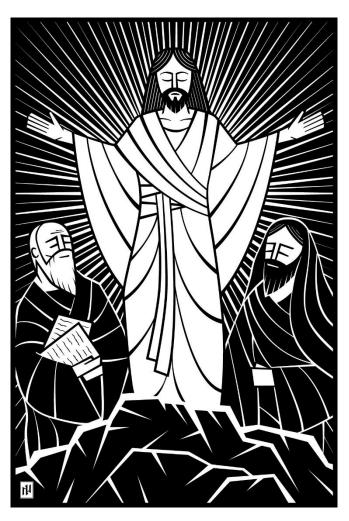


Last Sunday after Epiphany



The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Welcome! We are so happy you have come to worship today! Someone has described worship as "a joyful dialogue with God." God speaks to us in his Word, and we speak to him in praise and prayer. May God richly bless you through this "joyful dialogue" today!

Restrooms – The restrooms are located straight ahead as you enter the building. You will also find restrooms in the lower level gathering space at the end of the classrooms on the right side before the exit doors.

Parent's Room – The sound of children in the house of the Lord is music to our ears! However there is also a parent room to the right just before you enter the sanctuary if your little one needs a moment. It is accessed as you exit the sanctuary, on the left, next to the seats reserved for families with small children.

Assistance Getting Around – There is a walker and a wheelchair available in the fellowship hall. Anyone who needs them is welcome to use them. Please speak to an usher if you need help accessing them.

Offering Message – The offerings gathered this morning supports the Gospel ministry of Lord of Love locally, and also the global mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visitors need not feel obligated to give, but certainly may if you wish.

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or other congregations 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.

Explanation of the theme of the day: Would you look directly at the sun? Only if you wanted to burn your retinas and have permanent blind spots. Would you like to look directly at God? It sounds wonderful in theory. The Lord once told Moses, "No one may see me and live" (Exodus 33:20). Sinners would die of fear if they saw God in all his holy glory. So, how can we draw near to him without dying of terror? God hides his glory in order to reveal himself. To carry out his good and glorious work of salvation, Jesus hid his glory and went to the cross. To allow sinners to stare at his glory without fear or harm, God hides it in the gospel. In the gospel, we see the glory of Christ's love, power, and salvation. The reality is that when God's glory is hidden, it is most on display.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

March 9, 2025

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 712) 1 Je sus. take us to the moun-tain Where, with Pe - ter, 2 What do see there That your close com you want us to What hear there That 3 do you want us to your dear dis -4 Take that oth - er moun-tain Where we us to see you 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, Ris 2 en and as -0 James, and John, We daz - zled are by your glo - ry, pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i re - vealed there ty ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en "It glo - ri - fied, Where you shout - ed, is fin - ished!" cend - ed Lord, Can - not help but tell the sto - ry, Light blind - ing the sun. There as as pre - pare us Fills with the Clothed in us self - same awe. flesh like Says of the in car - nate Word: "Lis ten. lis ten. Where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -All that we have and heard, Say with Pe - ter. seen the night By vi - sion of for the that sight. you go, Matched to meet our dead liest foe. ours Son!" This be ed ev rv one: is mv lov "Tru Son!" on: ly this was God's own tu ri -"You God's be - lov Son!" James, and John: are ed

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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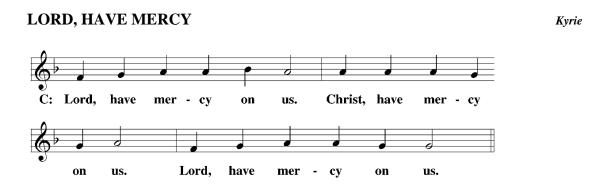
Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

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



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.



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: 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

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ 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 realize that the skin of his face was shining because he had been speaking with the LORD. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, they were amazed that the skin of his face was shining, so they were afraid to come close to him. ³¹ Moses called to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the community returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. ³² Afterward, all the people of Israel came close to him, and he gave them all of the commands that the LORD had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses was finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out again. Then he would come out and tell the people of Israel what he had been commanded. ³⁵ Whenever the people of Israel saw Moses' face, they would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining. Then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the LORD again.

PSALM OF THE DAY



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

Praise him, all his <u>ang</u>els,* praise him, all his <u>heaven</u>ly 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>fly</u>ing birds,

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

Let them praise the name <u>of</u> the LORD,* for his splendor is above the earth and the <u>heav</u>ens.

