



# OUR SAVIOR'S

## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Transfiguration Sunday ~ February 26, 2023*



# Jesus' Transfiguration

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

We welcome you to Our Savior's where we are celebrating the Transfiguration of our Lord this weekend. This celebration recalls how the Lord descended the Mount of Glory and set his face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51) to die for our sins and rise for our justification. Today, we'll be giving special attention to the Father's command to "Listen" to Jesus. We are glad you are here and hope you can worship with us again soon.

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

Dear Lord, it is good for me to be here so that I can hear once again of your marvelous love in saving me from my sins. As I behold your glory on the mount of Transfiguration, let me see your glory one day in heaven by your grace. Bless my worship. Amen.

## **OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE**

In the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we express unity with our Savior and those who share our faith and stand on the teachings of God's Word. Therefore, we invite to our altar those who are members of Our Savior's or members of the WELS/ELS. Visitors who wish to commune are asked to speak to the pastor before the service begins.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Setting One from Christian Worship

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## **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

- Minister – Pastor Kevin Schnake
  - Organist – Marie Kurth
  - Ushers – Tim & Ellen Heil
- (Next Sunday – Bill Unruh)*

# Our Worship

## Opening Hymn

CW 388

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.

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*Stand*

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

## Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

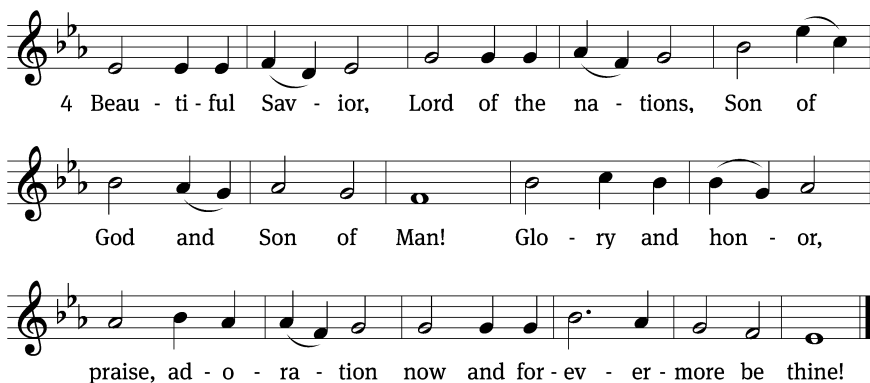
*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Song of Praise

CW 522 st. 4



4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,  
praise, ad - o - ra - tion now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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## Prayer of the Day

O 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.**

## The Word

### First Reading

**Exodus 24:9–18**

*Moses saw the glory of the Lord*

<sup>9</sup>Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup>and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. <sup>11</sup>But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

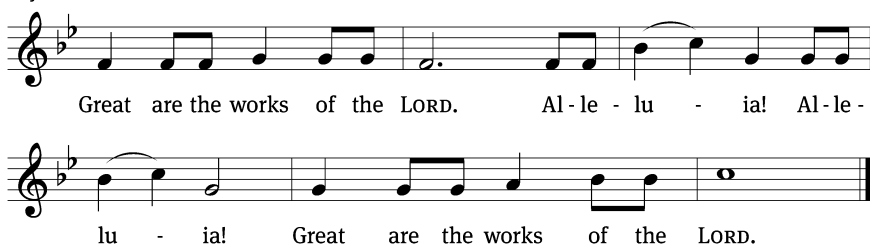
<sup>13</sup>Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, <sup>16</sup>and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. <sup>17</sup>To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>Then Moses entered the cloud as he went up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

# Psalm of the Day

# Psalm 2D

## Refrain



## Tone



Why do the nations / conspire  
and the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together a- / gainst  
the LORD

and against his A- / nointed. *Refrain*

The One enthroned in / heaven laughs;  
the Lord / scoffs at them.

He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, / saying,  
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy / mountain.” *Refrain*

I will proclaim the / LORD’s decree:

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your / Father.”

**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***

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## Second Reading

**2 Peter 1:16–21**

*Peter was an eyewitness to the glory of the Lord*

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

<sup>19</sup>We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup>For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## 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

**Matthew 17:1–9**

*The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup>Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. <sup>4</sup>Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

<sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

<sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## Children's Message

### Hymn of the Day

**CW 389**

- 1    How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;  
     your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.
- 2    How good, Lord, to be here your beauty to behold,  
     where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.
- 3    Fulfiller of the past, and hope of things to be,  
     we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.
- 4    Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come;  
     we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.
- 5    But you, Lord, do not stay. With mercy resolute  
     you leave this glorious hill to die— our perfect substitute.
- 6    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.

