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**Transfiguration Sunday**

**Today's theme:**  
*The Glory of the Lord*

**Welcome, guests!** God’s love welcomes you—no matter who you are or where you come from— and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the true Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection he saves all sinners even without our help. Jesus Christ makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God’s authentic message of grace and guidance for us. Whether you are a first-time guest or a curious observer with little religious background, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.

**Children’s “My Worship Notes”** are included in another document. They can be used by children of any age to keep notes during the service.

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## **THE GLORY OF THE LORD**

The Festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord Throughout his ministry Jesus said astounding things and did astounding things. Yet, he looked like a normal man. The prophet said, “He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him” (Isaiah 53:2). This would all change one day atop a high mountain. There, Jesus gave his disciples—gave his Church—a glimpse of the glory he set aside to be our Savior. And the voice of the Father thundered from the heavens, just as it did at Jesus’ baptism, announcing Jesus’ true identity to the world—the glorious Son of God. And so the Transfiguration of our Lord serves as a one-week bridge between the season of Epiphany, where Jesus is revealed as the true Son of God, and the season of Lent, where we witness what the Son of God came to do. On the Mount of Glory, St. Peter declared, “It is good for us to be here.” Indeed! For here we see the God of Majestic Glory, who became a man to suffer and die for us, just as Moses and the Prophets had foretold. Oh, how much this glorious God loves us!

## Invocation

*[We invoke, that is, call upon the name of the Triune God to be with us this morning. The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms]*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Christ Begins

CW 385

*Soloist will sing the verses; congregation will sing the refrains.*

*Stand*

## Confession

CW 155

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,  
and we have not done those things that we should have**

done.

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,  
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## **Absolution**

*[The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?) See John 20:21-23]*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Christ, have mercy.**

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.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.  
**Amen.**

## Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

*\*Soloist will introduce the refrain. Congregation will repeat the refrain.  
Soloist will sing the verses. Congregation will sing the refrain.*

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
*Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. *Refrain*

# The Word

*[Like Mary, we sit at the feet of Jesus to hear his Word (Luke 10:39).]*

## 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.

Amen.

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Exodus 24:9-18*

*On Mount Sinai Moses saw the glory of the Lord as a terrifying fire. On the Mount of Transfiguration Moses saw the glory of the Lord as the Savior who takes our fear away.*

<sup>9</sup>Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup>and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. <sup>11</sup>But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

15When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it,  
 16and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the  
 cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD  
 called to Moses from within the cloud. 17To the Israelites the glory  
 of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.  
 18Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain.  
 And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*[As they worshiped, Old Testament believers responded to readings from the Scriptures by singing psalms. We continue this custom in the divine service.]*

## You Are My Son

Psalm 2A

*\*Soloist will introduce the refrain. Congregation will repeat the refrain.  
 Soloist will sing the verses. Congregation will sing the refrain.*

Refrain

The musical notation for the refrain is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: "You are my Son; this day have I be - got - ten you."

Tone

The musical notation for the tone is written on two staves (treble and bass clef) in G major and 4/4 time. The treble staff contains the notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The bass staff contains the notes: G2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), B2 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2-A2 (beamed eighth notes), G2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (half).

Why do the / nations rage?

Why do the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers assemble  
 a- / gainst the LORD

and against his A- / noointed One. *Refrain*

He who sits in / heaven laughs;  
the Lord / scoffs at them.

Then he addresses them in his anger and frightens them with his  
fury, / saying,

“I have set my King on Zion, my / holy hill.” *Refrain*

I will declare the / LORD’s decree:

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- / gotten you.”

**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. *Refrain***

## **Second Reading**

*2 Peter 1:16-21*

*St. Peter testifies to the reliability of the Christian faith. Peter was an eyewitness to the majesty and glory of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

<sup>19</sup>We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup>For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

# The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*[It has been a tradition in the Christian church to stand for the reading of the gospel for the past 2,000 years. Just as subjects rise when a king speaks, we rise out of respect for the words of our King.]*

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:7

*[The Gospel Acclamation is a familiar scripture that compliments the theme of the day and prepares our hearts to hear the Gospel reading.]*

*\*Soloist will introduce the refrain. Congregation will repeat the refrain.  
Soloist will sing the verses. Congregation will sing the refrain.*



Refrain



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

Refrain

## **Gospel**

*Matthew 17:1-9*

*The transfiguration of our Lord.*

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup>Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

<sup>4</sup>Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

<sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

<sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **Children’s Sermon**

*The children are invited to come to the front of the church*

*\*The Hymn of the Day is chosen because of its strong connection to the Gospel reading.*

Sermon

based on Matthew 17:1-9

## Christ Glory Is for You

*Stand*

### Confession of Faith

*† Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.*

### 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 truly 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*

## Prayer of the Church

*[The Prayer for the Church includes prayers for our brothers and sisters in our congregation. Since we belong to something bigger than ourselves, the Christian Church, we pray for the needs and struggles of all God's people on earth.]*

## Lord's Prayer

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.

**OFFERING** [If you wish to give an offering you may do so on our website, [lambogodlafayette.com](http://lambogodlafayette.com) and click GIVE in the upper right corner or text any dollar amount to 84321 to give or mail a check to the church—1893 E 600 North West Lafayette, IN 47906] or you may scan this QR code:



# The Sacrament

## Preface

CW 183

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

CW 184

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first four measures: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (half), and C5 (quarter). The second staff contains the melody for the next six measures: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), and A4 (quarter). The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,' are written below the second staff, with hyphens under the words 'Ho - ly', 'ho - ly', and 'pow - er'.

