

Grace Lutheran Church

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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✠ ✠ *In The Name of Jesus* ✠ ✠

Carillon Call to Worship

Welcome and Parish News

Processional Hymn

414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here



1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy
2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy
3 Ful - fill - er of the past And
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We
5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,
beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -
hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y
see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the
we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.
glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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Invocation

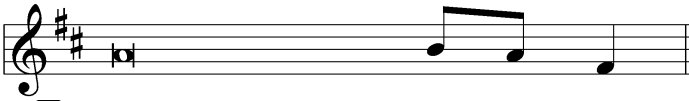
P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Common Versicles

LSB 219

L O Lord, open my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

✠ Psalmody ✠

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 221

L Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

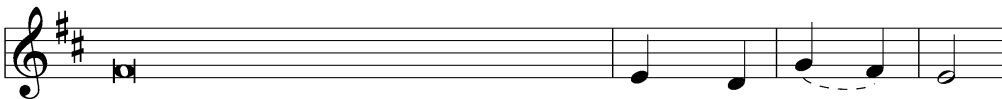
Venite

LSB 220



- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

- 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

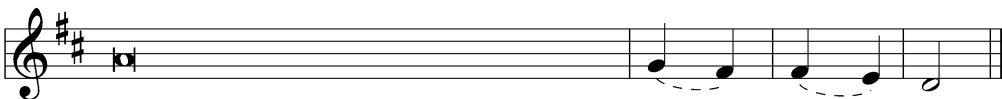


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand formed the dry land.

- 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
- 4 For He is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for - - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 220

- 1 Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



- 1 O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Introit

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*
for the LORD our God is | holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!*

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!

The LORD is great in | Zion;*
he is exalted over all the | peoples.

Let them praise your great and | awesome name!*

Ho-| ly is he!

The King in his might loves | justice.*

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in | Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!*

Ho-| ly is he!

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.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*
for the LORD our God is | holy!

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.

Handbell Choir

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Husberg

Old Testament

2 Kings 2:1–12

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he said, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” ¹⁰And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:12–18

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2–9

²After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Apostles' Creed

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence 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.

Offering (11:00 am)

Sermon Hymn

Shine Jesus Shine (See Music Insert)

Sermon

Brightest and Best

Mark 9:2-9

Rev. Timothy P. Halboth

Congregational Response

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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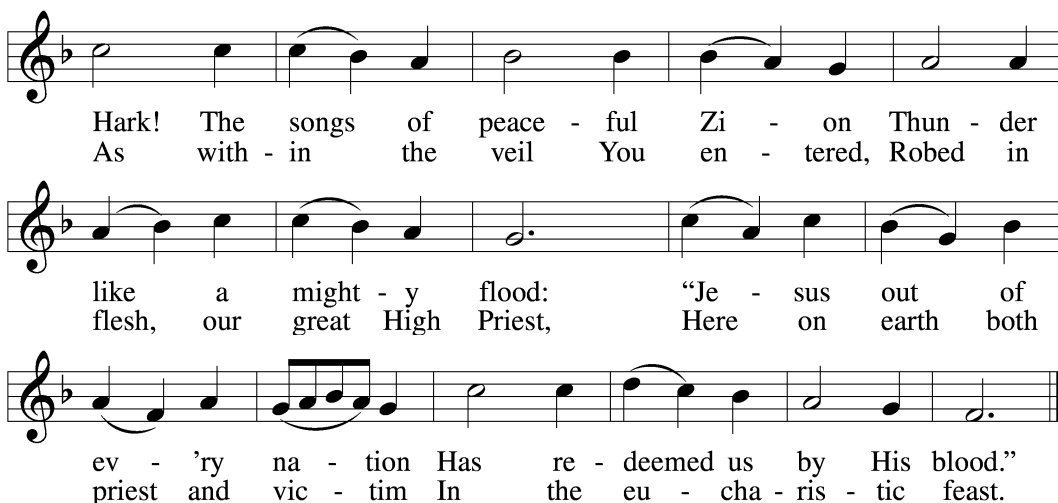
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in
like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both
ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

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Offering (9:15 am)

Pastoral Prayers

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Collect for Grace

- L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benediction

LSB 228

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

Recessional Hymn

822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! To God the Fa -
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Lamb
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Ho -
4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.
ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.
une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in
The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to
With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.
the Bride-groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.
es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

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WELCOME! As we end the Epiphany season this morning we see that Christ lights up the darkness of our lives. He is the Best and the Brightest! While many see those on the Mountain of Transfiguration as the ones who are the best and the brightest, only Christ can change our lives and make us bright because of the best that He gives to us. May our Lord and Transfigured Savior grant us every blessing as we worship Him this morning and every day.



