



February 11, 2024 - The Transfiguration of Our Lord

As We Gather

With the Transfiguration of Our Lord, the Epiphany season reaches its climax and comes to a close. Within the pandemonium of the transfiguration, the voice speaks: "This is My beloved Son; listen to Him" (Mark 9:7). Moses is there and gone. Elijah is there and gone. The disciples are with Him on the mount and then head down into the valley. But the glory of the Lord will not depart. It will remain: lifted high upon the cross, revealed in the empty tomb, and placed upon the followers of Jesus. And the call remains for us: "Listen to Him." And see His glory.

Service of Prayer and Preaching

Welcome

Hymn: LSB 416 "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory" (*Sung to Melody LSB 851*)

Opening Versicles

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

People: **Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.**

Pastor: Christ reveals the mystery hidden through the ages,

People: **People of all nations are partakers of the promise in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: **Extol Him, all peoples!**

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

People: **bring an offering, and come into His courts with praise!**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Pastor: We worship in the name of the One in whom we are baptized and who made us His children.

All: **In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution *Galatians 6:1; Ephesians 4:1–2; 1 Corinthians 6:19*

Pastor: As we enter into the holy presence of Christ, let us confess our sins that we may be made the righteousness of God.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)

People: We confess to You, almighty God, our blindness to Your glory and our reluctance to seek Your grace. We have sinned against You and our neighbors by our own fault in both our thoughtless actions as well as the good we have failed to do. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, forgive us. Renew our hearts, enliven us in spirit, and let us see Your glorious mercy.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Canticle (Music in hymnal: LSB pages 261 & 262)

Refrain: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted." *Refrain:*

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *Refrain:*

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. *Refrain:*

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35 (*Moses needs a veil to cover his shining face after being in God's presence.*)

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6 (*Paul preaches Christ so the light of Christ's glory can be seen by others.*)

¹² Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³ We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away.

¹ Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The 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. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9 (*Jesus is transfigured and His glory revealed.*)

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.) ⁷ Then 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsory

Pastor: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Pastor: The Lord has made known His salvation.

People: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness.

Pastor: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

People: Lord I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Hymn: LSB 414 "Tis Good Lord to Be Here"

Sermon: Mark 9:2-9 "Christ's Glory Revealed for Us"

The Apostles Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: LSB 537 "Beautiful Savior"

Offerings

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: For the Church, that she might faithfully share God's Word as a lamp shining in a dark place until the day of Christ's return in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That we may not be carried away by the cleverly devised myths of the devil and the world, but instead listen to God's beloved Son, Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our elected and appointed leaders that they will regularly seek God's guidance as they carry out their responsibilities; and that we might be able to lead peaceful lives as we serve our Lord and our neighbors, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

(Any special petitions will be included here.)

Pastor: Into Your hands, dear Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who also taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

New Testament Canticle (Music in hymnal: LSB pages 266 & 267)

Refrain: Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed. Raised from the dead, He will never die again. Death has no more dominion over Him. Refrain:

Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Living, He lives to God. Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Refrain:

Blessing

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

Hymn Of Praise “Shine, Jesus Shine”

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me, Shine on me.**

Chorus:

***Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory.
Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.***

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, Shine on me. (Chorus)**

**As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory;
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;
Shine on me. Shine on me. (Chorus)**

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Church
News

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of February 11, 2024

Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO
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Family for the Week: Scott & Tammy Stafford
St. Andrew, Stockton - Rev. Ronnie Backs

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Family of Doris Martin – (Paul Martin & Nancy Hoagland’s mother)

Prayers of Thanks:

Don Munden – (Bill Munden's brother)
Becky Baxter - (Friend of Cathy Munden)
Joyce Ellyne – (Cathy Munden's sister)

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Harvey Gilbert – (Pastor Ken's brother-in-law – health and healing)
Steve Hilton – (Friend of Harold & Gwen Lampe – health and healing from cancer)
Ron Hicks – (Friend of Glenda Enlow - health and healing)

Complete Prayer List:

