

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, 622, 400, 395

Nunc Dimittis*

LSB 199

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Alleluia, Song of Gladness

LSB 417

Announcements

Lenten Devotional: We will be reading through the Large Catechism throughout the Season of Lent. For those who don't have a copy there are two options. You may access it online at www.bookofconcord.org, or we can order you a hard copy. If you would prefer a hard copy, please fill out the form and give it to Jackie by February 5th.

Thank You: The family of Curt Rueter thanks Pastor Jennings and the Bethlehem congregation for all the loving care we have been blessed with over these past weeks, with the gifts of prayer, phone calls, donations, cards, flowers and food. Pastor—we were so comforted by your visits, devotions and keeping us in your prayers. We are richly blessed to be a part of such a caring family here at Bethlehem.

Messiah Lutheran Church Pork Chop Dinner: Messiah Lutheran Church Pork Chop Dinner is **today, January 29th from 10:30am-1:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Smoked pork chop, twice-baked potato, applesauce, green beans, roll & homemade dessert for \$13.00. Curbside Only.

Valentine Pork Chop Dinner: Hoffman Trinity Lutheran School will be hosting the annual Valentine Pork Chop Dinner and Auction **IN PERSON this year!** So get your sweetheart and take them out for lunch, February 12th between 10:45am -1:00pm to get your yummy smoked pork chop, baked potato, green beans, cinnamon applesauce, and a delicious dessert all for only \$12.00. Tickets for children 2-10 will be \$6.00. The annual auction will begin at 1:00pm in the gym. Bidding for the silent auction will be during the meal times. If you wish to see what will be on the auction, please use the Facebook site <https://fb.me/e/3aynsV5lt> or search for it on FB using "Trinity Lutheran Hoffman 2023 Pork Chop dinner & Auction." All proceeds will go toward the PTL and will be used for the continued education of the students. If you would like to donate an item to the auction, please contact the school by January 20th. Perhaps giving a monetary gift is more

of what you want to do, just contact the school office at 618-495-2246. Thank you for your continued support! Trinity Hoffman PTL

Flower Chart: There is a new flower chart in the office to sign up for special occasions, if you would like to adorn the altar with flowers. Thank you for helping to beautify our church.

Bake Sale: Plan now to get a sweet treat! The annual Bake Sale by the Ladies Aid/LWML will be on **February 5th** after the service.

Ash Wednesday: Feb 22, 2023 is Ash Wednesday. There will be a **soup supper from 5:15pm – 6:30pm.** It is early enough for the religion students to be able to enjoy a bowl of supper before class that night. The Siddell family will be making the soup and the Ladies Aid will have the sides and desserts. The free-will offering will go toward CORLHS. Plan now to attend with your family, then come over to church for the **Ash Wednesday Divine Service at 7:00pm.**

Glow Bingo and Vendor Fair: This is a fundraiser for education and ministry for all the youth of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Ferrin. **Save the Date: March 26, 2023** starting at 4:00pm. Entry is \$15.00. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, you must contact Susan Kleiboeker at (618) 322-5768 by March 12, 2023. If you are interested in participating as a player, you must contact Jeff Kleiboeker at (618) 791-7471 by March 12, 2023. Walk-ins will be available. You are allowed to bring your own snacks and drinks. Concessions will also be sold.

Food Pantry items needed. The Matthew 25 food pantry is in need of canned or boxed food items, baking items, spices, personal care items, cleaning supplies, or baby care items. They provide for all in need of food in Clinton County. There is a collection tote in the Coat Room. Please consider bringing a few items each month to help those in need.

CORLHS Trivia Night: Remember the last time you got to be in a room of friends having fun? Good chance it was our last Trivia Night at Christ Our Rock! This year's Trivia Night is set for **Saturday night March 4th at 6:30pm.** Please mark this on your calendar and save the date. Location will be at the Centralia Museum. Call the school to

reserve a table. \$100 for a table of 8, \$15 a chair if you come without a full team. (We'll get you a table at which to sit.) Call Dan or Denise at COR, 618-226-3315.

Teacher Position: St. Peter's Lutheran School, St. Peter, Illinois is seeking a 1st and 2nd grade teacher beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. St. Peter's Lutheran is a Christ centered LCMS school, Biblically based, and state recognized. For more information, please contact Principal Dr. Larry Wooster (lwooster@stpeterstpeter.org) by either email or in the school office (618-349-8888; 701 E. 3red St, St. Peter, IL 62280).

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