

THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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WELCOME

Good morning and welcome to Grace! We are glad that you joined us today, whether online or here at Grace. If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith as taught here at Grace Lutheran Church, please contact our pastor.

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(21 January 2024)

Exodus 34:29–35 2 Peter 1:16–21 Matthew 17:1–9

Jesus Is Transfigured and Manifests His Glory

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush (Ex. 3:1–14). Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:29–35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself (Matt. 17:1–9). Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:16–21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshowed our adoption as sons (Collect). We who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in our Service this morning. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to receive this Sacrament of Christ's body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins, we ask that you first speak with our Pastor so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers today are given by Dorris Deislinger in memory of my sweet husband, Allen, in honor of what would have been our 40th wedding anniversary (1/27) and for the beautification of God's house and in thanksgiving for the Lord's many blessings.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:

Communion Assistant

Kantor:

Altar Guild:

Choir:

Ushers:

Streaming:

Rev. Kent Schaaf Chaplain Shawn Found Jacquelyn Magnuson Angie Proud Kantorei Shaun Baker, Elias Found Bob Nichols & Riley Middaugh



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THE DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Stand

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation Matthew 28:19b: 18:20

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution [John 20:19–23]

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 84:1–2a, 4, 10–11; antiphon: Psalm 77:18b



- A Your lightnings lighted | up the world;* the earth trem- | bled and shook.
- How lovely is your dwelling place, O | LORD of hosts!*
 My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD.

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*

ever sing- | ing your praise!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

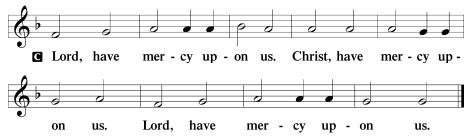
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

A Your lightnings lighted | up the world;* the earth trem- | bled and shook.

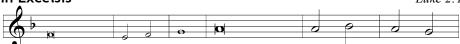
Kyrie

Mark 10:47



Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



P Glory be to God on high: C and on earth peace, good - will toward



Salutation and Collect of the Day



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.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 45:2a; 110:1



You are the most handsome of the | sons of men;* grace is poured up- | on your lips.

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my | right hand,* until I make your enemies your | footstool."

2 Peter 1:16–21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Psalm 96:2-3

Choir: Alleluias

Congregation: Alleluias





Choir: Sing to the Lord; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Congregation: Alleluias

Holy Gospel Matthew 17:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.



After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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

whose kingdom will have no end.

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,

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.

Stanza 3: Choir



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Sermon

Stand



Sit

Offering & Voluntary

Christ upon the Mountain Peak

Paul Bouman

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Each petition ends with the following:

P Let us pray to the Lord:

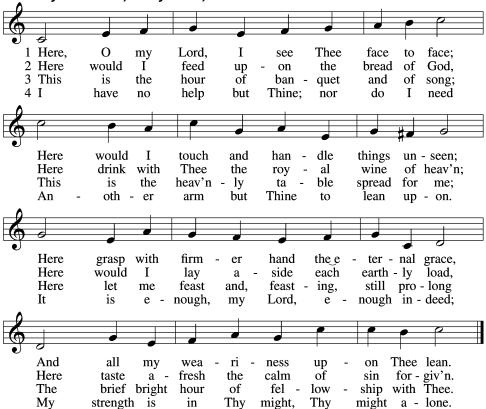
C Lord, have mercy.

After the final petition:

C Amen.

Following the Prayer of the Church, the live stream is paused for the Service of the Sacrament. If you would like to request a pastoral visit to receive the Sacrament, please contact Pastor Schaaf or the church office.

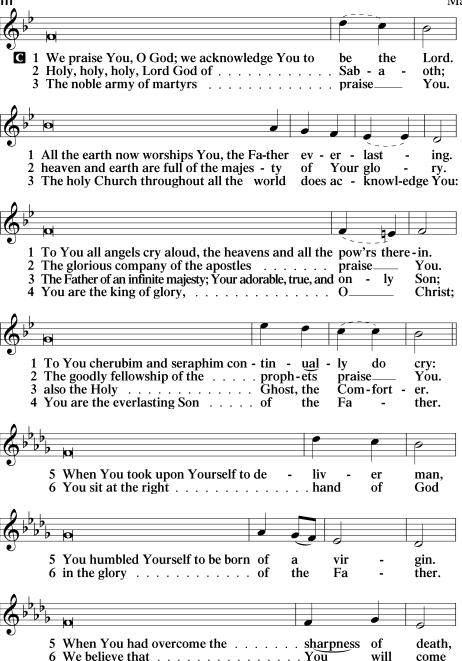
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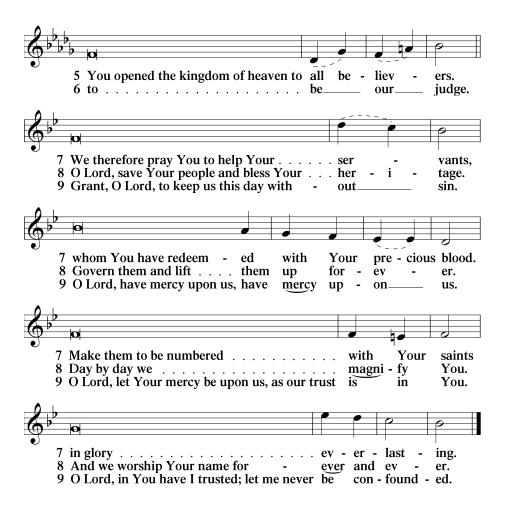


- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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Te Deum Matins, p. 223







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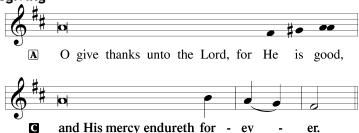


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Stand

Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32 lettest Thou Thy servant de - part Lord, now in peace accord-ing to Thy word, mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, for which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry a light of Thy peo-ple Is ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

Thanksgiving Psalm 107:1



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



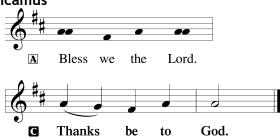
Salutation





2 Timothy 4:22

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1



Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

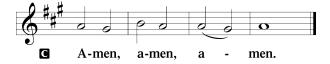




His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.







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Postlude

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

January 21 – Joe Gelzine

January 22 – Lori Bloom-Dillard

January 24 – Shaun Baker, Lily Woodyard

January 25 – Isaac Goodrich

January 26 – Susan Mahnken

- In Our Prayers -

*Names of those with health concerns will remain on the prayer list <u>for 2 weeks</u> after a request is made. If you wish to make <u>or renew</u> a prayer request, please call or email Pastor Schaaf or the church office.

HEALTH CONCERNS: Kent (Lori Jones' brother), Bill (JoAnn Bischof's brother), Cheyenne Staggs & Sara (friends of the Leach's), Jeanne Von Der Ahe

SEMINARY STUDENT: John & Jana Carpenter

MEMBERS AND FAMILY IN THE MILITARY: Nicholas Wold (Marine Corps) & Ethan Wold (Navy Corpsman)

MEMBERS WE PRAY FOR THIS WEEK: Ken & Becky Ross, The Schaaf Family, David Schaefer, The Schluterman Family, Bob & Wendy Schmidt, The Schnackenberg Family, The Schulz Family, The Seidenschnur Family, Myrna Loy Smith, Pam Welling Smith, Sydney Smith, Amber & Cason Loyd Solomon, The Stein Families, The Stephens Family

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Ralph & Joan Ann Olsen, Nancy Orpin, Myrna Smith, Robert & Jan Grant, Robert & Wilma Richter, Sherry Clawitter, Elsie Westerfield, Kay Jenkins, Dorris Deislinger, Joe & Cecillia Gelzine, Mildred Burgess, Emily Esget, Carol Ann Mitchell (Donna Langlais' friend)

- News & Notes -

Please submit announcement requests for News & Notes to the church office by noon on Tuesday.

PARISH PLANNING MEETING The next Parish Planning meeting is scheduled for this **Tuesday, January 23rd**, at 6pm. This is an in-person meeting.

VOTERS MEETING The next Voters Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday**, **February 4th**, immediately after Divine Worship.

WHAT IS WORSHIP? AN EXPLANATION OF THE DIVINE SERVICE Starting Sunday, January 28th we will be looking at the Scriptures, history and why we do what we do in the Divine Service. Join Pastor and Kantor and bring your questions!

ECDC IS HIRING! We are looking for a Teacher and an Assistant Director. If you know of someone who is interested in sharing the love of Christ with Jesus' little lambs and helping them Grow in Grace, please have them contact Robyn Robb at **ecdc@gracelutheranlr.org** or 501-663-0755. Thank you for your support!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN 2024 *Altar* **Guild** is a quiet service with both men and women encouraged to sign up. You can find the 2024 sign-up sheet at the church entrance or in the Sacristy. Please email Angie Proud at **angieproud12@gmail.com** for more information. *The Usher Ministry* at Grace is in need of both men and women volunteers on Sunday mornings. Please contact Monica at (**monica@glclr.org**) or 501.663.3631 for more information and to sign up to assist in this ministry.

Acolyte Schedule

The Acolyte(s) light the candles & the Crucifer carries the Crucifix.

January 21 - Tyler - Acolyte / Velta — Crucifer January 28 - Ike - Acolyte / Avery — Crucifer

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Schaaf at 501.663.3631 or *kent.schaaf@glclr.org* to make an appointment. If there is a pastoral care emergency, you may call/text his cell **24/7** at 501.703.4474. Please leave a message if he does not answer.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion 12:00 p.m. Church Fellowship/Chili Showcase

MON. - FRI.:

7:30 a.m. Early Childhood Development Center

TUESDAY:

6:00 p.m. Parish Planning Meeting

WEDNESDAY:

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Midweek Eucharist Service

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Freewill Meal (Parker Hall)

6:00 p.m. Schola Cantorum (Choir Room, 2nd-8th graders)

6:00 p.m. Preaching Partners (Parker Hall)

THURSDAY:

11:00 p.m. Rachel Allen Memorial/Meal

7:00 p.m. Kantorei Rehearsal (Choir Room & Sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion