

# **Last Sunday after Epiphany**



The Transfiguration of Our Lord



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# "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.

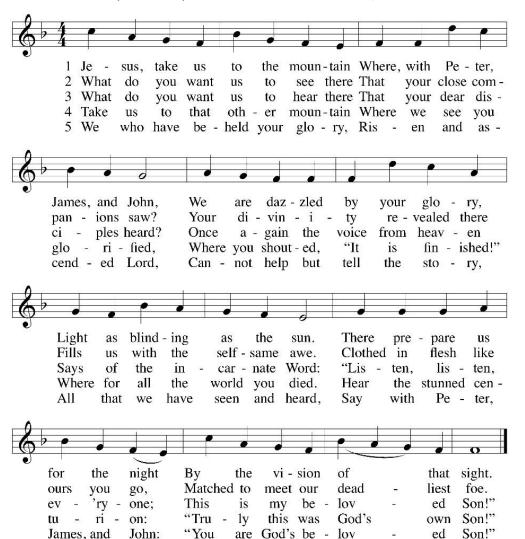
# **Lord of Love Lutheran Church**

# February 11, 2024

## **DIVINE SERVICE II**

**OPENING HYMN** (CWS 712)

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



The hymn writer reminds us that the glimpse of glory seen in Jesus' transfiguration foreshadows the ultimate glory of Christ displayed at Calvary, hidden under the cross.

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#### INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### **CONFESSION**

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

#### **ABSOLUTION**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

# LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

Kyrie

**M:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

**M:** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

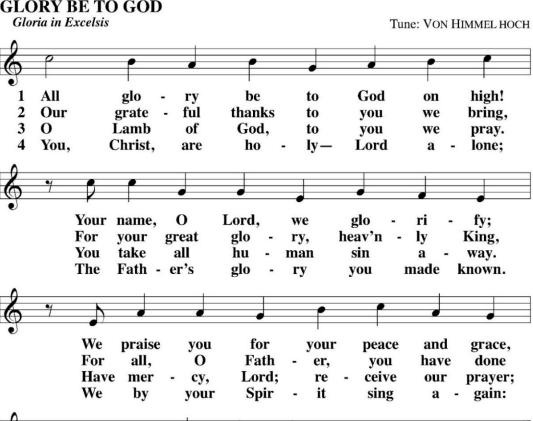
**M:** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

## GLORY BE TO GOD





### THE WORD

#### **SALUTATION**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

**ALL:** When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah was traveling with Elisha from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

**WOMEN:** <sup>4</sup> Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here because the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

**MEN:** <sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here because the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

<sup>7</sup> Then fifty men from the sons of the prophets came and stood and watched them from a distance, while the two of them were standing at the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Elijah took his cloak, folded it together, and struck the water. The water divided to the right and to the left. Then the two of them crossed on dry land.

**PASTOR:** <sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask me for whatever I can do for you before I am taken from you." Then Elisha said, "Let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." <sup>10</sup> He said, "You have asked for a difficult thing. If you see me being taken from you, it will surely be yours. But if not, then it will not."

**ALL:** <sup>11</sup> While they were walking and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire came and separated them. So Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. <sup>12</sup> Elisha was watching and crying out, "My father! My father! Israel's chariot and its charioteers!" Then he did not see him anymore.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?" Then he said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?" He said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet."





Praise the LORD from the <u>heavens</u>,\* praise him in the <u>heights</u> above.

Praise him, all his <u>angels</u>,\* praise him, all his <u>heavenly</u> hosts.

Praise him, <u>sun</u> and moon,\* praise him, all you <u>shin</u>ing stars. *REFRAIN* 

Praise the LORD <u>from</u> the earth,\* lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his <u>bid</u>ding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all <u>ce</u>dars,\* wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and <u>flying</u> birds,

kings of the earth and all rul<u>ers</u> on earth,\* young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,\* for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men. *REFRAIN* 

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:2-9



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain where they were alone by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. <sup>3</sup> His clothes became radiant, dazzling white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And Elijah appeared to them together with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> He did not know what to say because they were terrified.

