

February 9, 2025



**And we have
something
more sure,**

THE PROPHETIC WORD

2 Peter 1:19 ESV



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Transfiguration Sunday

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ, at the height of Your Epiphany You revealed Your great power and glory to the disciples, eyewitnesses of Your transfiguration. Send now Your Holy Spirit to us through Your Word. Work in us repentance of sins and the assurance of Your forgiveness. Hear us for Your own sake, Amen.*

Today's Order of Service

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 413 *O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair*

1 *O wondrous type! O vision fair Of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows, Where brighter than the sun He glows!*

2 *With Moses and Elijah nigh The incarnate Lord holds converse high;
And from the cloud the Holy One Bears record to the only Son.*

3 *With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above Who joy in God with perfect love.*

4 *And faithful hearts are raised on high By this great vision's mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.*

5 *O Father, with the eternal Son And Holy Spirit ever one,
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace To see Thy glory face to face.*

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P Beloved of God: 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 forgiveness:

C Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all

things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P 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.

C Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis – Latin for “Glory in the Highest (to God).” A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to all peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heav-enly king, al-might-y God and
Fa-ther: We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we
praise You for Your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus
Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God: You take a-way the sin of the world; have

The image shows six staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff is in G major (one sharp). The second and third staves are in D minor (two flats). The fourth and fifth staves are in B-flat major (two flats). The sixth staff is in F major (one flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the
 Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

- P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

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 know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³² Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ Whenever 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, ³⁵ the 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.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 2*

- P** Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
- C** The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
- P** "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."
- C** He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.
- P** Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- C** "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."
- P** I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
- C** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.
- P** You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- C** Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- P** Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
- C** Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.



Gospel Reading: *Matthew 17:1-9*

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ And 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." ⁵ He 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." ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹ And 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."

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

The Apostles' Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

- C** 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.

415 *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

- 1. Jesus on the mountain peak Stands alone in glory blazing;
Let us, if we dare to speak, Join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia!*
- 2. Trembling at His feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking
All the prophets and the law Shout through them their joyful greeting: Alleluia!*
- 3. Swift the cloud of glory came: God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder: Alleluia!*
- 4. This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before Him,
First and last and only One. All creation shall adore Him! Alleluia!*

The Sermon: 2 Peter 1:16-21

For 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. ¹⁷ For 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," ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And 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, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Theme: THE LAMP THAT WON'T STOP SHINING

Summary: *The Apostle Peter was an eyewitness of Christ's Transfiguration. Here he recounts the majestic experience which confirmed Jesus as the Son of God and the promised Messiah. He then makes the bold statement that the Word of God is an even "more sure" confirmation of Christ's identity. For all Scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit and serves as the shining light of God's truth in this sin-darkened world.*

Sermon Worksheet:

What was Peter's initial reaction at the Transfiguration?

How is the Bible "more sure" than the Transfiguration?

What are some ways in which the Lamp of God's Word shines in our Sunday worship service?

What is the primary reason that we come to church on Sundays?

Which person of the Trinity is responsible for the inspiration of Scripture?

How does God's Word serve as the foundation of our faith?

What comfort is there in the ever-shining nature of God's Word?

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O
God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres-ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-
va - tion. Up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.

Hymn 585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, For round us falls the eventide.

O let Your Word, that saving light, Shine forth undimmed into the night.

**2 In these last days of great distress Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That we keep pure till life is spent Your holy Word and Sacrament.**

**3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of fire and make us bold
To shine Your Word of saving grace Into each dark and loveless place.**

**4 May glorious truths that we have heard, The bright sword of Your mighty Word,
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong, Bold, unified in act and song.**

**5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.**

**6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true; Preserve our faith our whole life through—
Your Word alone our heart's defense, The Church's glorious confidence.**

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's Şaştag is "Şclcmztzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

**Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.**

**Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.**

Prayer of the Church – The Lord’s Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Service of the Sacrament

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may be drawn to the love of these things which are not seen; Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Sanctus – Latin for “Holy.” We join our voices to the angels who sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” around His throne.”