June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health and healing)
Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother - health and healing)
Debbie Porter – (Friend of Harold & Gwen Lampe – recovery from frostbite)
Jim Troyke – (health and healing from surgery)
Ernest Ramm – (Cheryl Lile's uncle – health and healing from stroke)
Janet Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel – health and healing from surgery)
Norma Kaiser – (Friend of Gwen & Harold Lampe – health and healing from a stroke)
Jill Bode – (Niece of Rachel Sanford – health and healing from cancer)
Alice Troyke – (health and healing from a fall)
Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing)
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken hip)
Betty Gordon – (health and healing)
Linda Kennell – (Pastor Kennell's mother – health and healing)
Bob & Bev Hess – (health and healing from a fall)
Paul Gripka - (friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing from back surgery)
Kathy Brown – (friend of Kathy Holle - health and healing)
Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health and healing)
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health and healing from cancer)
Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend – health and healing)
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing)
Mike Wilson – (friend of Jodi Wright – health and healing from cancer)
Dean Hadley – (health and healing)
Kooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer's Great-grandson - health and healing)
Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle's cousin – health and healing from cancer)
Tessie Holle – (Kathy Holle's cousin – health and healing from cancer)
Jeff Flatten – (great nephew of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
Dorothea Dennis – (health and healing & peace and comfort)
Danata Hopkins – (continued health and healing)
Pete Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
Ellie Armstrong – (friend of David Lampe – health and healing)
Margaret Seburn - (cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)
Randy Wallace – (brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)
Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health and healing)
Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)
Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer - health and healing from cancer)
Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (health and healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday	February 11th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am - Service
Monday	February 12th	Braille in Freistatt - 9:00 am Braille in Freistatt - 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study in Freistatt – 1:30 pm
Wednesday	February 14th	Pastor in Office Ash Wednesday – Soup Supper – 6:00 pm Service – 7:00 pm
Thursday	February 15th	Pastor in Office Elders - 10:00 am Council - 11:00 am
Saturday	February 17th	Game Night Pizza – 6:00 pm
Sunday	February 18th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service with communion

Birthdays: Sarah Davis-Feb. 13; LuAnn Parks-Feb. 14; Edith Chambers-Feb. 17;
Tom Votra-Feb. 17

Silver Care: Harley Bogart-Feb. 14

Anniversaries: NONE



Grace will be doing a Shine project as last year in helping out at Camp Barnabas. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The event date and details will be set shortly. Please consider signing up to help out.

New Church Directory: Grace will be doing a new Church Directory. We would like to have pictures of new members and any current members wishing a new picture. Contact Charlie Chambers to get new photos.

Throughout this holy time, we are drawn to Calvary to live in hope, peace, trust and perseverance. The services in this series reveal how Christ and his cross serve as examples for us of how to live out our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior.

Feb. 18 2 Corinthians 1:10 "Guided to Hope"

Feb. 25	Bruce Sletten	
Mar. 3	Colossians 1:19-20	"Guided to Peace"
Mar. 10	1 Timothy 1:15	"Guided to Trust"
Mar. 17	Ephesians 6:18	"Guided to Perseverance"
Mar. 24	Duncan Cox	
Mar. 31	John 2:1-18	"Guided to New Life"

"Words That Last Forever " is the theme for our Midweek Lenten Services. We will listen to Jesus as He speaks from the cross 2000 years ago. And we will ponder the meaning of His words for our own lives in the 21st century.

Feb. 14	Luke 23: 42-43	"Paradise"	Ken Lampe
Feb. 21	Luke 23:34	"Forgive"	Bruce Sletten
Feb. 28	Matthew 27:46	"Forsaken"	Ken Lampe
Mar. 6	John 19:25-27	"Behold"	Jake Sletten
Mar. 13	John 19:30	"Finished"	Ken Lampe
Mar. 20	John 19:28	"Thirst"	Jake Sletten
Mar. 28	Luke 22:19	"For You"	Ken Lampe (Maundy Thursday)
Mar. 29	Luke 23:46	"Hands"	Ken Lampe (Good Friday)

Lenten Devotion booklets are available under the mailboxes.



February

GREETERS:

- 02/11: Stan & Sharon Crandall
- 02/18: Bill & Joanne Michel
- 02/25: Charlie & Edee Chambers

USHERS:

- 02/11: Don Wolf
- 02/18: Charlie Chambers
- 02/25: David Lampe