

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

St. Matthias, Apostle

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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know
Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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HYMN "Beautiful Savior" LSB 537

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 99:2-3, 5, 9

P: Exalt the Lord our God; worship at His footstool!

C: Holy is He!

P: The Lord is great in Zion;

C: He is exalted over all the peoples.

P: Let them praise Your great and awesome name!

C: Holy is He!

P: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

C: for the Lord our God is holy!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Loving God, You desire a relationship with all people that is grounded in Your love, nurtured by truthfulness, and experienced as freedom living under Your gracious reign.

C: We admit that we are turned away from Your love, we are at home in dishonesty, and we are enslaved by ways of sin and death. Because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection for us, we ask that You go on forgiving us, transforming us, and healing us according to Your steadfast love, which endures forever.

P: God is gracious and merciful and has come in the person of Jesus giving His life to demonstrate how much He loves you and all people. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 84:1-2, 9, 11; antiphon: v. 4

P: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

C: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

P: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;

C: my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

P: Behold our shield, O God;

C: look on the face of Your anointed!

P: For the LORD God is a sun and shield;

C: the LORD bestows favor and honor.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

KYRIE

P: O Lord, who spoke face-to-face with Your servant Moses,

C: have mercy on us.

P: O Christ, who is the faithful apostle and High Priest of our confession,

C: have mercy on us.

P: O Lord, who in Your transfiguration was revealed in Your glory as the Father's Chosen One,

C: have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 819



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,

Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
 souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
 ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:
 To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You chose Your servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve. Grant that Your Church, ever preserved from false teachers, may be taught and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

¹ Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴ And the Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." ⁵ So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, ⁶ and He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷ Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸ And the

people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹ And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. ¹⁰ And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, ¹¹ none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹² and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 1:15-26

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ “For it is written in the Book of Psalms, ‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and ‘Let another take his office.’ ²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us – one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection.” ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Psalm 45:2a

P: Alleluia.

C: You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:28–36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with Him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as He was praying, the appearance of His face was altered, and His clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with Him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of His departure, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and those who were with Him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. ³³ And as the men were parting from Him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah” – not knowing what he said. ³⁴ As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!” ³⁶ And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN “We Are Called to Stand Together” *LSB 828*

SERMON

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of

Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs.

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

<p>If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.</p>
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PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

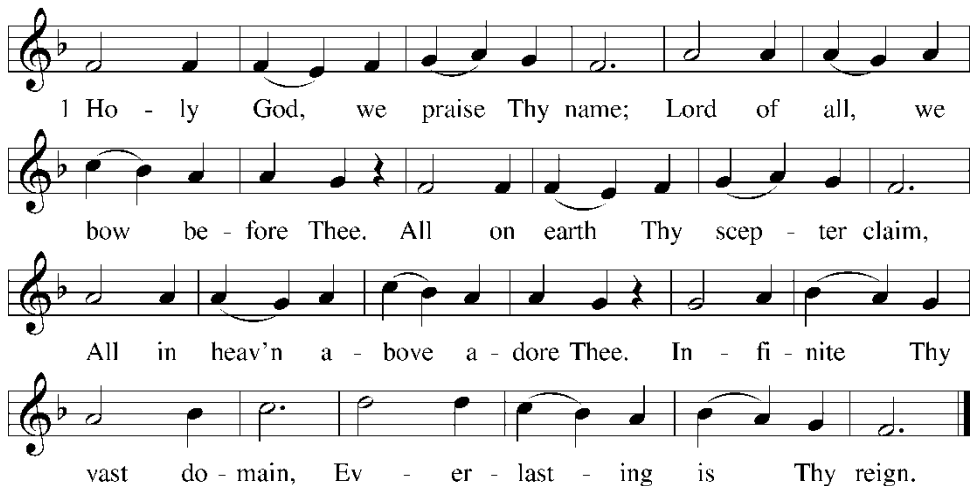
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS..... LSB 940



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scap - ter claim,
All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.

