

The Transfiguration of Our Lord February 8 / 11, 2024

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Welcome to God's House

We began this worship series in the Jordan River. At his baptism, Jesus heard his Father's glorious voice: "You are my Son, whom I love" (Mark 1:11).

From that day, in word and deed, Jesus began to reveal more about himself. He demonstrated the extent of his authority and power and love. Along the way, we had an epiphany. Jesus has to be the very Son of God! Yet, Jesus looked so normal, like an ordinary carpenter or your average rabbi or just another prophet. Until today. We have

traveled from the river to the mountain. Today, on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus gives us a glimpse of his true glory. As we see him in his dazzling brilliance, the Father speaks again, this time to us: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

This final epiphany prepares us for the journey of Lent where we will witness the most glorious work that Jesus would do when he came down from this mountain.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

How Good Lord to Be Here #389

How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night; your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here your beauty to behold, where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past, and hope of things to be, we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.

Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come; we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.

But you, Lord, do not stay. With mercy resolute you leave this glorious hill to die—our perfect substitute.

How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain; but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dialogue

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in

the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

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To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth, for God has shown his favor in Jesus' holy birth! Almighty God and Father, our humble thanks we bring; we worship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

O Lamb of God exalted, you take all sin away; extend to us your mercy and hear us as we pray. With God the Holy Spirit, at God the Father's throne, you reign, O Christ, forever, for you are Lord alone!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you

confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading 2 Kings 2:1–12a

2 When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

- ³ The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet."
- ⁴Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho."

And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

- ⁵ The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him,
- "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet."
- ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.
- ⁷ Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water

divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

- ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?"
- "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.
- ¹⁰ "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not."
- ¹² As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

You Are My Son - Psalm 2A





Why do the / nations rage?
Why do the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers assemble a- / gainst the Lord and against his A- / nointed One. *Refrain*

He who sits in / heaven laughs; the Lord / scoffs at them.

Then he addresses them in his anger and frightens them with his fury, / saying, "I have set my King on Zion, my / holy hill." *Refrain*

I will declare the / Lord's decree:

He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- / gotten you."

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the / Holy Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," [a] made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:7

Alleluia. A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Alleluia.

Gospel Mark 9:2-9

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

- ⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)
- ⁷Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"
- ⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.
- ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn

Down from the Mount of Glory #38

Down from the mount of glory came Jesus Christ, our Lord. Recall the wondrous story, rich gem in sacred Word. Again your faith will view him in double glory here; the greater homage due him will in your life appear.

Transfigured, Christ, the lowly, stood radiant in the light, light found in Godhead solely, for human eyes too bright. Then came a voice from heaven, confirmed what here we see; the words "my Son" were given to seal his deity.

Yet mark this glory hidden! See him the mount descend and, by the Father bidden, his willing footsteps bend to seek humiliation in deepest depths of woe, to suffer degradation no mind can probe or know.

Strange how his journey ended! In love that is his fame our Lord again ascended a mount—the hill of shame. Upon the cross he proffered himself to agony; his holy soul he offered to set the guilty free.

Then hail the double glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and let the wondrous story full peace and joy afford!
The holy mount acclaims him the majesty divine;
Mount Calvary proclaims him Redeemer—yours and mine.

Sermon Mark 9:2-9

It's Good to Be Here

1) To see Jesus 2) To Listen to Jesus

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

Gracious Father, on the holy mountain you again declared Jesus your beloved Son and you commanded us to listen to him. Open our ears and minds to what he says.

The nations of the earth are yours. **Blessed are all who take refuge in you.**

Reveal your glory through your incarnate Word. Let your light shine in our hearts with knowledge and glory in the love of Christ.

The nations of the earth are yours. **Blessed are all who take refuge in you.**

Unveil your gospel to those who are perishing that all the ends of the earth may fear you. Give sight to the blind that they may see the glory of your love.

The nations of the earth are yours. **Blessed are all who take refuge in you.**

Give guidance to our national, state and all local officials and authorities who govern, protect, and serve us, that they may govern and maintain order for the good of all.

The nations of the earth are yours. **Blessed are all who take refuge in you.**

Reveal your steadfast love to those who are sick or suffering [especially...], and those who live under clouds of anxious cares. Give strength to the weary and power to the weak.

