

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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The Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 184)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an *)*

Announcements

Hymn: Praise Be to Christ **LSB 538**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit (Ps. 84:1-2a, 4, 10-11; antiphon: Ps. 77:18b)

Your lightnings lighted up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.

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

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

Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing 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 uprightly.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Your lightnings lighted up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.

Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: 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. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: 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 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon 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

¹⁶ 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 the prophetic word more fully confirmed, 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia *

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ 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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed*

LSB 191

Hymn of the Day: O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

LSB 413

Sermon

Offertory*

LSB 192

Offering

Prayer of the Church*

Service of the Sacrament*

LSB 194

Distribution Hymn: 414, 537, 395, 411, 400

Nunc Dimittis*

LSB 199

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Alleluia, Song of Gladness

LSB 417

Announcements

What Does This Mean: As of January 6th, the church has moved out of the Season of Christmas and into the Season of Epiphany. So, what does the word ‘Epiphany’ mean? Epiphany means to ‘show forth’ or ‘manifest.’ This season ‘shows forth’ who Jesus is, that is He’s true God in human flesh and blood.

New Sunday Morning Bible Study: We recently began a new Sunday morning Bible study on the Gospel according to St. John. Our study is at 8:30am in the church sanctuary. All are welcome to attend!

Ladies Aid: There will be a Ladies Aid meeting Monday, February 10th at 7:00pm in the school basement. Servers for the meeting are Marilyn Schneider and Sharon Schneider.

Lutheran Catechesis Class: Members of the church are invited to attend pastors’ Lutheran Catechesis class in the preschool basement on Wednesday nights beginning at 6pm. This is a great opportunity for members to review the basic tenants of what we believe, teach, and confess as Lutherans. This week our focus will be on **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Part 2)**.

Trivia Night: Messiah Lutheran Youth Presents **TRIVIA NIGHT**, Sunday, February 16th, 2025 in our Fellowship Hall, 1091 13th St., Carlyle. Proceeds to benefit our youth gathering trip to New Orleans later this year. Table of 8: \$160.00; Mulligans: \$20. Doors open at 3:30, questions start at 4pm. Prize for Best New Orleans table decorations. Get together a group, bring your own snacks and enjoy a fun of fellowship!

Catechism Learn-By-Heart: Members of all ages are encouraged to work on learning-by-heart the Small Catechism. Handouts for the Catechism Learn-by-Heart Program are available in the narthex. While memorization is not a part of our modern culture and is deemed unimportant, learning the Small Catechism by heart is important. We know of no Jesus except that Jesus who is revealed to us in sacred Scripture. The Small Catechism gives us the most important texts and primary vocabulary of Holy Scripture so that we may boldly confess the faith in our vocations.

Private Confession and Absolution: The Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession, XI). With this in mind, if at any time you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

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