

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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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 Reading

Exodus 24:8-18 (ESV)

[8] 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."

[9] Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up,

[10] 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.

[11] And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

[12] 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."

[13] So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.

[14] 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."

[15] Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

[16] 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.

[17] 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.

[18] Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

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 Peter 1:16-21 (ESV)

[16] 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.

[17] 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,"

[18] we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

[19] 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,

[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.

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 17:1-9 (ESV)

[1] And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

[2] And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light.

[3] And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

[4] 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."

[5] 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.*"

[6] When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified.

[7] But 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.*"

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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.



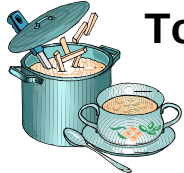
In our thoughts and prayers,

+ Our sick and recovering: Amanda Bauer, Ruth Helm,
Esther Reinschmidt, Norma Sailer, & Alex Woroniecki;
+ Matt, Angie & Family, as they prepare to depart.

Welcome to worship on the last Sunday after the Epiphany, the Transfiguration of our Lord. In our Lord's transfiguration, we see the divine glory of the Lord Jesus 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, the lesson is about the Transfiguration of our Lord as recorded in Matthew 17:1-9. At the transfiguration, Jesus' glory was unveiled before the disciples. Today, His glory is unveiled for us in the Word preached by the pastor, in the water of Baptism, and in the bread and wine of His Holy Supper. In heaven, we shall see Him in all His glory! Talk with your children about how we are like the disciples, who trembled at the sound of God's voice, because we, too, are sinful and unworthy to see Him face-to-face. Emphasize that through His Word and Sacraments, Jesus makes us clean and worthy to stand face-to-face with God, our Father.

The Golden Compass: Please join us for Bible class this morning as we continue to study Philip Pullman's book *The Golden Compass*.



Today is "Souper Sunday," the last day to help us fill the kettle in the narthex with soup for the Women's Action Resource Center food pantry. Thank you to all who donated!

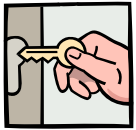
Ash Wednesday, February 6th, marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" will be the theme of our Lenten worship. We begin on Ash Wednesday looking at "The Pure and Holy Lamb of God," based upon 1 Peter 1:18-19. Our midweek services will be at 7:30 p.m. The LYF will serve soup and sandwiches, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

On Ash Wednesday, we continue the historic practice of the Lord's Church of marking the forehead of the penitent with ashes. We remember that this is an act which is neither commanded nor forbidden in Scripture. We offer the marking of the forehead with ashes for those who desire it. The ashes are a powerful reminder to us of what Ash Wednesday means. The ashes symbolize repentance. We came from dust and, because of sin, to dust we shall return. The ashes remind us of the need for cleansing, purifying, and renewal in our hearts and lives.

All LWML Members, please remember our business meeting Wednesday, February 6th, 6:30 p.m. in the education wing. LWML members who desire to be part of the decision making are encouraged to attend.

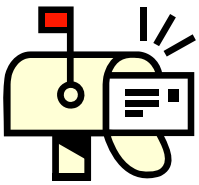
Council Members, please remember our meeting Thursday, February 7th, 7:00 p.m.

Voters Meeting: Our annual voters meeting will be next Sunday, February 10th, following worship. Potluck dinner will follow.



Please, if you are the last one out of the Church, please make sure that the door is locked and the lights are turned off. Thank you.

Greeters are needed for 2008. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.



Please take a few moments this morning to clean out your mailboxes. If you haven't already taken home your 2008 offering envelopes, please remember to take them home. The February newsletter has also been emailed or is in your mailbox today.

The LYF will be serving soup, sandwiches and bars on February 6th and February 27th. Please contact Glenn or Carla Renner, 948-2534 or use the sign-up sheet on the table in the social hall to indicate what you plan on bringing. We also need LYF members to help serve and clean up following the meal.

Concordia LYF would like to thank everyone for the help and participation in the LYF Lock-In last Friday evening. A special thanks to Ken and Kim Senske for donating the foosball table; which will get many hours of enjoyment in the years to come. Also thanks to Vonnie Reinhardt and Steve and Nona Blaisdell for chaperoning and Berniece Homuth for the cookies and banana bread. It was a huge success with approximately 35 youth in attendance.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 141 Offering: \$1,866.00

Who are God's modern-day wise stewards? They are the people of God who by faith cling to a risen and triumphant Savior and joyfully give of their lives and resources to support God's mission.

+ This Week at Concordia +

Today	9:00 AM	Divine Service
	10:15 AM	Sunday School/Bible Class
Monday	9:00 AM	Circuit Pastors @ Bismarck
Tuesday	2:00 PM	Bible Class
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	
	5:30 PM	Soup/Sandwiches – LYF
	6:00 PM	Chime Practice
	6:30 PM	Wednesday School
	6:30 PM	LWML Business Meeting
	7:30 PM	Worship
Sunday	8:15 PM	Bell Practice
	9:00 AM	Divine Service
	10:15 AM	Sunday School/Voters Meeting
	11:15 AM	Potluck

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Thank you for filling out a Record of Friendship Card this morning.

We record both worship and Communion attendance.

Place completed card in collection plate or hand to an usher.