

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 27 & March 2, 2025

Glory Is Hidden in Order to Be Revealed

Opening Hymn (Thursday)	389, "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"
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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.

FIRST READING

Psalm of the Day (*In Hymnal*)..... Psalm 2

SECOND READING

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Gospel Acclamation Verse: *A cloud covered them, and a voice came */ from the cloud:*

*"This is my Son, whom I love. Lis */ ten to him!"*

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day392, "This Brightness, Lord! What Shall I Say"

SERMON - VIDEO (Part 1) "One by One"

Offering Hymn.....729 v. 3, "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

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Closing Hymn 390 vv. 1 & 5, "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

The glory of God was reflected in the two-sided covenant of the law which God established through Moses. It made people afraid. Through Christ God would establish a new and greater covenant which would remove all our fears.

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. 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. Moses called to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the community returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. 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. When Moses was finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. 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. 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.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Paul declares that the glory of the New Covenant of grace far surpasses the glory of the Old Covenant of law. The glory of the New Covenant is hidden in the work of Christ and revealed through the work of the Holy Spirit.

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), how will the ministry of the spirit not be much more glorious? For if the ministry that brought condemnation has glory, the ministry that brought righteousness has even more glory. In fact, in this case, what was glorious is no longer very glorious, because of the greater glory of that which surpasses it. Indeed, if what is fading away was glorious, how much more glorious is that which is permanent!

Therefore, since we have this kind of hope, we act with great boldness. 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. 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. Instead, to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 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.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

The glory of God, hidden in Christ, shines through on the Mount of Transfiguration.

About eight days after he said these words, Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothing became dazzling white. Just then, two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him! They appeared in glory and were talking about his departure, which he was going to bring to fulfillment in Jerusalem.

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.

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. While he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them. They were afraid as they went into the cloud. Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION: Because of the confessional nature of the Lord's Supper which is offered today, we invite forward those who are members of a WELS or ELS congregation. If you have questions about the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor.

HEAD USHERS THIS WEEK: Dean Ebert/Rob Stern; next week: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart.

ORGANISTS: The **March** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

BAPTISM: On **Sunday (TODAY)** we welcome Maverick Kenneth Dietrich into God's kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism. Maverick was born on January 28, 2025, to Rebecca Krogmann and Mark Dietrich, and his baptismal sponsors are Lucas Krogmann and Ashley Johnson. We rejoice at Maverick's rebirth through water and the Word!

2025 – 2026 SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY! Enrollment for all classes (4K-8) for the 2025 – 2026 school year is now underway. Children must be 4-years-old by September 1, 2025, to enroll in our 4K program. 4K classes run five days per week (Monday-Friday) with two options—full days (8:05 AM – 3:05 PM) -or- half days (8:05 AM – Noon). Children must be 5-years-old by September 1, 2025, to enroll in our 5K program. 5K classes meet full days, five days per week. All registrations are being done ONLINE ONLY through our new automated registration system—*DreamClass*. Please speak with Mr. Lorge or Debbi Foulkes for more information if you know of family, friends, or neighbors who may be interested in having a child join our school family next year so we can supply them with the appropriate registration information.

THE LENTEN SEASON BEGINS: The Lenten Season will begin on **Wednesday, March 5**. Ash Wednesday communion worship services will be held at **3:15 PM** and **7:00 PM**. Thereafter, Lenten worship services will be held each Wednesday at both **3:15 PM** and **7:00 PM**. Please also remember that during the Lenten Season there are **NO** Thursday evening worship services held.

FYSH ACTIVITY: All members of the FYSH group are invited to participate in a pizza party followed by cookie decorating on **Thursday, March 13**, beginning at **5:00 PM** at the school. If you have questions or want more details, please speak with **Cheri Youngbeck (920-296-1028)** or **Tanya Wald (920-627-2050)**.

ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL MUSICAL: St. Matthew's School will be presenting their school musical on **Friday, March 14**, at **1:30 PM** -and- **6:30 PM** in **St. Matthew's gym**. We are hoping that by having the 1:30 PM matinee performance, we will ease some of the crowding at the Friday evening performance. The matinee will be the identical performance to the evening's performance. This year's musical production is: ***A Not So Terrible Parable***. The well-known story that Jesus told, called *The Parable of the Good Samaritan*, comes to life as a fun, over-the-top whodunit (think the movie *Clue*). Solving this mystery means discovering again just how far our Savior would go to rescue helpless sinners! Refreshments will be served by the PTL following the musical. All are invited!

LUTHER PREP – SACRED SPRING CONCERT: Everyone is invited to Luther Preparatory School's Sacred Spring Concert in Watertown, Wisconsin. This concert is scheduled for **Sunday, March 9**, at **2:00 PM**. The concert will take place in the Luther Prep gymnasium. Luther Prep is located at 1300 Western Avenue in Watertown.

LENT BY CANDLELIGHT: All women of our congregation are invited to join St. Paul's, Neosho, and Bethany Lutheran Church, Hustisford, for an afternoon of being in the Word, music, and fellowship to prepare your hearts for Christ's sacrifice on the cross. This event will take place on **Sunday, March 16**, at **2:00 PM** in the St. Paul, Neosho, fellowship hall. Please **RSVP** to Sam Kesting (by calling or texting) to **(920) 625-2021** or to Rachel Wisniewski at **(920) 860-1583**.

WE THANK the students in Gr. 1-8 for their lively song on Sunday morning! It is a preview from their upcoming musical production.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 17; Sunday: 121

Offerings: \$5,019.50

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,355.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$100.00



We invite you to support this ministry through financial offerings out of thanksgiving for the Gospel you have received here. Offerings may be placed in the plate located on the table at the back of church, or you may scan the QR code to give electronically.

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Communion Worship Service9:00 AM
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15 AM

Wednesday: **Ash Wednesday** Communion Worship
Services.....3:15 PM/7:00 PM

Thursday: **NO** Thursday Evening Worship Service
Adult Choir.....7:00 PM
Scrip Orders Due

Sunday: Worship Service9:00 AM
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15 AM

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS!!

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