Tuesday	6:15 pm	First and Second Year Catechism - East End
	7:15 pm	Church Council Meeting – Memorial Hall
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service “The Powerless ‘I Am” John 18:1-11 Holy Communion will be celebrated along with Imposition of Ashes
Wednesday	7:30 pm	(Following the Worship Service) Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
Saturday	10:30 am	New Member Class - Memorial Hall

Next Sunday - The First Sunday in Lent - February 18, 2024 - Pastor Halboth will preach on the theme "Lent Is All About Jesus: Get Behind Me, Satan" based on Mark 1:9-15. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Next Wednesday - First Mid-Week Worship at 6:30 pm - Vicar Spangler will preach on the theme "The St. John Passion: The Two Interrogations" based on John 18:12-27. Please join us at 5:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a Fellowship Dinner. The menu will be: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad and Bread.



Your quiet reverence prior to the beginning of and during worship hours is appreciated while others also prepare to worship our Lord. For the courtesy of others while in God's house of worship please silence your cell phones. **PLEASE NOTE: The Cry Room and Nursery are available for "fussy" children.** Please see an Elder or Usher for assistance.



Please meet Miss. Bonnie in the Narthex and proceed with her to your classroom. May God bless the learning and teaching of God's Word.



The Arrangements of Flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of dear friend Elizabeth Martinez from Joan and Chuck Torosian.



Super Bowl Sub Sales! If you placed an order of submarine sandwiches you may pick them up this morning following the worship hour at the Information Center. If you did not place an order but would like one, see our women. Extras were made! Thank you to all who placed orders.



During the month of February we will once again conduct our Food Drive and Drive-through pick up for the communities of Redford and Livonia. Donations will be accepted now through February 18. Volunteers will be needed on the day of pick-up which will be Saturday, February 24. We ask that non-perishable items only be donated and please check the expiration date to make sure items are fresh. In addition, along with staples, remember that protein items such as canned chicken and tuna are needed.



Order your Easter Lilies today!. Please help us to beautify the Chancel once again for Easter. Plants are \$20 each (the same as last year). Order forms can be found at the Information Center. Payment is requested at the time of ordering. Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Women's Ministries. Please place payment in an envelope with your name on the front and place it in the black lock box next to the sign-up sheet. Orders can be placed until March 3.



Flowers are a beautiful way to honor a loved one, commemorate an anniversary/birthday or to simply give thanks to God for His many blessings! Thank you to everyone who have placed flowers in the chancel. **Be sure to call the church office to place your order.** All arrangements are \$30 each and checks should be made payable to: Grace Lutheran Women's Ministries. **Payments may be handed to Erika or placed in the black lockbox (be sure to use an envelope with your name on the front) at the Information Center.** Please remember to pick your flowers up after the 11:00 worship service or you can arrange to pick them up on Monday from the church office. **The following Sundays are available to place flowers: April 7, 21, and All May Sundays.**

THERE WILL BE NO FLOWERS DURING LENT.



The Women's Ministries continue their ongoing opportunity to raise funds! Furniture and home decor items that are fit for resale can be sold through New-2-You in Northville. Please call Happy Westmeier with any questions or to set up a meeting time (248-349-5818). All proceeds from the sales go to Women's Ministries. We thank Happy for her many hours of service for our church and the Women's Ministries.

YOUR THRIVENT
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MARCH 31!



The deadline to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31st. Direct your dollars online at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/ or call 800-THRIVENT. You must remake your request annually or quarterly to assure your funds are being distributed in accordance with your wishes. We appreciate any funds you designate. Thank you!



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between worship hours for coffee and fellowship!





“The St. John Passion”

February 21, 2024 Midweek One

“The Two Interrogations”

John 18:12-27

February 28, 2024 - Midweek Two

“What Kind of King Is This?”

John 18:28-40

March 6, 2024- Midweek Three

“Whom Do We Follow?”

John 19:1-16a

March 13, 2024 - Midweek Four

“A Friend on the Cross”

John 19:16b-27

March 20, 2024 - Midweek Five

“The Battle is Finished”

John 19:28-42

All Wednesday Services will be held at 6:30 pm.



Join us for our annual Wednesday Lenten Dinners in the Fellowship Hall.
Serving will begin at 5:15 pm



Sunday Worship Hours at 9:15 am and 11:00 am
"Lent Is All About Jesus"



February 18, 2024
Holy Communion
Get Behind Me, Satan
Mark 1:9-15



February 25, 2024
Get Ahead of Me, Jesus
Mark 8:27-38



March 3, 2024
Holy Communion
Disrupt the World, Jesus
John 2:13-22



March 10, 2024
Love Us, Jesus
John 3:14-22



March 17, 2024
Holy Communion
Serve Us, Jesus
Mark 10:35-45