

# 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*

## DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

### Hymn of Invocation

# 413 {tune: Tallis' Canon}

### Confession & Absolution p. 151

#### Introit

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,

**God shines forth.**

The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth

**from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,

**God shines forth.**

Our God comes; he does not keep silence;

**before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.**

He calls to the heavens above

**and to the earth, that he may judge his people;**

“Gather to me my faithful ones,

**who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”**

The heavens declare his righteousness,

**for God himself is judge!**

**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.**

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,

**God shines forth.**

### Kyrie

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### Glory to God

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### Salutation & Collect p. 156

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 Cor. 3:12-18 (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.

**“Alleluia”**

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### **Holy Gospel: 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.

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	p. 158
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 414
<b>Sermon</b>	The Perfection of Beauty

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Offering**

*The Handchimes will ring "Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone" during the gathering of our morning offerings.*

<b>"What Shall I Render"</b>	p. 159
<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 160
<b>Distribution Hymns</b>	# 680, 619, 818
<b>"Thank the Lord"</b>	p. 164
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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 & recovering: Delmar Dschaak, Lorena Scheid, Lorraine Sturn (sister of Elsie Buchmann), Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber), Marvin Weigum, & Lowell Zuther (brother of Clare Renner).



## **Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Attendance: 118      Offerings: \$2,648.00

“For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.” Soon enough, the disciples’ terror turned into joy for when Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity – for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

**We are the North Dakota District** – There are two wonderful opportunities coming up in our District of which you might be interested. The first is the Men’s Retreat at Shepherd’s Hill with Dr. Paul Maier, Biblical historian, as speaker. The second is the Charis Event at Zion Gwinner with Rev. Riley, dealing with Choices, Pornography, and Hyper Speed Technology. Feel free to call Shepherd’s Hill or Zion Gwinner for more information.

– President Baneck

**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!

**Singing With the Exiles:** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Our midweek Lenten worship begins this Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm. Please see the insert in the bulletin for more information on our Lenten worship. Soup and sandwiches will be served by the LWML beginning at 5:30 pm. Please join us!

**Our Voters Meeting** will be next Sunday, February 22, following worship.

**The February** Human Care Project is collecting tuna for Women's Action & Resource Center. Please place your donations in the shelf unit in the entryway. Thank you.



**The February calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet, December council minutes and the unapproved minutes from the November 16, 2014 Voters Meeting are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.

## **+This Week at Concordia+**

Sunday      8:30 am    Divine Service  
              9:30 am    Sunday School/Bible Class  
              11:00 am   *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Monday      7:00 pm    Sarah Guild

Tuesday     2:00 pm    Bible Class

Wednesday   **Ash Wednesday**

              3:30 pm    2<sup>nd</sup> Year Catechism  
              4:30 pm    3<sup>rd</sup> Year Catechism  
              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    *Lenten Service @  
   Glen Ullin*

Sunday      8:30 am    Divine Service  
              9:30 am    Sunday School/Voters  
                                 Meeting

### **Church Office Hours**

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*Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or  
Communion attendance this morning.*