

**Transfiguration & Mission Festival      February 11 & 12, 2018**

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- † Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- † We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:  
**TRANSFIGURATION & MISSION FESTIVAL**

**Worship Participants**

**Liturgist**..... Pastor Jacob Hoff  
**Preacher**.....  
**Organist** ..... Miss Heather Schmidt

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*Christian Worship pg. 38*

**THE OPENING HYMN ..... “Down from the Mount of Glory”**  
*Christian Worship #97*

1 Down from the mount of glo - ry Came Je - sus  
 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, Stood ra - diant  
 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the  
 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that  
 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry Of Je - sus

Christ, our Lord. Re - call the won - drous sto - ry,  
 in the light, Light found in God - head sole - ly,  
 mount de - scend And, by the Fa - ther bid - den,  
 is his fame Our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed  
 Christ, our Lord, And let the won - drous sto - ry

Rich gem in sa - cred Word. A - gain your faith will  
 For hu - man eyes too bright. Then came a voice from  
 His will - ing foot - steps bend To seek hu - mil - i -  
 A mount—the hill of shame. Up - on the cross he  
 Full peace and joy af - ford! The ho - ly mount ac -

view him In dou - ble glo - ry here; The great - er  
 heav - en, Con - firmed what here we see; The words “my  
 a - tion In deep - est depths of woe, To suf - fer  
 prof - fered Him - self to ag - o - ny; His ho - ly  
 claims him The maj - es - ty di - vine; Mount Cal - va -

hom - age due him Will in your life ap - pear.  
 Son” were giv - en To seal his de - i - ty.  
 deg - ra - da - tion No mind can probe or know.  
 soul he of - fered To set the guilt - y free.  
 ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

*Please Stand*

### THE INVOCATION

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### THE CONFESSION OF SINS

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-

ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

*Please be Seated*

## THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON ..... 2 Kings 2:1-12a

<sup>2:1</sup> When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel.”

But Elisha said, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

<sup>3</sup> The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “so be quiet.”

<sup>4</sup> Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho.”

And he replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho.

<sup>5</sup> The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” he replied, “so be quiet.”

<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.”

And he replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on.

<sup>7</sup> Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

<sup>10</sup> “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.”

<sup>11</sup> As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. <sup>12</sup> Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!”

### THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 148

*Christian Worship pg. 121*



Praise the LORD from the heavens,\*  
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,\*  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,\*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

#### **Refrain**

Praise the LORD from the earth,\*  
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,\*  
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

*Psalm continues on next page*

*Please Stand*

kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,\*  
young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,\*  
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**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.**

*Refrain*



For - ev - er let us sing the good - ness of the Lord.

*Psalm tone*



**THE SECOND LESSON..... 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**P:** Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him."  
Alleluia. (*Mark 9:7b*)

**THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Mark 9:2-9**

<sup>2</sup> After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup> His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

<sup>7</sup> Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

<sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Please be Seated*



THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "Good News of God Above"  
*Christian Worship #568*



1 Good news of God a - bove Is ours to  
 2 The love of Christ pro - claim Who left his  
 3 The Lord of Glo - ry lives! From cross and  
 4 Hear now the Mas - ter's word To those who



tell a - broad, The Fa - ther's ev - er -  
 home on high; To live our hu - man  
 death and grave His own a - bun - dant  
 bear his name: "So send I you; till



last - ing love In Christ the ris - en Lord.  
 life he came, Our hu - man death to die.  
 life he gives To those he died to save.  
 all have heard, Make known, de - clare, pro - claim!"



For neigh - bors near and far The seed of  
 The Fa - ther's on - ly Son Be - came the  
 His right - eous - ness and peace De - clare from  
 Go forth in all the earth; Em - brace the



life is sown; Then spread the seed By  
 sin - ners' friend, Our lot to share, Our  
 sea to sea; His prais - es sound The  
 path he trod With Christ be - side As



word and deed To make the Sav - ior known.  
 sin to bear, And death's do - min - ion end.  
 world a - round For Christ has made us free.  
 friend and guide To bring good news of God.