The nations of the earth are yours. **Blessed are all who take refuge in you.**

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer and special intercessions

O Lord, enlighten your people with the brightness of your glory, that we may always acknowledge your beloved Son as our Savior, listen to him, and truly receive him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

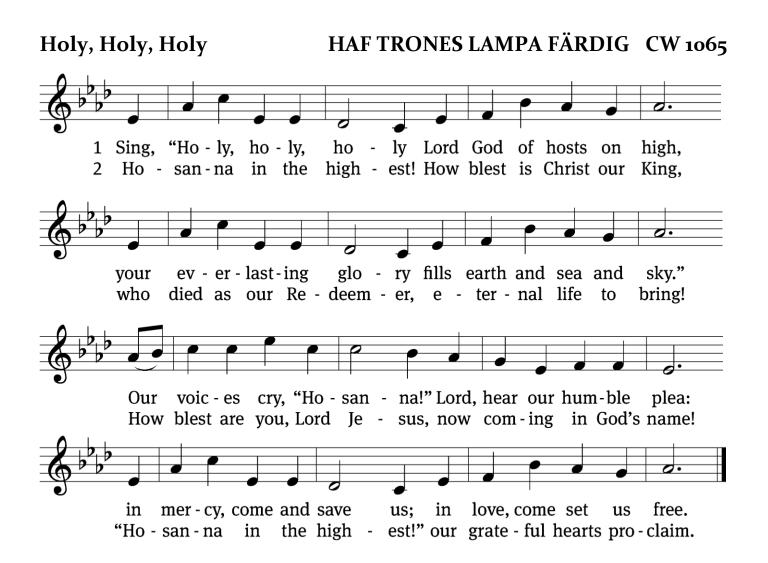
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You

created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

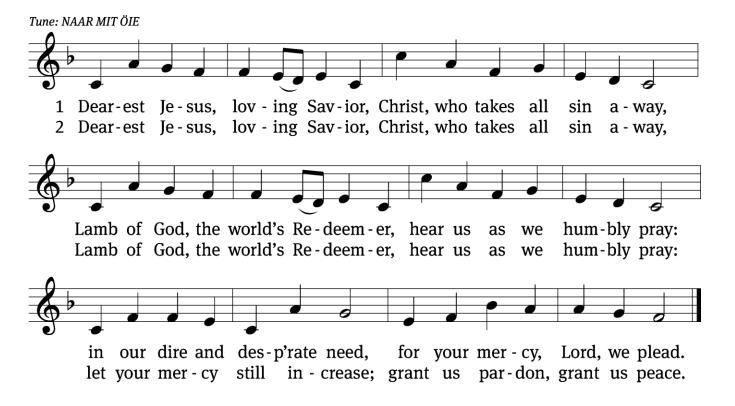
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

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Distribution Hymn

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives #688

The gifts Christ freely gives he gives to you and me to be his Church, his bride, his chosen, saved and free! Saints blest with these rich gifts are children who proclaim that they were won by Christ and cling to his strong name.

The gifts flow from the font where he calls us his own; new life he gives that makes us his and his alone. Here he forgives our sins with water and his Word; the triune God himself gives pow'r to call him Lord.

The gifts of grace and peace from absolution flow; the pastor's words are Christ's for us to trust and know. Forgiveness that we need is granted to us there; the Lord of mercy sends us forth in his blest care.

The gifts are there each day the holy Word is read; God's children listen, hear, receive, and they are fed. Christ fills them with himself, blest words that give them life, restoring and refreshing them for this world's strife.

The gifts are in the feast, gifts far more than we see; beneath the bread and wine is food from Calvary. The body and the blood remove our ev'ry sin; we leave his presence in his peace, renewed again.

All glory to the One who lavishes such love; the triune God in love assures our life above. His means of grace for us are gifts he loves to give; all thanks and praise for his great love by which we live!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Beautiful Savior #522:1, 4

- Beautiful Savior, King of creation,Son of God and Son of Man!Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Glory and honor, praise, adoration
 now and forevermore be thine!