The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est. Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-nain the highest, ho - san-na in the highest". The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.
Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-nain the highest, ho - san-na in the highest

Words of Institution

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

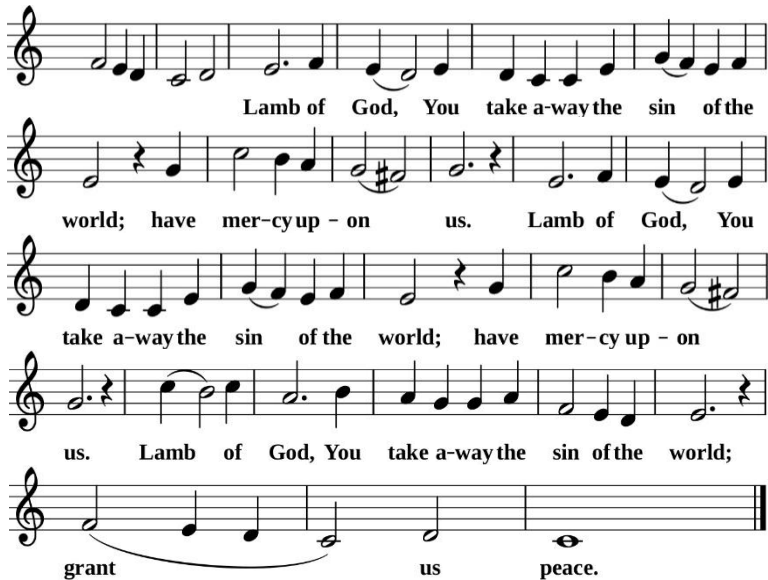
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Lamb of God

The Agnus Dei – Latin for "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to be thinking about the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross.



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy up - on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy up - on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

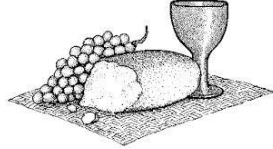
Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our

church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

1 Corinthians 1:10 "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

1 Corinthians 11:26-30 "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."



Thanksgiving

We give thanks and praise the LORD for the forgiveness of sins received in the Sacrament.


 Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what


 He has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and


 bear Christ's ho - ly name. Thank the Lord;


 sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.


 Send us with Your prom-is - es, Lord; lead Your peo - ple


 forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv-ing. Thank the Lord;


 sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what He has done. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-


 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

G Amen!

Closing Hymn 414:1,5 *'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here*

1 *'Tis good, Lord, to be here!*

Thy glory fills the night;

Thy face and garments, like the sun,

Shine with unborrowed light.

5 *'Tis good, Lord, to be here!*

Yet we may not remain;

But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,

Come with us to the plain.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

If the LORD wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain our beliefs and teachings. Where & when? Your convenience.

OUTREACH MEETING TODAY: The outreach committee is holding an open meeting today after service. All Mt. Zion members are invited to come brainstorm ideas and plan church outreach for the coming year. Food is freely provided.

CHURCH MEETINGS THIS TUESDAY: Monthly church meetings are this Tue from 7-9pm. Elders 7-7:30; Council 7:30-8; Trustees 8-8:30; Ed 8:30-9.

A CLEVELAND AREA WORSHIP SERVICE is next Sunday at 4pm in North Olmsted, OH. Speak with Pastor for more details.

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Today	11am	Outreach Committee Open Meeting
Tue. 2/11	7-9pm	Church Meetings (Elders/Council/Trustees/Ed)
Thu. 2/13	8pm	Property Search Committee Meeting
Sun. 2/16	9am	Bible Class/Sunday School
	10am	Sunday Service (w/ Communion)
	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Wed. 3/5	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Lent Begins)

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Ben Mueller Church Cleaning: Fobears

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Last Sunday Attendance = 31; Bible Class/Sunday School = 19

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD: \$12,307.70	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted: \$2,461.54
General Fund Offerings Received YTD: \$10,223.00	Last Week's General Fund Offerings Received: \$1,471.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): \$1,022	
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund: \$131,833.48	

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Nichole Anderson is at home recovering after spending time in the hospital for severe dehydration due to illness. **Jackie McGruder** remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. **Dave and Peggy Green** remain homebound as Dave continues to suffer from a very debilitating form of Parkinson's disease. We continue to search for a **new building** for our church and future school.

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION SYNODWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1

CLC CALL NEWS: Teacher Mikkela Schmitt of St. Stephen Lutheran School has **accepted** the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD. <> Teacher Cathy Augustin of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has announced her **retirement** at the end of the current school year. <> Pastor Cory Drehle of Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Pastor Paul Nolting of Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD has announced his **retirement** effective Summer 2025. <> Pastor George Dummann of Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, MN has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN to serve as their pastor along with his current call. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD has **returned** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA.

ARTS CAMP 2025: Registration is now open for students grades 5th-8th. Arts Camp is March 21-23, 2025 at Immanuel Church, Mankato, MN. You can find more information at www.immanuelmankato.org/school/arts-camp/ Email Amber Casto at artscamp@immanuelmankato.org with questions!