THE SERMON .....Mark 16:15  
 Preach the Gospel to All Nations – Even Nepal

*Please Stand*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

*Please be Seated*

**THANKSGIVING**

**THE OFFERING**

*(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)*

**THE OFFERING PRAYER**

*Please Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** ..... **“How Good, Lord, to Be Here”**  
*Christian Worship #95*



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry  
2 How good, Lord, to be here Your beau - ty  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past, Prom - ise of  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We see your  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may



fills the night; Your face and gar - ments, like  
to be - hold, Where Mo - ses and E - li -  
things to be, We hail your bod - y glo -  
king - dom come; We long to hold the vi -  
not re - main; But since you bid us leave



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

*Please Stand*



**P:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**THE BLESSING**

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Please be Seated*

**P:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior’s cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word alleluia, which means, “praise the Lord.”

Now for a time we say farewell to alleluia. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The alleluias will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while  
 4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing— hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
 pure ac - cord, With Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,  
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions  
 Trin - i - ty— As we look to your blest Eas - ter,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; Saints a-dorned in robes of  
 jus - ti - fied, re-deemed, re - stored, And with all his faith - ful  
 make us for a while fore - go. For the sol - emn time is  
 here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, When we shall once more be



glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.  
 peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.  
 com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.  
 sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH MAILBOXES:** The church mailboxes have been re-alphabetized. Please check carefully, as your box location may have moved.

**2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** The 2017 Contribution Statements are in your church mailboxes.

**UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Copies of the updated Church Directory are in your church mailboxes.

**MISSION FESTIVAL & "POT-LUCK DINNER":** This weekend we will have a WELS missionary preaching in our services. Following the 10:30 am service, we will have an "old fashioned" pot-luck dinner served in the school. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to be served. In order to assist in planning, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church indicating what you want to bring to the meal.

**LENT 2018:** The letter to the Hebrews calls Jesus our "great high priest." This Lenten season, we explore this powerful name of Christ. We will rediscover the perfect life of compassion, service, and sacrifice that Jesus lived for us. Then we will see that Christ serving as our Great High Priest is assurance of our redemption through him alone and motivation for humble works in his name. Services are at 3:30pm and 6:30pm beginning this coming Wednesday.

The Schedule for our Midweek Lent service is as follows:

- February 14 - "Jesus is our Self-sacrificing High Priest" (Pastor Hoff)
- February 21 - "Jesus is Our Compassionate High Priest" (Pastor Unnasch)
- February 28 - "Jesus is Our Great High Priest." (Pastor Gaertner)
- March 7 - "Jesus is Our Perfect High Priest." (Pastor Adams)
- March 14 - "Jesus Our Great High Priest Makes Us Priests" (Pastor Unnasch)
- March 21 - "Jesus Our Great High Priest Serves at a Great Altar." (Pastor Marshall)

**KOINE IN WORSHIP:** The band named "Koine" will be joining us for worship next Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Please come and join us that Sunday. For more information, please look at the February 2018 church newsletter.

**SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS:** We are studying the topic: “Idols We Never Knew We Had.” A wood-carved animal figurine. A chiseled stone statue. A golden goddess. Do you have an idol-worship area set up in your home? We would say “Definitely not! I don’t bow down to idols!” But sometimes we do worship idols and make them our gods, not even realizing they are there. Our upcoming study will bring to light these idols that hide themselves so easily in our homes and hearts, and through God’s guidance and power we’ll get help to avoid worshiping these false gods. Please come and join us. We begin at 8:00am. Breakfast is also served. Below is our schedule:

Idols We Never Knew We Had:

Family – February 24, 2018

Religion – March 10, 2018

**GALA UPDATE:** The planning of the Gala is complete! In order for our Gala to be a success, we are looking for items for our attendees to bid on! We would love to include items from members of our congregation. Do you or someone you know provide a service, or create unique items? Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to our event. There are also specific areas that we can use your help. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex – please take a look! If you have any questions, please contact Jaime Petricek at (414) 238-5122.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 9-13, 2018! Registration will begin in late spring.

**PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR:** Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: February 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. See the insert in today’s bulletin for more information. There are also extra copies on the narthex counter to pass along to a friend!

