



The Transfiguration of our Lord

Order of Worship

February 11, 2018 10:00 am

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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Welcome to God's House today!!!

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

Today's Focus- God Manifests His Glory in Christ Jesus

The Transfiguration confirms *"the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place"* (2 Pet. 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were *"eyewitnesses of His majesty"* (2 Pet. 1:16). *"He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun"* (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: *"This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased"* (Matt. 17:5).. Hence, *"the appearance of the glory of the Lord"* is no longer *"like a devouring fire"* (Ex. 24:17), but is graciously revealed in His own body.

Children are welcome in worship! If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

Is there something you'd like us to pray for today? "Prayer Request" cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)

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AS WE GATHER:

The word "Transfiguration" has the same root meaning as "metamorphosis", the process by which caterpillars are "changed" into moths or butterflies. After witnessing the transfiguration of Jesus, Peter declared, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." It is also good for us to see with our spiritual eyes the glory of Jesus revealed in all its splendor, to be reminded of the great sacrifice He made on our behalf.

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Only By Grace"

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

KYRIE

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *2 Kings 2:1-12* **ESV**

EPISTLE READING *2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:1-6* **ESV**

GOSPEL ANTHEM *"See Our Lord..."* **Tune LSB 918**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 9:2-9* **ESV**

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY *"God, The Mountains Tell Your Glory"*
Tune: LSB 648

SERMON *"A Man On a Mission"* **Mark 9:2-9**

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

OFFERTORY

THE OFFERING RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

CLOSING HYMN *"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"* **LSB 417**
+ Silent Prayer +

POSTLUDE

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

February 11

(2 Corinthians 4:3)

"Was Blind, But Now I See"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
Would you rather be blind or visioned? That's an easy one. But,
how does a spiritually blind person become seeing

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

February 18

(James 1:12-18)

"Pay Attention to What You Hear (Mark 4:24)"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Lent calls us to take deep into our being the life-changing words of
God. The result? Obedience, changes in desires, and blessings.

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or
1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on
Sundays at noon or listen anytime at www.lutheranhour.org

STEWARDSHIP: Mark 9:6 – "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.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: "Love and appreciation between
generations are so important. God tells us not to conceal His great
and mighty acts from our children, but to tell the generations to
come the praises of the Lord, and His strength, and His wondrous
works that He has done." *Kay L. Meyer, Family Shield Ministries*

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

2 Timothy

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Comparative Christianity

Kids Our Age 50+ -- February 15th at noon.

Theme is "It's All About Love." The menu for our lunch will be
Glazed Chicken, Rice, Asparagus, Tequilaberry Salad and Cherry
Cheesecake. The cost will be \$7.00. Feel free to bring someone.

If you need a ride let Verlayne know.



OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

2/11 Sun	The Transfiguration of Our Lord
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship
	11:00 am Fellowship
	6:00 pm NA
2/12 Mon	6:30 pm AIAnon 1
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2
2/13 Tues	7:00 pm All Boards Meeting
2/14 Wed	10:00 am BIBLE STUDY
	12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship w/HC
	6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship w/HC
	6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study
2/15 Thurs	12:00 pm KOA+ "It's All About Love"
2/16 Fri	5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon
2/17 Sat	10:00 am TLWCC Worship
	6:00 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
2/18 Sun	First Sunday in Lent
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship w/HC
	6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Verlayne Sather and Shirley Slagle

Counters: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Altar Care: Shirley Holzinger

Attendance 2/04/2018: 19

Offerings -- Regular \$1,580; Portals of Prayer \$5; Flowers \$27, Rent \$25

Total: \$1,772

Needed each week for 2017: \$3,477.59

PORTALS OF PRAYER

You might have noticed in your envelope box an envelope for Portals of Prayer. The cost for a years' subscription for regular print Portals of Prayer is \$4.35, \$13.90 for digest size and \$13.80 for the large print Portals of Prayer. Please use the envelopes designated when you make your payment.