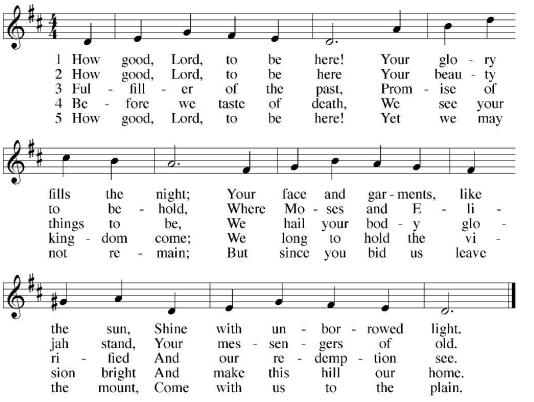
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus alone.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



### How Good, Lord, to be Here



Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

Tune: POTSDAM (SM) J. S. Bach, 1685-1750, adapt.

**SERMON** 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

### The Glorious Face of Christ

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

#### **OFFERING**

During the gathering of the thank-offering, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you!

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Holy Father, with the appearance of Moses and Elijah at our Lord's glorious Transfiguration, you reveal that the Law and the prophets are fulfilled in him. Send your blessing upon all pastors and teachers, that their preaching and teaching would flow from this right understanding of Christ and his work for our eternal salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Almighty God, grant faithfulness, humility and patience to the sheep of your flock here at Lord of Love Lutheran Church, that in our various vocations we may strive to love you and our neighbor in all that we say and do. 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 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 this responsibility both here and abroad, that they would serve with integrity and honor and for the well-being of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

God of all grace, look with compassion on those who are in need [especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_]. Grant them relief and comfort through the promise of sharing in eternal glory with Christ. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, you revealed your glory in the Transfiguration of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who tabernacled among us in the flesh. Open our eyes, that by faith we would see him continuing to tabernacle among us here in the Divine Service. Grant that we would heed your admonition to "listen to him" as he forgives and preserves us at the font, pulpit and altar. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord God, heavenly Father, by your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in your beloved Son with whom you are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## THE SACRAMENT

#### **PREFACE**

M:

The Lord be with you. And also with you. C: **M**: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them up to the Lord. M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is good and right so to do. It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you M: thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through him. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28 1 Corinthians 11:24.25

M: 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."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD John 1:29



BE SEATED

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** (CW 97)

## **Down from the Mount of Glory**



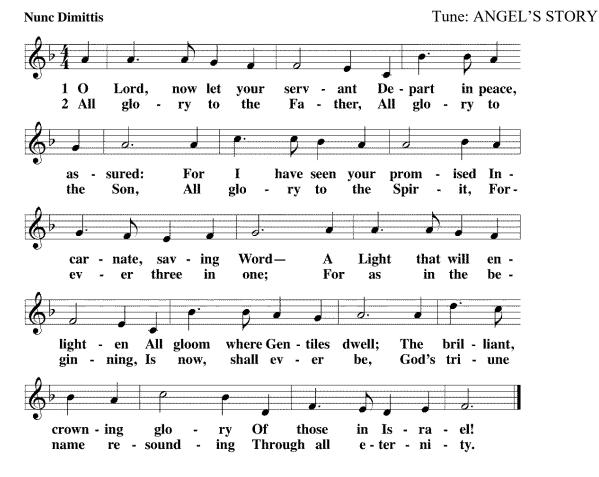
Text: Werner H. Franzmann, 1905–96. © 1968 Werner H. Franzmann. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Tune: ICH FREU MICH IN DEM HERREN (76 76 D) Bartholomäus Helder, 1585–1635.

- 1 Arise and shine in splendor; Let night to day surrender. Your light is drawing near. Above, the day is beaming, In matchless beauty gleaming; The glory of the Lord is here.
- 2 See earth in darkness lying, The heathen nations dying In hopeless gloom and night. To you the Lord of heaven— Your life, your hope—has given Great glory, honor, and delight.
- 3 Lift up your eyes in wonder—See, nations gather yonder From sin to be set free. The world has heard your story; Your sons come to your glory, And daughters haste your light to see.
- 4 Your heart will leap for gladness When from the realms of sadness They come from near and far. Your eyes will wake from slumber As people without number Rejoice to see the Morning Star.

