

Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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The Transfiguration of Our Lord



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

Psalms 45:2a

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

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 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.

Divine Service

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

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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

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."

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

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

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

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. For the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. 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, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 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

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

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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Sermon: *He was transfigured before them*

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In our thoughts and prayers,



† Jessica Anderson (daughter of Dale & Julie Westemeier, Mary Jo Larson, Ernie Riegel, Nicole Sailer (daughter of Howard & Pedo Winkler).



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 79 Offerings: \$2,435.00

*“And when they lifted up their eyes,
they saw no one but Jesus only.”*

Matthew 17:8

Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him – and Him alone – the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary; all else is secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

Announcements

Our Annual Voters Meeting will be next Sunday, February 26, following worship. Unapproved minutes from the November 20, 2022, meeting are on the table in the social hall. Apple & cherry turnovers will be served during the meeting.



Fishers of Men: During the month of February we will be collecting TUNA for Women's Action & Resource Center. Please leave your donations in the shelving unit in the entryway.

The February calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, council minutes and "*Portals of Prayer*" booklets are on the table in the social hall.



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



Community Coat Closet is open for anyone to come and get free winter coats and accessories. Donations of new or gently used winter items are most welcome. CCC is located at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 200 19th St NW, Beulah.

