

Transfiguration Sunday



A Glimpse of Unveiled Glory



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

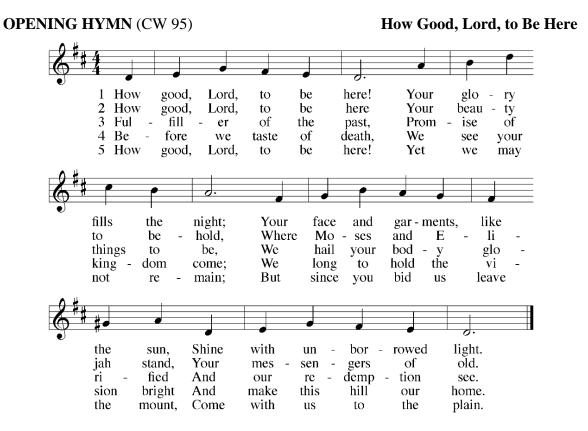


Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

February 19, 2023

THE COMMON SERVICE



Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt. Tune: POTSDAM (SM) J. S. Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. M:





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us.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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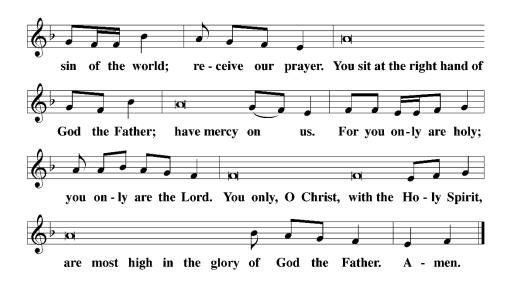
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



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.



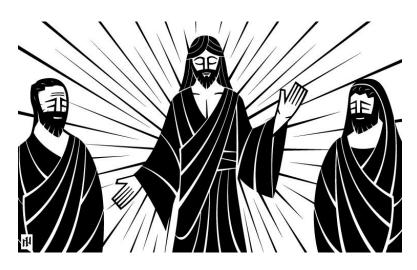


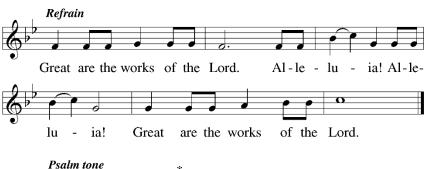
THE WORD

FIRST LESSON 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.







Why do the nations <u>con</u>spire* and the peoples <u>plot</u> in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD* and against his Anointed One.

Refrain

The One enthroned in <u>heaven</u> laughs;* the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, <u>say</u>ing,* "I have installed my King on Zion, my <u>ho</u>ly hill."

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:*
He said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have become your Father."

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. Amen.

Refrain

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James; and he led them up onto a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was transfigured in front of them. His face was shining like the sun. His clothing became as white as the light. ³ Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus.

⁴ Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Just then, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him."

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. ⁷ Jesus approached and as he touched them, he said, "Get up, and do not be afraid." ⁸ When they opened their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Do not tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

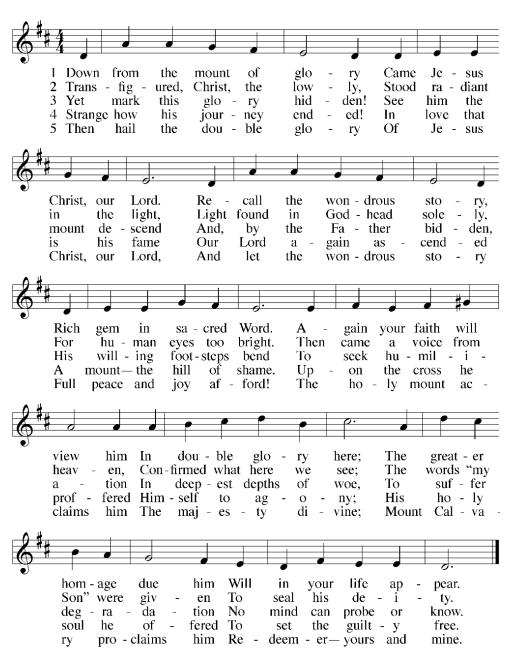
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED



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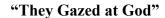
SERMON Exodus 24:9-18

⁹ Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up. ¹⁰ They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet they saw what looked like a pavement of sapphire as clear as the sky. ¹¹ The LORD did not lay his hand on the dignitaries of the people of Israel. They gazed at God, and they ate and drank.