This Week at Zion

Today: 7:30 / 9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

8:30 / 8:45 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible study

Mon: 6:30 pm. Evangelism meeting

7:00 p.m. Elders meeting 8:00 p.m. Council meeting

Tue: 1:00 p.m. OWLS meeting at the Lomira Community

Center

Wed: 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Supper

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy

Communion

Thu: 7:00 p.m. Worship

Fri: 2:00 p.m. Hope Nursing Home Devotion, Lomira

Fri – Sat. 7:00 p.m. KML Musical: *Shrek*

Sat: 9:00 a.m. Catechism instructions

Sun: 7:30 / 9:45 a.m. Worship

8:30 / 8:45 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible study 2:00 p.m. KML Musical: *Shrek*

Transferred to the Church Triumphant Mrs. Marilyn Filber was called to her heavenly home last Thursday (February 1st). The funeral will be here at Zion this afternoon (February 11th) at 2:00 p.m., followed by the committal ceremony and light lunch. The visitation will take place here at Zion from noon – 2:00 p.m. For all who mourn, take comfort in Jesus' promise: "Because I live, you also will live."

Holy Communion We believe that gathering together at God's altar to receive the Lord's Supper is a testimony of the confession, commitment and unity we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our Lutheran denomination to speak with the pastor before joining us at the altar so all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice.

Guest Pastor We thank Pastor Tim Henning for leading us in worship this evening while Pastor Bode is out of town. Pastor Henning serves at St. Lucas in Kewaskum.

Ash Wednesday This Wednesday we begin our 40 - day journey with Christ to his cross and the empty tomb on Easter. The theme for our 2024 Lenten series is "God on Trial." As our society becomes more secular, we Christians are increasingly aware of the many ways in which God—and his people—are judged for what we believe. This series will take us back to the moments when God was literally on trial before men in the person of Christ. As we study these events, we'll find forgiveness, love for our enemies, strength for our faith, and courage to testify to the truth. Join us this Wednesday as we begin the glorious season of Lent.

Ash Wednesday Supper Thanks to our Ladies' Aid, we'll be treated to supper before the Ash Wednesday service this week. If you are able to bring a dessert, it would be appreciated. you can bring something, please sign up on the bulletin board.

We thank Jared Peterson (Thursday) and Barb Olsen (Sunday) for serving as our organists this weekend.

Pick up some good reading materials for February on the cabinets in the entryway. You'll find a church calendar & newsletter, the *Forward in Christ*, as well as the new *Meditations* devotional booklets.

Sign up to serve in an easy but meaningful way by helping out as a greeter before one of our weekend worship services. You can do so by going to our website and clicking on the link at the bottom of the page (www.zionallenton.org) Thank you!

OWLS Meeting The next meeting of Flyway OWLS (Chapter 77) will take place this Tuesday, February 13, 2024 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Lomira Community Center (425 Water Street, Lomira). The speaker for February is Sergeant Donald Counard #123 with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office. His presentation will be on current frauds and scams targeting older adults. Join us!

WELS Youth Night If you're between 8th – 12th grade, you are invited to a youth night on March 8, from 7-9 p.m. at KML in the Performing Arts Center. There will be a series of youth-focused activities to remind them that they are not alone and to encourage them to enjoy their faith as the blessing it is. Food and games will be provided as well. Register with the QR code on the poster on the bulletin board. For more information, talk to Pastor Bode.

Online Bible Study Did you miss Forward in Christ's first live Bible study on Jan. 23 with Pastor Greg Lyon? He builds on his January article "What if it's true . . . that mankind was created in God's image." Watch it now at forwardinchrist.net/online-study. Then join us at 7 p.m. CT on Feb. 20 for his next live study: "What's if it's true . . . that you are a sinner." Register now to attend at www.forwardinchrist.net.

Join Us for Shrek The Musical at KML Tickets are now on sale for KML's production of Shrek The Musical at www.kmlhs.org/theatre Performances are at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School this weekend: Friday & Saturday, February 16 & 17 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, February 18, at 2:00 PM. All tickets are general admission and \$12 each. Online ticket sales for all shows end at 11:59 PM on Thursday, February 15, 2024. Tickets will also be sold at the door beginning 30 minutes before each performance. We can't wait to share with you "the greatest fairy tale never told!"

Wine Tasting Night Out You're invited to our 9th annual Wine Tasting Night Out! The date is Thursday, February 22nd, from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Chandelier Ballroom in Hartford (150 Jefferson Avenue). You'll enjoy an evening of wine and craft beer paired with gourmet appetizers and desserts. We will have a wine pull and a silent auction. This event benefits the ministry of Christian Life Resources!

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