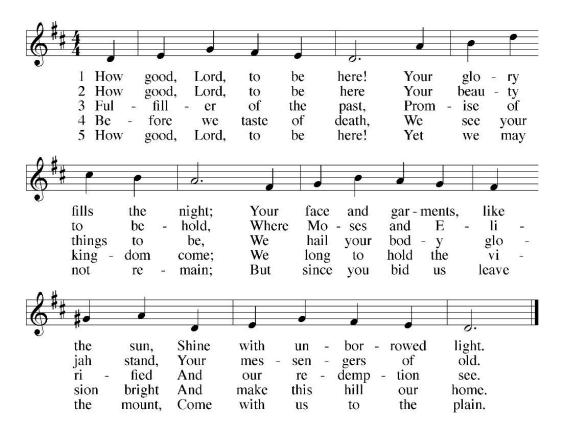
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Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son*
and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it,
as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,*
is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men. REFRAIN
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SECOND LESSON

⁷ If the ministry that brought death (which was engraved in letters on stone) came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look directly at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face (though it was fading), ⁸ how will the ministry of the spirit not be much more glorious? ⁹ For if the ministry that brought condemnation has glory, the ministry that brought righteousness has even more glory. ¹⁰ In fact, in this case, what was glorious is no longer very glorious, because of the greater glory of that which surpasses it. ¹¹ Indeed, if what is fading away was glorious, how much more glorious is that which is permanent!¹² Therefore, since we have this kind of hope, we act with great boldness. ¹³ We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the Israelites could not continue to look at the end of the radiance, as it was fading away.¹⁴ In spite of this, their minds were hardened. Yes, up to the present day, the same veil remains when the Old Testament is read. It has not been removed because it is taken away only in Christ. ¹⁵ Instead, to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶ But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit. and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ But all of us who reflect the Lord's glory with an unveiled face are being transformed into his own image, from one degree of glory to another. This too is from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

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.



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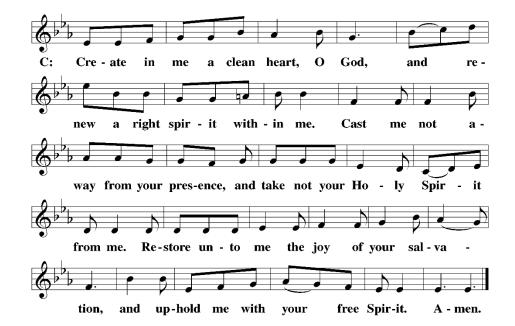
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SERMON

²⁸ About eight days after he said these words, Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ Just then, two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him! ³¹ They appeared in glory and were talking about his departure, which he was going to bring to fulfillment in Jerusalem. ³² Peter and those with him were weighed down with sleep, but when they were completely awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let's make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not realize what he was saying.

³⁴ While he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them. They were afraid as they went into the cloud. ³⁵ Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" ³⁶ After the voice had spoken, they found Jesus alone. They kept this secret and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

The Revealed, and Re-Veiled, Glory of Jesus



After the sermon, the congregation sings:

GATHERING OF THE THANK-OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

For faith in God's promises, that the Lord whom we worship in this house would bring us at last to his heavenly home, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For teachers of righteousness in our generation, that the God who appointed Moses and Elijah would raise up the next generation of prophets to guide us in the days to come, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our country, the president and those in public office; for this city; for the faithful; for favorable weather; for an abundance of the fruits of the earth; and for all honorable vocations, businesses and industries, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the troubled, the sick and the dying, *[especially _____,]* that by the intercession of Christ himself they would be brought through their trials, 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, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on him and his innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness; 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.**

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

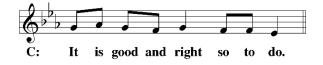
M: The Lord be with you.



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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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."

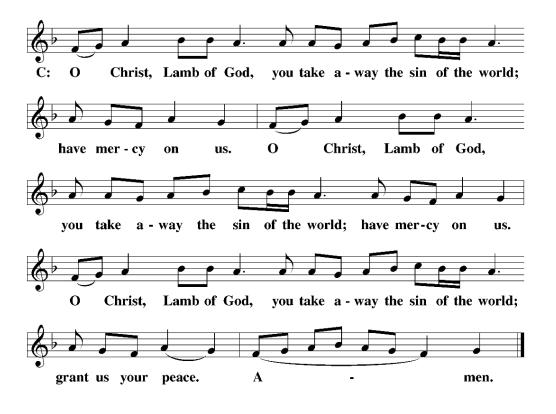
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



Sanctus

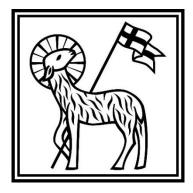
O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



Agnus Dei

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION



DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 97)



