 14		LWML
March 21		Council
March 28		To be determined

The March 7th sign-up sheet is on the table in the social hall. Signing up to bring food also includes setting up, serving and/or clean up.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Fellowship Meeting
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	
	5:30 pm	Soup/Sandwiches - LWML
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:15 pm	Chime Practice
	7:45 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	7:00 pm	<i>Lenten @ Glen Ullin</i>
Friday	9:00 am	Deadline for March Calendar
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

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