God of might. Heav-en and earth are full of your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
 san - na in the high - est!

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## Words of Institution

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.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Amen.

## Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

The musical score consists of seven staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first two staves form the first line of the hymn, and the next five staves form the second line. The final staff concludes with a double bar line.

*Be seated*

## Distribution

*Out of love for our God, his Word and you, we follow the historic and scriptural practice of member communion (1Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:23-30). We do this so that those receiving the Lord's Supper receive the blessings it promises. If you are a guest, please speak to Pastor Horn after the service about receiving holy communion.*

## Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

CW 390

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us 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.

**Amen.**

## The Blessing

*[This blessing has been spoken over God's people for the past 3,500 years, when God commanded Aaron, Moses' brother, to bless the Israelites, "...and so I will put my name on them." Numbers 6:22-27]*

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.

**Amen.**

## Serving at Worship

Pastor Paul Horn

Vicar Jonah Schlomer

Liz Schmidt - piano

Bethany Price - vocal leader

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Wednesday Evening Prayer Service begins February 22nd**

During the season of Lent we offer an evening prayer service on **Wednesdays at 7pm**. This year's theme is: His Final Steps. The series ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus' resolute final steps to the cross and three days later, his first steps from the tomb.

His Final Steps...

Feb 22 - Ash Wednesday "Dust you are and to dust you shall return"

Mar 1 - ...Led to some Greeks

Mar 8 - ...Led to his enemies

Mar 15 - ...Led to a dinner celebration

Mar 22 - ...Led to his Father's house

Mar 29 - Pizza and canvassing for Easter (6pm)

### **Ice Skating at Riverside**

Campus Ministry has reserved the ice skating rink for a private ice skating party on Saturday, February 25th from 10:30am-12:30pm so admission is free and skate rental is \$3! The campus ministry students invite you, the members of Lamb of God to join them! This would be a great opportunity to invite a friend, relative or neighbor. 100 Tapawingo Dr, West Lafayette, IN 47906

### **FAMILY BIBLE HOUR—SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15**

**Pre-K—8th Grade—Bible history stories, apologetics, crafts, games, songs and more!**

## **What are people saying about our current Bible study series?**

"I've heard these stories since I was a child but I'm learning that there's so much more to them!"

"This has been one of my favorite bible studies."

"I have friends who are unchurched and ask these same questions that we're asking in bible study. This has been so helpful finding simple ways to have a conversation with them."

Spend some quality time with Jesus and your church family as we dig a little bit deeper into well known stories from the gospels. **Sunday mornings at 9:15am.** Bibles provided or bring your own!

**Catechism Class—7th & 8th grade (after worship)** - This class prepares young people for confirmation and receiving the Lord's Supper. We use Martin Luther's Small Catechism and the Bible as textbooks for an in-depth study of the six main teachings of the Bible (Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Lord's Supper, Keys and Confession).

## **Building up the Body of Christ**

It's amazing when you read Romans 12:3-8 and then look around at all the folks in our church family and see it in action... how God uses all of us with our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ and expand his kingdom. Here's a couple ways you can do that in the next couple of weeks.

### **Property Improvement**

The leadership team has started remodeling the basement. If you are able to help with installing drywall, electrical work and finishing work contact Eric Becker, [42ofvarget@gmail.com](mailto:42ofvarget@gmail.com), for more details.

### **Seminary Student Hosts**

The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary choir will be in concert at Lamb of God on **Thursday, April 6th**. We will need hosts to house students overnight. For more details contact Vicar Schlomer, [jonah.schlomer@wisluthsem.org](mailto:jonah.schlomer@wisluthsem.org).

### **Seminary Choir Dinner Coordinator**

Prior to the seminary choir concert on **Thursday, April 6th** we will provide a meal for them. If you and another family would like to coordinate this, please speak to Pastor Horn.

### **Easter Brunch Coordinator**

To give us an opportunity to visit with guests and members after the Easter service we will be hosting brunch. If you and another individual would like to coordinate this meal, please speak to Pastor Horn.

### **Livestream Tech**

If you would like to be on the livestream crew on Sunday mornings, broadcasting the Word of God to nearly 70 households every week, please see Pastor Horn for more information.

### **Prayer Requests**

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

**Keep in your prayers this week:** All those in our midst who may be dealing with physical ailments, emotional hurts or the loss of a loved one; for Jim Holmes, Gail Rathgeber, Joan Bonnet, and Bryant Monk, who are experiencing health difficulties; Mark Klockziem's father who was hospitalized this past week; Mark Klockziem and Bryant Monk as they recover from surgery; for Calliope Horn who undergoes surgery on Tuesday; for the Kennedy family as they grieve the death of Andy and

Ben's father Ron; for our Pastors, teachers and staff ministers as they reach the lost sheep of their communities with the Good News of Jesus; for all military families who are separated by deployment or other training/schools; for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine and all those who are suffering in the war in Ukraine; that God grant peace between Ukraine and Russia as well as between the warring nations in Africa; that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of all those who join us for worship each Sunday; for all those who are suffering from abuse in the home, that they might seek help; that the Lord grant wisdom to Governor Holcomb, President Biden, Vice President Harris, and for the 118th US Congress, that they be guided by sound reason and the wisdom that comes from God above to pass bills that allow us to flourish in our vocations and spread the gospel in peace; for the current state of our world, that we remember our God is still in charge and will sustain us and give us what we need; that our Lord would give us the means to show the love of Christ as we support our neighbors in need. Pray that the Holy Spirit will bless our outreach efforts as we invite friends, relatives, and neighbors to our Bible studies, worship, and fellowship events.