BIRTHDAYS: 11th Brandon Betterman, 11th Lillian Troiden,
14th Millie Eckhardt, 16th Tim Harris, 16th Tom Harris

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Shirley & Rudy Holzinger –
Brother Larry's Birthday

FLOWERS:

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson,
Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Rose Ehnes, Deb Forsberg,
Harriet Harris, Ada Samson, Dorothy Woll, Margaret Maxwell,
Sandy Westling, Nanc Rixe

REQUESTED PRAYERS:

Larry Derksen (Shirley's brother) – recovery from surgery

Dr. Lori Ongeri (Debra Forsberg's niece) – for a baby boy

Jeffrey Lucero (Debra Fosberg's nephew) – Ulcer

Vera Gade (Pastor's mother) recovering in Rehab in Shakopee

John Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother) heart surgery recovery

Dick Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother)

Elaine Gillund – surgery and radiation

Evie Horman (Sandy Westling's sister) hospitalized – heart issues

Brandon Johnson (son of Lori Sharbono) continued good results

Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues & upcoming surgery

Steve Kaiser (friend of Patty Lyrenmann's brother) – COPD

Beverly Papcek (Grunnes' cousin) – numb leg, but not cancer

Amy Price (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

Jimmy Royal & Dave (friends of Dick Gillund)

Marvin & Norma Thor – poor health/stomach cancer

Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker – Chronic Illness

“IN OUR PRAYERS” AND “REQUESTED PRAYERS”

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the Ushers' counter and give to the office. They will be added to the Prayer list. Any updates to the current list? Let the office know

DIAL-A-DEVOTION is a daily devotion supported by Trinity Lutheran Church, White Bear Lake. There is a new devotion and prayer each day.

Call 651-429-0078 and follow the directions.



Free Sand Available for Residential Sidewalks

Already shoveled your sidewalks, but they're still slippery? The City of Minneapolis has several sites where Minneapolis residents can pick up free sand to sprinkle on icy residential sidewalks. Spreading sand can help improve traction until the weather warms up and you can remove the ice.

Quantities are limited to a five-gallon bucket, you need to bring your own bucket.

Sand is available at the following locations, 24 hours a day:

- 6036 Harriet Ave S (west 60th Street between Lyndale and Harriet avenues)
- 1809 Washington Street NW at 18th and Jefferson
- East 27th Street, just east of Longfellow Avenue near the Public Works gate
- 2710 Pacific Street, outside the main Public Works gate between 27th and 28th avenues north

Next **Seniors on the Go and Luncheon** scheduled for Feb 13th (and March 13th). Call Brian at 612-370-4770 to reserve your seat and for more information. Location: Audubon Park.

Conversations on Faith and Life: Spring 2018 Hoffmann Lecture

James Wetzstein, LCMS campus pastor at Valparaiso University, will deliver this year's Hoffmann Lecture, **"The Provisional Nature of Truth,"**

7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20. The event is free and open to all students, faculty, staff, and **members of the community.**

The event will be held at the Buetow Music Auditorium.

Concordia Choir (Moorhead, MN) IN CONCERT

Hear one of the nation's finest college choirs perform Saturday, **February 24 at 7:30 pm** in Lord of Life Lutheran Church (7401 County Road 101, Maple Grove). Rene Clausen conducts the 72-voice a cappella choir in several spirituals and hymns, plus a special set with unique staging effect. Tickets available at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, online at ConcordiaTickets.com, or by calling 800-838-3006 or at the door. Students = \$5 + \$1.17 service fee // Adults = \$25 + \$1.87 service fee.

Help is Available

If a senior age 60+ needs help shoveling, housekeeping or other services in Hennepin County, Senior Community Services is a nonprofit organization with four programs serving elders and caregivers statewide. For more information please visit www.seniorcommunity.org or call 952-541-1019. Seniors outside of Hennepin County should contact the Senior Linkage Line at 1-800-333-2433 for information about services in their area. Thank you!

Direct Your 2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars by Mar 31, 2018

Since 2010, over \$370 million has been distributed to thousands of churches, schools, and other nonprofits through Thrivent Choice®. Through this program, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year.

We are excited to share, based on member recommendations, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church received \$1,969 in charitable outreach funding in 2017.

We have also received \$325 as of January 2018.

THANK YOU!

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until **March 31, 2018**, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Bethesda Lutheran Communities.

Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, with Divine Service at noon and 6:30 pm

The sermons during Lent will be drawn from the "Servant Songs" in Isaiah as a way for us to get ready for Easter by focusing on the Servant ministry of Jesus. The sermons will include the following:

- Feb 21 Midweek 1 (The Servant of Justice) "Behold, My Servant"
- Feb 28 Midweek 2 (The Servant of All) "The Successful Failure"
- Mar 7 Midweek 3 (The Committed Servant) "Learn and Live!"
- Mar 14 Midweek 4 (The Suffering Servant) "The Servant Suffers"
- Mar 21 Midweek 5 (The Triumphant Servant) "The Great Reversal"

Between now and Easter, I encourage you to read and study the "Servant Songs" of Isaiah preparation for Easter.

Catechesis Note for the Week

Jesus said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." [Matt. 28:19]

"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."
[Mark 16:16]

"Note in these words that here stand God's commandment and institution. Let us not doubt that Baptism is divine. It is not made up or invented by people.

For as surely as I can say,

'No one has spun the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer out of his head; they are revealed and given by God Himself.'

So I can boast that Baptism is no human plaything, but it is instituted by God Himself.

Furthermore, Baptism is most solemnly and strictly commanded so that we must if all possible be baptized and follow our Lord's command. I note this lest anyone regard Baptism as a silly matter, like putting on a new red coat. For it is of the greatest importance that we value Baptism as excellent, glorious, and exalted.

We contend and fight for Baptism chiefly because the world is now so full of sects arguing that Baptism is an outward thing and that outward things are of no benefit. But let Baptism be a thoroughly inward thing. Here stand God's Word and command, which institute, establish, and confirm Baptism. What God institutes and commands cannot be an empty thing. It must be a most precious thing, even though it looked like it had less value than a straw.

*Up to now people could consider something great when the pope with his letters and bulls gave away indulgences and confirmed altars and churches, solely because of the letters and seals. So we ought to value Baptism much more highly and more precious, because God has commanded it. Besides, it is done in His name. For these are the words, **"Go, baptize."** However, **do not baptize in your name, but in God's name. To be baptized in God's name is to be baptized not by men, but by God Himself."***
—The Large Catechism

Lessons for The 1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 25:1-10; James 1:12-18; Mark 1:9-15

Today's Scripture Readings

2 KINGS 2:1-12: The prophet Elijah had stood against an overwhelming majority in Israel who had followed the royal example by worshipping Baal. His exit as a prophet of God was equally phenomenal with his service during his life. Note that it was the whirlwind which took him away, not the chariot of fire. Yet Elisha was able to see past the chariot that his master was taken by the whirlwind and thus be assured that God granted him his request for a double portion of Elijah's spirit. The 'company' or 'sons' of the prophets were probably trainee or apprentice prophets. At any rate, Elisha's inheritance of a double portion of Elijah's prophetic spirit ensured his ascendancy and authority in Israel above all those other prophets.

2 CORINTHIANS 4: 3-6: How is it that if the Spirit makes God's word of truth clear, it is not plain to some people's understanding? The answer is that it is not the gospel itself which is obscure, but rather that some people's blindness makes it obscure. It is Satan (v 4), even though he has only usurped and temporary power, who prevents people from seeing that Christ has the perfect image of God which was lost by Adam. Paul therefore doesn't proclaim himself (v 5), but as a slave (imitating Christ by putting himself aside) proclaims Christ as 'Lord', that is, God! Verse 6 links the same power of God's word at the creation, which brought light into being from nothing, with the miracle of the dawning light of our faith. We see and know Christ's face as reflecting nothing less than the full glory of God. Think of all that means!

MARK 9:2-9: In the section immediately prior to this text, St Mark describes the unwillingness of the disciples to come to terms with Jesus' clear teaching about his approaching suffering and death. Now on the high mountain, Peter, James and John are witnesses of his transfiguration, as he appears with the glory that was his before his becoming human flesh (John 17:5). Moses and Elijah appear talking with him. St Luke tells us that they spoke about his coming suffering and death at Jerusalem (Luke 9:31). This concept was not at all foreign to these pillars of authority in the Old Testament. Peter still seems to miss the point and opts for a prolonged stay for all three by building dwellings! However, the voice of the Father testifies about the person of Jesus, and directs that they are to listen to him, that is, believe his word. The occasion was an important part of the disciples' spiritual education and a telling witness for us and the early church (John 1:14, 2 Peter 1:16-18).