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## **“Listen to Jesus and the Prophets”**

### **Statement of Faith**

**We believe that God the Father is a Spirit (*John 1:18a*) who has made himself known to man through God the Son, Jesus Christ (*John 1:18b*) and is revealed to all believers through God the Holy Spirit. (*1 Corinthians 2:10*) We worship and glorify him as the Creator of the heavens and the earth, (*Genesis 1:1*) and as the Author of all things known and unknown. (*Hebrews 3:4*) He is the true and perfect God who gave his one and only Son, (*Psalms 18:30*) that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)**

**We believe in One Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the only Son of God, and yet is God. (*John 14:11*) Because of his great love for us, he came down from heaven and became human by the Holy Spirit. (*Luke 1:35*) Because of his great love for us, he was crucified, and suffered death for our sins. (*John 19:18*) Because of his great love for us he rose from the dead, and defeated Satan’s power of sin over us. (*Acts 2:32*) He has given us the Holy Spirit to help us in our Christian walk. (*John 14:16-17*)**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who has spoken through the prophets. (*Acts 28:25*) He comes from the Father and the Son, who with them, is to be worshiped and glorified. (*2 Corinthians 3:17*) He is the giver of life, the one who intercedes to God on our behalf (*Romans 8:27*) and the one who empowers us for works of service. (*1 Corinthians 12:4-6*) We believe that we live in God and he in us, because he has given us his Spirit. (*1 John 4:13*) How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God! (*1 John 3:1*) Amen.**

## Thank Offering & Friendship Register

*As the offering is gathered, we ask both members and visitors to sign the Friendship Registers, which are located at the end of the pews. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.*

## Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, you revealed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son, who lived among us in the flesh. Open our eyes, that by faith we would see him continuing to dwell among us in our daily lives. Grant that we would follow your command to “listen to him”.

Holy God, we ask for your blessing on this congregation, especially upon those in catechism class and adult instruction. As Moses was changed when he saw your glory on Mount Sinai, may they also see your glory in the face of Christ also be transformed and given boldness of spirit to share your glory abroad. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Moses and Elijah appeared with the Savior in glory, witnessing all that the Law and the prophets speak about him. Grant wisdom to all pastors and church workers to open your Scriptures in such a way that everyone would hear the voice of Jesus calling them to life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless the families of your Church, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households. Remember also all expectant mothers, that they and their babies would be kept safe and healthy throughout their pregnancies. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, you alone establish all authority on earth. Bless those entrusted with authority both here and abroad to serve with integrity and honor for the well-being of all. Grant that all division, conflict and strife would give way to unity, peace and quietness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Special prayers may follow.*

Lord God, your power is beyond compare and your glory beyond understanding. Open our hearts to know you through the glory of your Son who also taught us to pray:

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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 Sacrament**

## **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

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line ends with a period, the second with a comma, the third with a period, the fourth with a period, and the fifth with a double bar line. A long horizontal line under the word 'Amen' spans across the bottom of the fifth staff.

*Be seated*

## Distribution Hymn

CW 392

- 1 This brightness, Lord! What shall I say  
to see your face outshine the day?  
No greater gift could I receive;  
I'll stay right here and never leave!
- 2 But Moses and Elijah know  
the lengths to which your love must go.  
What pleasure fills your Father's voice:  
"My precious Son, my perfect choice!"
- 3 I quickly learn we cannot stay;  
the brightness gone, you lead the way,  
advancing down this mountainside  
to where you'll soon be crucified.

- 4 Your living Word has let me see  
the truth behind the bloody tree,  
what makes your face profoundly shine—  
you made my sin no longer mine.
- 5 No glory lights the plains below  
where trials rise and troubles flow,  
and yet I know you'll help me bear  
each blessed cross that's waiting there.
- 6 I'll soon exchange this mountain sight  
for heaven's everlasting light;  
your brightness, Lord, will then be mine,  
and then my face, like yours, will shine.