**5 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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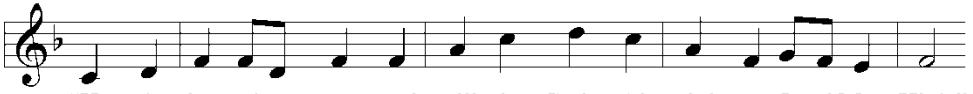
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI **LSB 949**



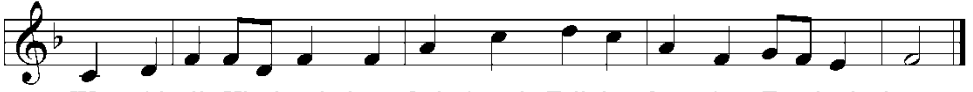
1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly" cry;
2 All cre-a-tion, all re-demp-tion, Join to sing the Sav-ior's worth;



“He who is, who was and will be, God Al - might - y, Lord Most High.”
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.



Praise and hon - or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a - lone!
Wealth and wis - dom, pow'r and glo-ry, Hon - or, might, do - min - ion, praise,



We, with all His hands have fash - ioned, Fall be - fore the Fa - ther's throne.
Now be His from all His crea - tures And to ev - er - last - ing days!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN “O Bless the Lord, My Soul” **LSB 814**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN “O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair” **LSB 413 Δ**

THIS WEEK AT CLC — (3/3/19 – 3/10/19)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

Tuesday: Ladies' Guild Wedding Shower, 6:00pm; Board of Elders, 6:00pm

Wednesday: Bible class, 8:30am; Ash Wednesday Worship, 6:30pm

Saturday: Turn your clocks ahead tonight – Daylight Saving Time begins

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am, Special Voters' Assembly, 10:30am

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR Saturday night when you go to bed. Daylight saving time begins at 2:00am, Sunday, March 10. "Spring Ahead".

SPECIAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY will be held at 10:30 on Sunday, March 10. We will be voting on extending a Divine Call for an Assistant Pastor to aid in the ministry here at CLC. Please plan on attending!

ASH WEDNESDAY is this Wednesday, March 6. Join us at 6:30pm as we begin the Lenten theme: "The Book of Exodus: Let My People Go!"

LADIES GUILD WEDDING SHOWER for Samantha Lutzow and Ethan Wetmore takes place this Tuesday beginning at 6:00pm. All men and women of the congregation are invited. Sam and Ethan are registered at Amazon.com and at Target. A partial list is on the Ladies Guild bulletin board and in Sandi Michaelis' mailbox. All Ladies Guild members are asked to bring a snack or light dessert. Cake and beverages will be provided by our hostesses for the month. Only absolutely necessary business will be covered that night.

COMMUNITY MEAL: Christ Lutheran Church will be hosting a supper for those in need on Tuesday, March 19th at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. A volunteer sign-up sheet for assisting at the meal and providing food is on the fellowship hall podium. Monetary donations may be placed in Sandi Michaelis's mailbox. Thank you for sharing your time, finances, food, and hearts with those less fortunate!

Christ Lutheran Church is one of the supporting congregations of **GREATER WAUSAU CHRISTIAN SERVICES**, a local organization which offers jail and nursing home ministries. Brian Otten's three year term on the GWCS board ended in January. If you would like to represent our congregation on this board, please see Brian.

THE HOPE LIFE CENTER 2019 BANQUET will be held in Wausau on Monday, April 29th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rib Mountain. This year we will be offering two options, an 11:30am lunch or a 6:00pm dinner. Our keynote speaker will be Kurt Dillinger, executive director of LIFE International located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. LIFE is a faith-based non-profit that started in 2000. Their mission is simple: "Spreading the message of life wherever abortion exists." You will hear testimonies from courageous women who will share how God brought them healing and restoration after an abortion decision. We hope you can join us.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS FOR CHURCH SERVICES /

ACTIVITIES: Please check the Channel 7 or Channel 9 websites, the CLC website or Facebook page, or call the church at 715-848-2040 and press option "6".

"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"The next time you are burdened with guilt and wondering if God can really forgive you again, look to the cross of Jesus. There He proved His love by giving up His life to pay for your sin. Witness the supreme proof of your forgiveness, which God provided in the resurrection. There He removes all doubts about who He is and what He did for us. We have absolute certainty that we are forgiven and bound for heaven because of Jesus. It's the truth!" *Rev. Jonathan M. Kruschel, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota –*
(www.lutheransforlife.org)