



March 2, 2025 – Transfiguration of Christ

As We Gather

With the Transfiguration of Our Lord, the Epiphany season comes to a close. Here on the mountaintop, Jesus' identity as the divine Son is wondrously revealed. Moses and Elijah are there talking with Jesus and the Father calls us to listen to His Son. This is a fitting lead-in to the Lenten season which begins Wednesday, when Jesus will also show us His glory but this time in His suffering and death on the cross.

Welcome

Hymn: LSB 414 "Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here"

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of the altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me a sinner.

All: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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.**

Kyrie: "Lord Have Mercy"

Pastor: Behold Moses, prophet of Yahweh, leader of the Israelites, and yet a sinner, denied entrance into the promised land.

People: **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Behold Elijah, a mighty prophet, judge of Israel, and yet a wounded sinner, hungry, afraid, and depressed.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Behold Peter, James, and John, bold confessors, preachers, disciples, witnesses, and sinners.

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord have mercy.

Pastor: And behold Jesus, the transfigured Son of God, the source of all comfort, defender against adversity, and fountain of grace.

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise “Glory to God in the Highest” (*Words and music in the hymnal--LSB page 20*)

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory. Lord God our heavenly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father’s Son we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow’r are seated At God’s right hand on high.**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.
Lord, You once revealed Your glory on a mountaintop, where Moses and Elijah pointed to Your Son. So reveal Your glory to us now in Your Word, which testifies of Jesus and His saving death, and in Your Sacraments, which deliver the fruits of His suffering to us in the grace of forgiveness and everlasting life. Help us to know what is eternal that we may hold fast to it, and show us what will not last so that we may not be distracted by its fading glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (*Moses sees a preview of the glory of the Promised Land and dies on Moab.*)

Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, ² all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, ³ the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. ⁴ Then the Lord said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.”⁵ And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. ⁶ He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. ⁷ Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. ⁸ The

Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.⁹ Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses.¹⁰ Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face,¹¹ who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land.¹² For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – Hebrews 3:1-6 (*Christ has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses.*)

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest.² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.⁴ For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.⁵ "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future.⁶ But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Luke 9:28-36 (*Jesus reveals His glory with Moses and Elijah and His disciples watching.*)

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray.²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus.³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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

Sermon: Luke 9:28-36 "Dazzling Glory—Daily Routines"

Nicene Creed:

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Offerings

The Communion Confession

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

All: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (Augsburg Confession-Article X)

The Communion Liturgy

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 208*)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sab-a-oth adored;

Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord, whose voice rained down from heaven, declaring Jesus Your only Son and bidding all of us to listen to Him. In our frail flesh, wounded by burdensome crosses, known and unknown, make our hearts receptive, our minds keenly focused on Your Words of promise, and our ears opened to hearing divine truths. By Your Holy Spirit, inspire us to treasure the glory of Jesus, transfigured, but also crucified, that we may thoroughly believe by faith the entire redemption narrative. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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.

Words of Institution

Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Lamb of God (*Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 210*)

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord we pray.**

Communion Distribution

Distribution Hymns: LSB 570 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

LSB 537 "Beautiful Savior"

Nunc Dimittis—Song of Simeon (*Words and music in the Hymnal—LSB page 211*)

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heavenly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this sacrament, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and

in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn: "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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ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of March 2, 2025

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**Family for the Week: James Sharp & Brett Arrasmith Families
Good Shepherd, Carthage - Rev. Silas Mehl**

Prayers of Peace and Comfort

The family of Bill Munden on his passing.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Complete Prayer List:

Temporary

Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin's husband – health and healing)

Bob Brents – (health and healing)

Treasa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)

Michelle Cody – (Pastor Cody's wife – health and healing from heart issues)

Tabitha Packwood – (health & healing)

Steve Parker – (friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing surgery)

Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)

Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)

Roger Harris – (Wendy's Dad – health and healing from flu)
 Deborah Knotts – (our cleaning lady – health and healing)
 Wendy Koenig – (friend of Heidi Costello – health and healing from flu)
 Michael & Jennifer Lampe – (health and healing from a car accident)
 Cathy Munden – (health and healing – from upper respiratory infection)

Robert Sick – (Ardella Frerich's granddaughter's husband)
 Bill Thompson – (health and healing)
 Bryan Velasco – (friend of Bernie Thomas – health and healing)
 Randy Wallace – (brother-in-law of Micki Gettman)
 Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend)