Text: Martin Opitz, 1597–1639, abr.; tr. Gerhard Gieschen, b. 1899–1987, alt.

#### SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32



M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.

BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

#### FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word alleluia, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to alleluia. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The alleluias will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

#### **ALLELUIA SONG OF TRIUMPH** (Tune #122 CW)



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# **Personal Prayers for Worship**

### **Before Communion:**

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

#### **After Communion:**

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

**Gluten Free communion wafers:** Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

# **Weekly Bible Studies**

Sunday 9:15 am: Baptism, sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: The Gospel of John, downstairs

Wednesday study resumes after Easter.

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): Matthew DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

# Ash Wednesday Worship February 14

with Imposition of Ashes

12:30 & 6:30 pm Potluck 5:30



# Wednesday Lent Worship February 21, 28, March 6, 13, & 20

12:30 & 6:30 pm Potluck 5:30

Sunday February 11: Transfiguration of our Lord Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study and Sunday school

Teens join adult Bible study today.

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: 8:00 Ryan Jaeger, 10:30 Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers 8:00: Bob Degnan, Gene Freund, Kayden Zech and Kourtney Zech
- Ushers 10:30: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller, Vie Miller and Lia Miller
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: Vomhof providing

# Wednesday February 14: Ash Wednesday Worship Services at 12:30 & 6:30 pm with Imposition of Ashes

5:30 pm: Potluck dinner

Pastor Joel Jenswold

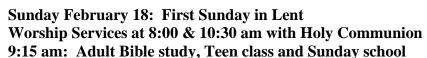
• Pianist: Kristin Huebner

• Ushers 6:30: The Holzman Family

• Altar Guild: Mandi Miller, Vie Miller and Lia Miller

• A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

• Potluck coordinator: Colleen Biwer



Pastor Joel Jenswold

• Organist: Jennifer Boll

• Councilman/Elder: 8:00 Dave Olson, 10:30 Phil Boll

• Ushers 8:00: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton

• Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family

• Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer

• Altar Guild: Mandi Miller, Vie Miller and Lia Miller

• A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker

• Refreshments: Gene and Sharon Freund

**Happy Birthday:** We wish God's blessings to Henry Holzman (2/11) and Kristen Sullivan (2/11) who celebrate their birthdays today.

**Anniversary:** We wish God's blessings to Russ & Julie Corcoran (2/12), Aaron & RaeLyn Parker (2/12), Bonnie & Richard Gotzion (2/14), and Andy & Kristin Huebner (2/17) as they celebrate their anniversaries this week.

**In Our Prayers:** Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder and Steve Tobison who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).



# Offerings January 21 - 27:

• General Fund: \$8,101

• AV Improvements: \$165

# Offerings January 28 - 31:

• General Fund: \$6,162

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$8,200



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(January 21 - 31: In the totals listed above, \$3,868 was given to the general fund and \$40 to AV Improvements through Vanco electronic giving.)

**Ladies Friendship Circle Feb. 15:** All ladies are invited this Thursday to the LFC meeting. They are meeting at 6:30 in the upstairs fellowship area. Come join the fun!

# Looking ahead:

- February 14: Ash Wednesday Worship, 12:30 and 6:30 pm. Potluck dinner 5:30
- February 15: Ladies Friendship Circle at church, 6:30 pm upstairs
- Feb. 21, 28, March 6, 13 & 20: Lent Worship 12:30 and 6:30 pm. Potluck 5:30
- March 3 17: NPH Book Fair, In person and online
- March 20: Chili Cook-off/potluck, 5:30 pm
- April 14: Confirmation Worship Service, 10:30 am
- **July 18:** Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00 5:00 pm

**Office Assistant Position Available:** The church council will be hiring a new office assistant this spring as Jen Olson retires from the position. If interested, copies of the job description are available for pick up in the church office. To apply, individuals should submit their resume to the office. If you would like more information, you can speak with Mitch Myhre, Jen Olson or Pastor Jenswold.