¹² The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain. Wait there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commands that I have written, so that you can teach them."

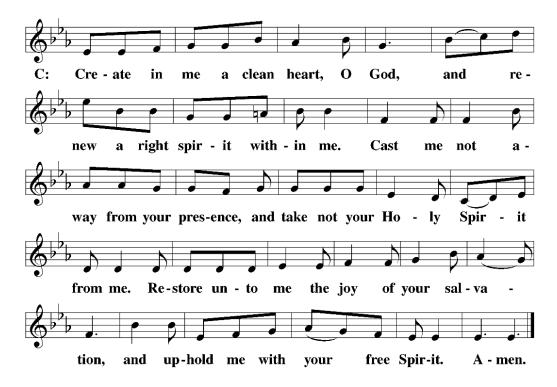
¹³ Moses set out with his assistant Joshua and went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ He said to the elders, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, here are Aaron and Hur. They will be with you. Whoever is involved in a dispute can go to them."

¹⁵ Moses went up onto the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The Glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered the mountain for six days. On the seventh day the LORD called to Moses out of the middle of the cloud. ¹⁷ The appearance of the Glory of the LORD looked like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered into the middle of the cloud and climbed up the mountain. Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.





After the sermon, the congregation sings:



OFFERING IS GATHERED AND BROUGHT FORWARD

While the offering is being collected, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For the baptized, that we would heed our heavenly Father's admonition to listen to his Son as he speaks to us through his Holy Word and Sacraments; and that we would by faith behold him in his glory as he continues to tabernacle among us, delivering forgiveness, life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors and church workers, that God would grant them wisdom to open the Scriptures in such a way that everyone would hear the voice of Jesus, to whom Moses and Elijah bore witness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For families, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households; and for all expectant mothers, that they and their babies would be kept safe and healthy throughout their pregnancies, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who have been placed in authority, that they would serve with integrity and honor for the good of all; and for our country, that division, conflict and strife would give way to unity, peace and quietness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the afflicted, [especially ______ and those we name in our hearts,] that they would know God's presence, taste his peace that passes understanding and receive healing according to his gracious will, ever trusting in the hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For ears that hearken to the Lord's voice in his Word; for holy lips to receive Christ's blessed Sacrament in repentance and faith; and for holy awe at God's glory in the Means of Grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, your power is beyond compare and your glory beyond understanding. Open our hearts to know you through the glory of your Son, whose saving will and purpose has rescued us from sin and death and made us Your own people by Baptism and faith; for to you, blessed and eternal Father, belong all honor and glory, worship and praise, with your beloved Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

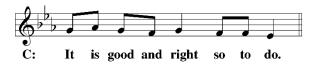
M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

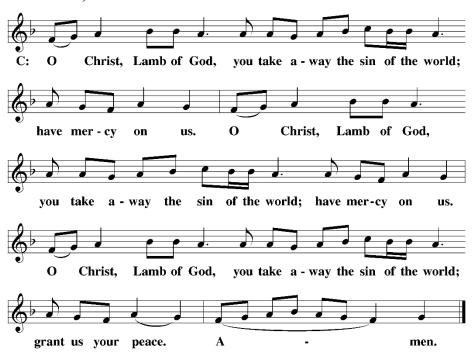
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 263)

All Glory Be to God on High



Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546, abr., st. 1-3; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.