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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.**

## **Blessing**

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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*Thank you for worshipping with us!*  
*May God richly bless your week.*

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**Serving the Pastoral Vacancy** - Pastor Jeff Mahnke from St. Peter Lutheran Church is serving as Our Savior's vacancy pastor. Should you need his pastoral guidance and service, call / text him anytime at 715.297.0132. His email address is [pastorm@mysaintpeter.org](mailto:pastorm@mysaintpeter.org).

**Call Meeting Rescheduled to Feb. 28** – All members, especially our voters, are encouraged to attend our next Call meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 pm.

**Midweek Lent Worship** – Weekly midweek Lent services will be held on the five following Wednesdays (March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29) at 1:00 pm as we trace Jesus' final steps to the cross and empty tomb.

We will follow the same pastoral rotation as St. Peter. If you can't attend our afternoon service, we encourage you to worship at a sister congregation. St. Peter's Lent services are on Thursdays at 5:00 & 7:00 pm. Mountain of the Lord's services are on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

This Week at Our Savior's		
<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 PM	Pastoral Call Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00 PM	Midweek Lent Worship
<b>Sunday 3/5</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM Noon	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class Together We Shine at NLHS

**Remember in Prayer** - Rose Schreiber is hospitalized at Gunderson Hospital in LaCrosse with kidney problems. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Memorial** - We thank Elaine Radtke for her gift given in memory of Suzanne Durkee. *Blessed be her memory. Thanks be to God for the love which led to this gift.*

**Encourage One Another** – Please mark your calendar for Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. After worship and Bible Class, members of Our Savior's will join our leaders in going to the homes of members of our church family who are straying from worship because of covid and our lengthy pastoral vacancy. Our visits won't last long as we simply express our love and give our brothers and sisters in Christ our encouragement to return. For planning purposes and since we want to provide a light lunch, we need to know if you can help. Sign up by calling Marie in the church office or by using the sign up sheet in the entryway. May the Lord bless this effort!

**LWMS Spring Rally Is Coming** – The Wisconsin River Valley Chapter of Lutheran Women's Missionary Society will hold a spring rally on Saturday, April 15th from 9:00-11:30 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Stratford.

**Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS)** – The 60th Annual LWMS Convention, "Peace Like a River" will be held in Lacrosse, Wisconsin, June 22-25. To register or learn more visit the LWMS website: 60.LWMS.org.

**Divine Call News** – Last Sunday Pastor Mahnke received a Divine Call to serve Mountain View Lutheran Church in Calgary, Canada. Let’s remember Pastor Mahnke and his wife, Stacy, in our prayers as he deliberates where he best can serve as a pastor. He welcomes your words of encouragement. ... Pastor Jeff Grundmeier of Immanuel in Sault Sainte Marie, MI, has received the Divine Call to serve as the campus pastor at Northland Lutheran High School. Pastor Grundmeier also serves as the chairman of the Michigan District Mission Board. ... Pastor Eric Hanson of Crown of Life in Corona, CA, has received the Divine Call to serve as an associate pastor at St. Matthew’s in Marathon, WI. ... Last Sunday St Peter (Schofield) called David Duncan to serve as the principal of their Lutheran Elementary School beginning with the 2023-2024 year. A Divine Call was also extended to Cassie Ewald to serve as the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher. Her husband is Pastor Andy Ewald.

**News From Northland Lutheran High School** – Together We Shine will be held at NLHS on Sunday, March 5 at noon. Shop at our auction and enjoy a variety of soups at our annual Soup Cook-off. Prizes will be awarded for best soups as well as the first roaster finished. Call the office (715-359-3400) or email nlhsoffice@nlhs.org

**OWLS** - March brings an opportunity for fellowship and service to Christ and to homebound members from all our area WELS churches. We will be making “thinking of you” cards on Tuesday March 14 at 1:30 pm at Our Saviors. Please join us even if you are not a member. Questions call Ruth at 715-573-2142.

Growing Together					
February 19, 2023					
<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>
\$2,291.00	\$275.00	\$110.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$10.00
<u>Bldg Maintenance</u>	<u>School Fees</u>		<u>Publications</u>		
\$50.00	\$42.00		\$36.00		
Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,038					
Attendance: 73 + 8 (online) = 81			Ash Wednesday: 35 + 9 = 44		





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## **Our Savior's Lutheran School Open House**

**March 9th 4:30 - 6:30pm**

Come take a tour of our modern facility,  
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