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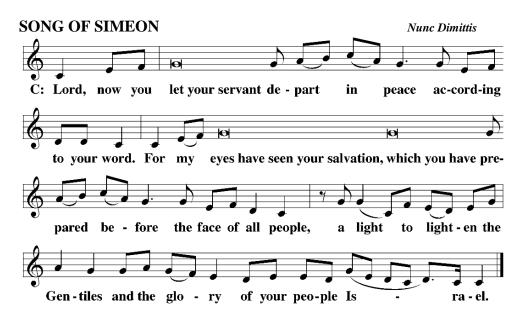
Beautiful Savior



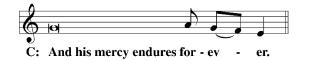
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THANKSGIVING



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.



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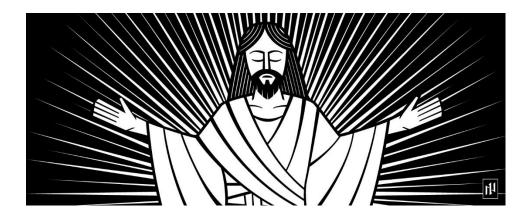
FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

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

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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 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: Exodus, sanctuary Tuesday 9:00 am: Kings and Prophets of Israel, lower level Wednesday 6:30 pm: Gospel Motivation, lower level Thursday 6:30 pm: Christian Doctrine, lower level Friday 6:00 am: Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45 | The Book of Hebrews DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Sunday March 2nd: Transfiguration of the Lord Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School and Teen Class

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Jim Miller, 10:30: Shane Strong
- Ushers 8:00: Steven and Sef Fox
- Ushers 10:30: The Holzman Family
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Refreshments: Cindy Crary (Kwik Trip)

Sunday March 9th: First Sunday in Lent

Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School and Teen Class

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Shane Strong, 10:30: Phil Boll
- Ushers 8:00: Dave and Ben Olson
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: Kristin Vomhof & Elaine Wilson

Happy Birthday We wish God's blessings to Leona LaGrange (3/2), June Thayer (3/3), Kevin Zech (3/3), Shari Minnameier (3/4), Kelly Plumb (3/5), Haley Beyer (3/6), Andy Huebner (3/7), and Dave Olson (3/8) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

<u>In Our Prayers</u> Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Peg Schroeder, John Schueman, Steve Tobison, and Roger Kovaciny who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), and Shannon Garrett.

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

March 5, Ash Wednesday: Worship at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9: Lenten Potluck Dinners | 5:30 pm – Fellowship Hall March 9: Daylight Savings Begins | Spring Forward 1 hour March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9: Lent Worship at 3:30 and 6:30 pm March 15: Ladies Coffee/Breakfast – M-N-M's Waunakee March 16: Youth Bowling Outing to Rude's Lanes, DeForest | 3:00 pm

March 9, 2025 | Daylight Savings Begins



Youth Group Bowling Outing | March 16, 3:00 pm at Rude's Lanes, DeForest:

We are excited to announce this fun youth group bowling outing with Pastor and Sue. On March 16th we will be meeting at 3:00 pm for an afternoon of bowling fun! The cost is \$10 per person which includes bowling, shoes, pizza and soda. No cost for the fun & fellowship. Please sign-up and join us for this fun youth outing. Sign-up is located on the back counter in the narthex.

Lent services continue each Wednesday. 3:30 & 6:30 pm March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

Potluck Dinner 5:30 pm Lent Services: "Behold! The Hidden Glory of the Cross!"

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March 12
Pastor Jacob Scott – Zion, Leeds
"It is Hidden in the Savior's Rejection by His Own
March 19
Pastor David Horton – Eastside
"It is Hidden in the Savior's Rejection by the World"
March 26
Pastor Joel Jenswold – Lord of Love
"It is Hidden in the Savior's Stumbling"
April 2
Pastor Scott Schwertfeger – Zion, Leeds
"It is Hidden in the Savior's Sighs"
April 9
Pastor Joel Jenswold – Lord of Love
"It is Hidden in Powerful Words"

Lent Meal Coordinators:

During Lent it has been a tradition at Lord of Love to have Lenten Potluck meals at 5:30 pm on the Wednesdays during Lent. We are looking for volunteers to serve as weekly coordinators to oversee the meals each week. The coordinator is not responsible for preparing the meal, simply overseeing to be sure the potluck items are ready to serve. The Church provides coffee, plates, cups, napkins, forks, spoons, etc. All meals will be hosted in the fellowship hall. If you have interest in coordinating one or more of the meals, there is a sign-up sheet located in the Narthex. Please see Kristin with any questions you may have.



"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.