**KIDS CARNIVAL AT WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL:** Step right up and try your luck at over 50 fun games! WLHS student body is hosting a kids carnival on Sunday, February 18, from 1:00-3:30. Children age 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to play games, meet live animals, and participate in other fun activities. Each \$3 admission receives 20 play tokens. Cotton candy and concessions will be available for purchase. Parents and grandparents are admitted free of charge and encouraged to bring their cameras for some great photo

opportunities. To host your birthday party at the carnival, contact Faith Loberg at [faith.loberg@wlhs.org](mailto:faith.loberg@wlhs.org).

**GET READY TO MAKE A SPLASH!** Wisconsin Lutheran High School invites 4th and 6th grade students, on separate nights from 5:30-7:30 p.m., to a fun evening of waterslides and swimming at Country Springs Waterpark Hotel in Pewaukee. There is no cost, however at least one parent must attend with their child. Kids will swim and the parents will learn more about WLHS. **4th grade students are invited on Monday, March 5, and must RSVP by Monday, February 26. 6th grade students are invited on Monday, March 12, and must RSVP by Monday, March 5.** RSVP by going to [www.wlhs.org/splash](http://www.wlhs.org/splash).

**WLHS MUSICAL:** How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying—Big business means big laughs in this delightfully clever lampoon of life on the corporate ladder. Winner of the Tony award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize, this tune-filled comic gem follows the rise of J. Pierpont Finch, who uses a mixture of charming innocence and smarts to advance from window washer to high powered executive. Performances will be held on Friday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. Reserved seat tickets are available at the WLHS reception desk, or by printing out the online ticket order form at [www.wlhs.org/finearts](http://www.wlhs.org/finearts). Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children in 8th grade and younger. Before the Friday, March 2, performance you can enjoy the Choir Associates Spaghetti Dinner served in the cafeteria from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Wisco Kids and Inspiration will perform during the dinner. Tickets will be sold at the door, adults \$10 and children \$8.

## VOLUNTEERS

### GREETERS THIS WEEK (February 11 & 12)

**8:00 AM** – Roger Buntrock

**10:30 AM** – Andy & Chris Backus

**6:30 PM** – Donna LaBlanc

### GREETERS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY (February 14)

**3:30 PM** – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**6:30 PM** – Larry & Lucille Ellenberger



**GREETERS NEXT WEEK (February 18 & 19)**

- 8:00 AM – Lyle & Christie Timm
- 10:30 AM – Mark & Rosie Derouin
- 6:30 PM – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

**USHERS FOR FEBRUARY**

- 8:00 AM – TEAM #2 – Bob Goelz, Larry McKee, Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess
- 10:30 AM – TEAM #6 – Nick Derouin, Mark Derouin, Connor Henry, Bob Duchesneau
- 6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

**USHERS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY (February 14)**

- 3:30 PM – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students
- 6:30 PM – TEAM #2 – Bob Goelz, Larry McKee, Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess

**ALTAR GUILD**

- Feb 7-13 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh, Karen Hille
- Feb 14-20 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

- Feb 11: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug
- Feb 18: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Chris & Naomi Hathaway

**THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, February 11**

- Worship Service ..... 8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Bible Information Class..... 9:15 AM
- Worship Service ..... 10:30 AM
- Mission Festival Pot Luck Dinner ..... 11:30 AM

**Monday, February 12**

- Worship Service ..... 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, February 13**

- PSCIC ..... 6:00 PM
- Church Council ..... 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, February 14**

- Ash Wednesday Worship..... 3:30 PM
- Ash Wednesday Worship..... 6:30 PM
- Adult Choir Rehearsal ..... 7:30 PM
- Men’s Open Gym ..... 7:30 PM

**Thursday, February 15**

- Board of Elders..... 6:30 PM

**Friday, February 16**

- School Devotion ..... 8:30 AM

**Saturday, February 17**

- School Cleaning..... 9:00 AM

**Sunday, February 18**

- Worship Service featuring Koine ..... 8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Bible Information Class..... 9:15 AM
- Worship Service featuring Koine ..... 10:30 AM

**Statistics – Last Week**

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 76, 10:30 AM – 94  
 6:30 PM – 25  
 Total Attendance – 195  
 Sunday Bible Class – 31, Sunday School – 18  
 Bible Information Class – 3