

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



The Transfiguration of Our Lord *January 24, 2021*

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The Order of Service
Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)
*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an *)*

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

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 151**

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.

Blessèd 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 152**

This Is the Feast* **LSB 155**

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.**

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter. **Glory to You, 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 to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed* LSB 158

Hymn of the Day: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright LSB 395

Sermon

Prayer of the Church*

Offertory*: We Give Thee But Thine Own (stz. 1 & 2) LSB 781

Service of the Sacrament* LSB 160

Distribution Hymns: 414, 810, 400, 409, 412

Post-Communion Cantic*: Thank the Lord LSB 164

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Alleluia, Song of Gladness LSB 417

Announcements

Church Services: We have decided to go back to the one service at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know is concerned with this, please feel free to call Pastor Jennings or stop by the church throughout the week to set up a time to receive God's gifts.

Thank You: I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, phone calls, visits, cards, and food which I received following my operation. I can't tell you how much it was appreciated. A special thank you to Pastor Jennings for his visits and prayers. I am blessed to be part of such a caring church family. Sharon Hanke

Congratulations: Congratulations to Alayna French and Katie Zimmermann on completing level 2 of the Catechism Learn-by-Heart program. Level 2 includes the primary texts for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Congratulations to you both and keep up the good work!

Chaddy Daddy's Preschool fundraiser: The board of education and preschool staff are currently taking orders for pulled pork, pulled chicken, baby back ribs, 1/2 pork loin or chicken wings from Chaddy Daddy's in Carlyle. On February 6th, you can pick up your order in Carlyle or we can deliver to you. Please contact a board member (Monica French, Linda Reckling, and Jeff Kleiboeker) or staff member (Dena Brammeier and Brandi Gehrs) for details. Last day to order is January 31st. Thanks for your support, The Board of Education

Messiah Lutheran Church Annual Pork Chop Dinner: Mark the date for Messiah Lutheran Church's Annual Pork Chop Dinner January 31 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. It will be carry out and curbside only. Smoked Pork Chop, Green Beans, Twice Baked Potato, Applesauce, and Homemade Dessert for \$12. 13th & Kane, Carlyle, IL at our Fellowship Hall.

Hoffman Trinity Lutheran School Pork Chop Dinner, COVID STYLE: So, get your Sweetheart and drive on over to Hoffman School February 14th between 10:45 am-1:30 pm to pick up a to-go box filled with a yummy Smoked Pork Chop, steaming Baked Potato & Green Beans, a cup of love-filled Cinnamon Applesauce, and a piece of delicious cake all for only \$12.00! Every meal will be the same. The food will be

delivered right to your car, so put on some tunes to enjoy with your sweetie as we serve you. All checks can be made payable to Trinity Lutheran School. All proceeds will go toward the PTL and will be used for the continued education of the students at the school, in areas of technology, P.E., classroom materials, and school wide projects, just to name a few. Thank you for your continued support! Trinity PTL

Private Confession and Absolution: Our 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 throughout the season of Epiphany you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

Altar Guild, Ushers, Greeters, and Acolytes: We encourage you to consult your schedule, and if able, assist at your assigned service.

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