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Tune: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH SEI EHR (87 87 887) attr. Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485-after 1546, alt.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 283)

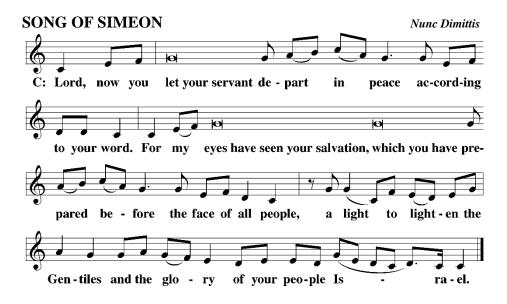
Speak, O Savior; I am Listening



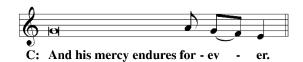
Text: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1638–83, abr.; tr. composite. Tune: WERDE MUNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.

THANKSGIVING

STAND



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. 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.



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.



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 #361 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.

ARE YOU A SNAKE ... OR A DOVE?



You are both! Jesus tells us: "Be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves."
Our Savior has a purpose for our lives. We are to share the Gospel with all humanity!
As we do, Jesus advises us to be innocent, that is, motivated by pure love. But we are also to be shrewd, that is, showing wisdom in the way we convey the Good News!

This may be called "Strategic Mission Planning".



On Sunday, February 19th, our congregation begins work on its Strategic Mission Plan for the future! We will remind ourselves of the mission that is ours, the ministries the Lord has given us to fulfill that mission, and then develop a plan of action that will fulfill our mission.

We meet at noon. Lunch will be provided. We will finish in an hour. All are welcome!



February 22 Worship 12:30 & 6:30 pm

Potluck 5:30

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: 1 Peter, Sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: Judges, Upstairs

Thursday 6:30 pm: New Christian Doctrine Class

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): Matthew

DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

New Christian Doctrine Class! This Thursday, February 23, Pastor Jenswold will begin a new session of Christian Doctrine Class. This is a 12-week course which studies the core teachings of the Christian faith. The class is open to all, but will be of special interest to those adults who might be interested in membership at Lord of Love. This course would fulfill the requisite for membership. It should be noted, by attending a person is under NO obligation to join the church. But if you are thinking about it, why not attend and find out more? Classes will run from 6:30-7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening. If you plan to attend, please let Pastor so know he can prepare enough materials.

Sunday February 19: Transfiguration of our Lord Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: Dave Olson (8:00) and Aaron Oughton (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Lynn Biwer and Roger LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Refreshments: Paul & Cindy Crary
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller

• A/V & Recording: Joe Hornbeck

Wednesday February 22: Ash Wednesday Worship Services at 12:30 & 6:30 pm

5:30 pm: Potluck Dinner – Coordinator Sue Jenswold

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Ushers 6:30 pm: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson

Sunday February 26: First Sunday in Lent Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman: Joe Hornbeck (8:00) and Andy Holzman (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Heath Family
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Refreshments: Lanna LaGrange and Family
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller

• A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Sean Cotter (2/19), Andy Holzman (2/19), William Crary (2/20), Aaron Oughton (2/20) and Pete Leege (2/22) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

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

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

Looking Ahead:

- **February 19:** Strategic Mission Planning Meeting, 12:00 noon. Lunch provided.
- February 22: Ash Wednesday Worship, 12:30 & 6:30 pm. Potluck 5:30 pm
- February 23: New Christian Doctrine Class begins, 6:30 pm
- March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29: Lent Worship 12:30 & 6:30 pm. Potluck 5:30 pm
- **April 1:** Church workday/spring cleaning, 8:00 12:00 pm
- April 6: Maundy Thursday Worship, 6:30 pm
- April 7: Good Friday Worship, 1:00 & 6:30 pm
- April 9: Easter Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 am. Easter breakfast 9:15 am
- May 21: Last day of Sunday school and teen group
- **July 18:** Blood Drive at Lord of Love

Offerings February 1 - 11:

• General Fund: \$9,554

• Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$510

• Building Maintenance Fund: \$50

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$7,997



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(February 1 - 11: In the totals listed above, \$4,311 was given through Vanco to the general fund and \$50 to the building maintenance fund.)

Ash Wednesday February 22

Worship 12:30 and 6:30 pm Potluck 5:30 pm

Wednesday Lent Services March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Worship 12:30 and 6:30 pm Potluck 5:30 pm