

Transfiguration of Our Lord



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Holy Communion

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Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

ELW 671

GREETING

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ELW 834

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *The Gift of Love*

trad., arr. Hopson

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them

in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 99

¹The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

²**The LORD, | great in Zion,
is high a- | bove all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;
God is the | Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;
God is the | Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon
your | name, O LORD,
they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the | Holy One.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; 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 all of us, with unveiled

faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-43a

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a}And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

We pray for the church. Open us to listen to your word and to do your will. Direct us in paths of faithful service that reflect your love. Be with our sisters and brothers in the United Methodist Church as they discern their future. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the earth, your beloved creation and our fragile home; for mountains and prairies; for cities and wilderness areas. Renew places we have neglected or misused. Where natural disasters have altered the land, help us to honor nature's healing. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations. Shine the light of truth into world relationships hindered by mistrust or misunderstanding. Bring freedom and stability to all nations. Shelter those who have been displaced by war, famine, or natural disaster. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need. Free those who struggle with shame or guilt. Bring clarity to those whose judgment is clouded by fear. Comfort those who grieve, and heal the sick, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. Deepen our faith and understanding. Guide our ministries of hospitality and outreach. Renew us in the baptismal promise to care for others and the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for Lutheran Campus Ministries, especially Lord of Light-Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Michigan and their pastor, Elizabeth Friedman. Empower leaders and provide resources to these ministries, that the light of your love would be made known. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their example and bring us with them into the eternal light of your presence. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING OF COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

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DISMISSAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please take time to sign the registration book or the guest register in the lobby and introduce yourself to Pastor Ken. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

DVD copies of the 9:30 a.m. worship service can be produced for those who are shut-in or others who would like a copy. Let us know in advance if there is a service that you would like recorded.

We welcome Pastor Elizabeth Friedman from Lord of Light University of Michigan Campus Ministry to our service today.

Area community churches will come together to begin the Lenten season with a community Ash Wednesday service on March 6 at 7 pm at First Congregational UCC. A pot luck starts at 6 pm. A sign-up sheet to bring items is on the table in the hall.

Following worship on March 10, we will be having a congregation wide (people of all ages) talent/variety show! Bring your jokes, songs, dances, tricks, and anything else that you would like to share! Anyone is welcome to sign up! It will be an afternoon of exploring the stewardship of gifts that God has given us! The Fellowship Outreach Committee is organizing a luncheon for after the show. Please sign up and bring a salad, side or sweet if you are able.

Pastors Ken and Joyce will be teaching First Communion class on Saturday, March 16 from 10 am -2 pm. First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, March 17. Children in 2nd grade and older are invited to receive their First Communion. If you would like your son or daughter to participate, please let Pastor Ken or Pastor Joyce know.

You are invited to join Pastor Ken for a study of *A Clearing Season: Reflections for Lent*. This book shows us how to clear space in our lives for God, identify obstacles that keep us from God, and choose a Lenten practice to help us remove those obstructions. This six-week study begins on Wednesday, March 13 at 10:00 am. Cost of the book is \$11. There is a signup sheet outside of Pastor Ken's office if you are interested. There is a separate signup sheet for anyone who would like to read the book but cannot attend the Wednesday morning study.

The scholarship committee would like to remind the congregation that scholarship funds are available for college, post-graduate and trade schools. The application form is in the office. The scholarship amount is \$500 for members and \$200 for non-members. The deadline for applications is April 30th. If you have any questions contact one of the committee members: Mike Morenko, Dawn Lambrecht, and Nancy Green.

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 10. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

The next Ladies' Lunch will be on March 13 at noon at Murphy's Inn. Sign up in the lobby if you would like to attend.

Sunday School and Youth parents: It's time to sign up for the Palm Sunday Pancake breakfast, which will be on April 14. We need food donations and ticket sellers. Please sign up on the youth bulletin board in the hall.

First United Methodist Church and Fellowship Baptist Church invite you to attend a Human Trafficking Awareness Seminar on March 16 from 9:30 -11:30 am at Fellowship Baptist, 5200 Park Rd., East China. Victims of trafficking may not stand out in the crowd. Learn to recognize the signs of slavery and exploitation. Visit map-mi.org for more information.

Tickets for the baseball game at Jimmy John's Field are on sale and will be sold until April 28. Tickets are \$35 each for people ages 4 and up. Included in your ticket price is \$10 coming back to St. Peter Youth Group, a buffet of hot dogs, BBQ pulled pork, grilled chicken breasts, potato chips, fruit salad, pasta salad and cookies, unlimited soda, lemonade, ice tea and water, two drink tickets per adult for beer or wine, a group photo on the field, autographs from the players, "Chalk talk" with a team coach or player, a greeting on Scoreboard, a meet & greet with the mascots, kids run the bases after the game, an opportunity to participate in holding a 30' x 60' American flag on the field during the National Anthem, an opportunity to throw an Honorary 1st Pitch, and free parking. We will be seated close to the kids' zone and whiffle ball field. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Joyce. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby.

SERVING TODAY: Greeter: Katy Emerich; Ushers: Jerry Hall & Bryan Neiman; Acolyte: Case VanSingel; Scripture Reader: Lauren Maier; Communion Assistant: Sue Daniels; Projectionist: Ann Eisen.

MONEY COUNTERS: Karen Boden & Bob Coffey

ATTENDANCE: Saturday 14; Sunday 65

BIRTHDAYS: 3/3 Rolland Eisen 93 years
3/3 George Eisen 91 years

ANNIVERSARY: 3/4 Molly & Jason Furtah 13 years

IN NEED OF PRAYER Dennis Rocker, Mary Forsy, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Paul & Ruth Reyelts, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Stacey Yax, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer, Carole Stiefvater, Jeremy Bryan, James Mitchell, Marlene Hand, Kenneth Eisen, Connie Felstow, Linda Leist, George Eisen, Todd Schwehofer, Alan Freed. (Please call or email the office at stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net to update information.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Council meeting 7 pm	Ash Wednesday at 1 st Cong. UCC Potluck 6 pm Service 7 pm	Cantata practice 6 pm Choir 7 pm	Pastors' day off	Worship, Communion 5 pm	Daylight Saving begins Sunday School, Worship, 9:30 am Talent Show, Potluck 10:30 am