



Welcome To
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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

We welcome all who gather here today! We are blessed to celebrate together the mercy, grace, and love we have from God through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Children: Families with children are *very* welcome here. Having children in church is important so they can begin to learn about their faith in Jesus, and it's good for the whole congregation to see. *Please feel comfortable keeping "squirmy" kids in the service. This is where they belong, too!*

Pew Cards: Guests and Members, please fill out the card you picked up on the way in and place in the offering plate on the way out. You may note specific prayer requests there.

If standing is difficult: Please feel free to remain seated during any portion of the service. Please let an Elder or Usher know if you need communion in your pew seat.

About our celebration of Holy Communion: We celebrate the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood contrary to that which is stated above do so to their great harm, and also because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor. Those not communing are still invited to come forward for a blessing from Pastor, and you may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

SHARING OF THE PEACE and GREETING

P: Peace be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Please stand as able. The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

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

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

P: 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 this 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.

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

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: 99:9

P: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

C: **for the LORD our God is holy!**

P: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

C: **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

P: The LORD is great in Zion;

C: **he is exalted over all the peoples.**

P: Let them praise your great and awesome name!

C: **Holy is he!**

P: The King in his might loves justice.

C: **You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

P: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

C: **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.**

P: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

C: **for the LORD our God is holy!**

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: **Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son

C: **You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah.**

P: In the voice that came from the bright cloud

C: **You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace.**

P: Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory

C: **and brings us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven;**

P: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

¹ Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³ And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁴ Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The

sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on.

⁷ Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” ¹⁰ And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” ¹¹ And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:6

¹² Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶ But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ 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.

4:1 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ² 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. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ 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. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

VERSE

Psalm 45:2a

P: Alleluia! You are the most handsome of the sons of men;

C: **grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

² 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, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ 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.” ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹ 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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C: **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.**

Please be seated

SERMON

Please stand as able

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with this response: P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Psalms 136

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and give Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and give it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

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

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion will be served in a continuous fashion. Households may commune at the same time together. Ushers will help direct you forward via the center aisle; please return to your seats via the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available for those who need it, as is non-alcoholic grape juice. Simply request either when you come forward to receive Communion.

After Communion, please stand as able

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

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1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz-zling light;
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,
3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per-cep-tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo-ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!
Not by build-ing on the moun-tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,
And re - cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum-mit's rise
But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross
Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - v'ry's hill



Down-ward toward the shad-owed val-ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
And by test - ing faith's re - sil-i-ence Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS and SENDING WORDS

P: We go to live for Jesus!

C: **We go to share His love!**

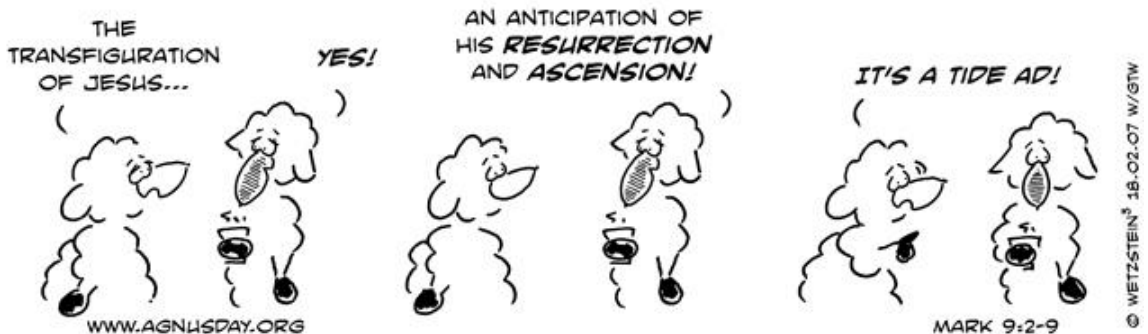
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Next Week's Readings (First Sunday in Lent)

OT Reading: Genesis 22:1-18
Epistle Reading: James 1:12-18
Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15



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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRAYERS, BIRTHDAYS, and ANNIVERSARIES

*Please contact the office with updates to the prayer list. People will remain on the prayer list for **4 weeks** before being removed. If they need to remain on the list, please keep Elaine informed and of any updates. This will help us to have a more accurate list. Thanks for your cooperation.*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who continue to grieve the passing of loved ones: Family of Shirley Beck.

Those with upcoming surgery

Those recovering from surgery:

Those with health concerns: Tiffany Amsdill, Bob & Laurie Breen, Zoey Canham, Hope Buchinger, Bob & Rose Dittman, Brenda Hart, Harvey Lick, Jennifer Martin, Leslie Martin, Sharon Udebrock, and Joann Whitney.

Those diagnosed with cancer: Joe Gibson, Mary Koeppen, Dick Krueger, and Hope Osantowski. Grayson 3years old grandson of Rev. Chuck & Karen Tessaro.

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES February 6th – 14th

Those celebrating Birthdays

2/6 Kayla Albrecht
2/7 Ann Mertz
2/10 Mary Arego
2/11 Cole Forrest

Those celebrating Anniversaries

2/13 Rich & Risa Sherman
2/14 Wendell & Dee Smith

PEOPLE who SERVE

SATURDAY February 13th

Elder: Ken Mertz
Usher: Dave Beyers
Altar Care: Ann Mertz

SUNDAY February 14th

Elder: Ken Mertz
Ushers: Bill & Terry Stiles
Altar Care: Ann Mertz
Counters Donna Cottrell & Sharon Kwapis

Midweek Lenten Series:
“Return to the Lord”

February 17 th	Ash Wednesday	“A Call to Return”	Focus: Joel 2:12-19
February 24 th	Midweek of Lent 1	“Return to Prayer”	Focus: Matthew 26:36-46
March 3 rd	Midweek of Lent 2	“Return from Betrayal”	Focus: John 18:1-11
March 10 th	Midweek of Lent 3	“Return from False Witness”	Focus: Matthew 26:57-68
March 17 th	Midweek of Lent 4	“Return from Denial”	Focus: Luke 22:54-62
March 24 th	Midweek of Lent 5	“Return to the Kingdom of God”	Focus: John 18:28-38
April 1 st	Maundy Thursday	“Return to the Table”	Focus: Mark 14:12-26
April 2 nd	Good Friday	“Return to Truth”	Focus: John 19:1-16
April 4 th	Easter Sunday	“Return and See”	Focus: Matthew 28:1-10