Long Term

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer – health & healing)
 Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)
 Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing from surgery)
 Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)
 Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
 Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)
 Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)
 Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)
 Jan Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel – health and healing)
 Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)
 Gary Gardner – (health and healing)
 Jane Goodman – (health & healing)
 Betty Gordon – (Health and healing)
 Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)
 Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health & healing from cancer)

Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow – health and healing)
 Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold Lampe –health & healing, cancer)
 Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle's cousin – health & healing, cancer)
 Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother – health)
 Robbie Krueger – (friend of Kathy Holle)
 Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
 Gary Lampe – (Pastor's brother – health and healing)
 Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health & healing)
 Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)
 Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)
 Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)
 Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing)
 Kooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer's Great-grandson healing)
 Barbara Jean Wilson –Friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
 June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday	Mar. 2nd	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service with communion
Monday	Mar. 3rd	Ladies LWML meeting in Freistatt - 1:30 pm
Wednesday	Mar. 5th	Pastor in Office Soup Supper – 5:30 pm Service - 6:30 pm – Pastor Ken
Thursday	Mar. 6th	Pastor in Office
Saturday	Mar. 8th	Spring Forward for Sunday - Time Change
Sunday	Mar. 9th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service
Monday	Mar. 10th	Braille - 9:00 am & 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study in Freistatt - 1:30 pm

Birthdays: Katelyn Foley & Stan Crandall-Mar. 2; Sharon Crandall-Mar. 8

Anniversaries: Rob & Marlo Springer-Mar. 2

Greeters	March	Ushers
03/02: Stan & Sharon Crandall		02: Bill Michel
03/09: Cheryl Lile & Gladys Bauer		09: Mitch Littler
03/16: Bill & Joanne Michel		16: Harold Lampe
03/23: Charlie & Edee Chambers		23: Charlie Chambers
03/30: Emily Ernest & Sue Doss		30: David Lampe



Choice Dollars: Please use them or lose them by March 31. If questions, ask Pam.

LWML is meeting on March 3, at 1:30 pm in the chapel. The program leader is Edith Harmon — and the program is titled “What’s on your plate?” Scriptures will be used to illustrate what we go through in our lives, and also Dresden plate quilt pieces. It should be an interesting program. Please join us. There will be a business meeting after the devotion and program.

March 5 – Soup Supper. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Soup supper is at 5:30 pm and Service at 6:30 pm

New Member Church Directory: We will be printing a new church directory in April. We will have a proof sheet for review of information. Please review the sheet and make any corrections as needed. You may also text me at 417-489-0413 or email changes to chambers120@gmail.com. Also, if you want a new picture, txt or email a selfie that you wish to include in the directory.

Lenten Lunches Start on March 12 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Verona. (212 N 2nd St.)

March 7 (Friday) the Annual Trinity Lutheran School Carnival will begin at 5:30 pm. Trinity is inviting local congregations to join them for this fun event. There will be a meal served in the Fellowship Hall and all the games will be in the gym.

The online auction, which takes place the week ahead of the carnival, can be accessed at: <http://32auctions.com/TLSauction2025>.

If you would like to donate an item to the auction OR, if you are able, to donate a Thrivent action grant, contact the school office at 417-235-5931.

April 5 (Saturday) Project Shine will be from 9 am to 12 pm at Camp Barnabas to help get ready for campers this summer. Please sign up! The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Bowling.

LWML will be sponsoring a clothing drive to support “For the Kids” located in Aurora, MO. “For the Kids” is an organization that gives clothing and toys to foster families and foster children in Lawrence, Barry and Stone counties, mainly Lawrence. Virginia Gaston, Director, has presented a program to our LWML and asked for our assistance. Often times, children are placed in a foster home in emergency situations and come only with the clothes on their back. “For the Kids” is a place that foster parents can bring the child and select clothing as needed. One of the most critical needs is new socks and underwear. Each child receives new socks and new underwear. Other clothing can be gently used.

We will collect your donations February 16, 23, and March 2.

Now Hiring - Immanuel Lutheran School in Lockwood.

- Principal for 2025-2026 school year
- 7th & 8th grade teacher for 2025-2026

For more information, call 417-232-4530, Ext. 3 & See the flyer on the bulletin board.

Now Hiring - Trinity Lutheran School in Freistatt.

- 5th grade teacher for 2025-2026

For more information, call 417-235-5931 & See the flyer on the bulletin board.