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The Transfiguration of our Lord

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Divine Service I

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VISITORS WELCOME! A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please sign the guestbook near the front door and introduce yourself to the pastor after the service. We pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

PRAVERS OF PREPARATION are found in the cover of the hymnals. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer. **Please turn off and put away all electronic devices during the service.**

+SERVING TODAY+

Elder: Mark Bernhardt

Ushers: Mark Varvil & Kelvin Nelson

Greeter: Vicky Nelson

Pianist: Elyse Adams

Altar Guild: Cara Zietz & LeAnn Varvil

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Doug Hill.

Fellowship: Sandbergs & Nelsons

Rise and face processional cross
'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

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Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 84:1–2a, 4, 10–11; antiphon: Ps. 77:18b



Your lightnings lighted | up the world;*
the earth trem- | bled and shook.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O | LORD of hosts!*

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD.

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than
dwell in the tents of | wickedness.**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and |
honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- |
rightly.

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.

Your lightnings lighted | up the world;*
the earth trem- | bled and shook.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You
confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah.
In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed
our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His
glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the
same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:29–35

²⁹When 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 know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Gradual

Ps. 45:2a; 110:1



You are the most handsome of the | sons of men;*
grace is poured up- | on your lips.

The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my | right hand,*
until I make your enemies your | footstool.”

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Stand and face Gospel procession

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

Nicene Creed

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Alleluia and Verse

Sit

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Stand

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Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

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+VDMÄ+

Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
The Word of the Lord endures forever

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✖ Those who serve in our armed forces: Lena Roemke, Rianon Asbury, Exavier Padro, & veterans.
- ✖ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Rylie Snodgrass, John Funk (friend of Steve and Sarah Billings), Michelle Knull, Linda Polcin, Anita Brothers, the Nevius Family, Nicole Padro (daughter of the Brayas), Jan Sandberg (mother of Jim Sandberg), Sarah Hagerman, Ken Gundlach (uncle of Sarah Billings), Wayne & Jeannie Pannette (brother-in-law and sister of Marilyn Dissen), Linda Davis (sister of Steve Billings), Larry Mills (friend of Mike & Sandy Martin), Jim Knuth, Mary Jo Jiter, Dave Dissen, Rick Holtz, and Gail Kulbacki.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25th+

- ✖ **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT CORRECTIONS:** If you contributed to a memorial fund in 2025, your statement may have included an error. Please check your mailbox for a corrected statement.
- ✖ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** The morning study at 9:30 will begin study of the book of Jonah. The evening study at 6:30 will continue discussion of the Book of Concord and close with Compline.

ATTENDANCE 1/18: 94

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

1/31 Anna Enriquez