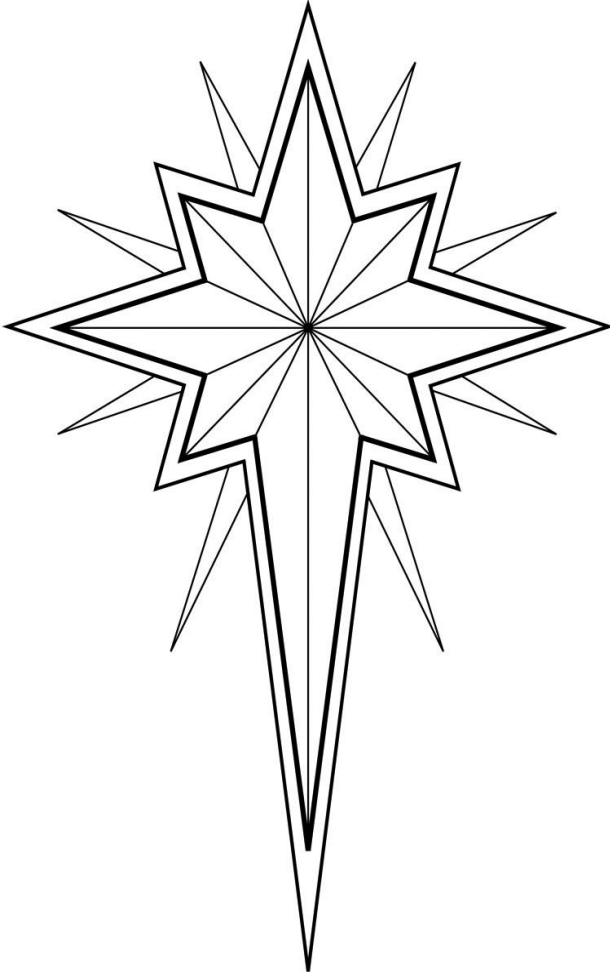


TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
MARCH 2, 2025



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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 10 (PAGES 203-209)

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The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator,
our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations
of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty,
or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call
to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.**

Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live
in Christ's ways.**

Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have
redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine"

In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children
of God.

C: Amen.

HYMN #838 "BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR"

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE [PAGE 203]

♪ Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE [PAGE 204]

♪ Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...our Savior and Lord.*)

C: Amen.

READINGS

EXODUS 34:29-35 | PSALM 99 | 2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪ Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: LUKE 9:28-36 [37-43A]

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUTH SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN

SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN

HYMN #315 “HOW GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE!”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray
for the church, the world, and all of creation.

(Each petition ends: P: God of grace, C: hear our prayer)

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope
that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...our Savior and Lord.*)

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE [PAGE 207]

P: It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:

C: ♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.

**♪ O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

HYMN #510 "WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN [TUNE #883]

♪ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...* Jesus Christ our Lord.)

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN #802 “LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS”

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God!

RINGING OF THE BELL

POSTLUDE

Pastor: Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

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This Week At A Glance

Today	2:00-4:00	Delores Lahann's birthday party
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship at Our Savior's
Sunday		<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>
	8:00 am	Worship service at Our Savior's
	9:25 am	Sunday School at Faith
	10:30 am	Worship at Faith

Those to keep in prayer:

Carter Henning, Mallory Boussetot, Roger and Betty Boussetot, Cathy Goddard, Larry Schau, Diane Sievers, Margaret Travaille; the homebound: Carol Christensen, Ron Gasper, Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Peterson, Vera St. John, Betty Schau and Bus Seastrand; and those serving in the military.

Announcements

Thank you to the Sunday School children for singing and leading the congregation in the **Call to Worship** this morning at Faith.

Delores Lahann is celebrating her 90th birthday! The Lahann family invites members of Faith and Our Savior's to celebrate with Delores from 2:00 – 4:00 pm today at Lincolnway Villa Assisted Living in Wheatland.

The Christian Outreach Committee is gathering **peanut butter** for the Carroll Assistance Center during the 40 days of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday (March 5) and continuing through Easter Sunday (April 20). The jars of peanut butter can be any size and any brand; smooth or chunky. The work of the **Christian Outreach Committee** is highlighted in the March newsletter.

During Lent, the confirmation class will be using the Holden Prayer. Pastor Leah and the Confirmation students will lead the service. **If anyone who would like to help lead the singing portions**, it would be appreciated!

How about **Bible Camp** this summer? There are flyers with details for Ewalu (Strawberry Point) and Riverside (Story City) available at both churches.

The *Living Lutheran* magazine is returning as a print publication with four issues per year. Sign up at www.livinglutheran.org/subscribe or fill out and mail in a form. There are forms on the table by the secretary's office. Cost is \$19.95 per year. You will be invoiced in spring 2025 for your subscription.

Announcements

Can you use a scissors, measure fabric, or tie knots?

If so, we can work together to make Mission Quilts or Fabric Kits to assist people in need.

1. **Mission Quilts** provide quilts to people needing something to keep them warm or covered after a weather-related disaster or life-changing event.
Skills needed: measure and cut fabric, sew, tie layers together
2. **Fabric Kits** provide fabric and thread to people who may then create items to sell as a way to make a living.
Skills needed: purchase fabric in required measurements, purchase thread

An information sheet which provides specific details for each item is available at both churches. If you have questions, please contact Terri Boussetot at terribushlow@hotmail.com or 563-210-3269.

Thank you to everyone who has delivered a copy of *Today's Readings* and Pastor Leah's sermon to these people who cannot attend worship services on Sunday: Delores Lahann resides at Lincolnway Villa in Wheatland. Carol Christensen lives at Grand Haven in Eldridge. Vera St. John resides at her home in Calamus. You may collect items at Sunday worship services. Addresses will be included with each packet.

Nicole Easterday began her duties as **office secretary** of the Calamus Lutheran Parish in February. Nicole plans to be in the office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. If you have additions to the prayer list, notices for the bulletin, or items for the newsletter, please send them to clparish@fbcom.net or call the office at 563-246-2622.

THE MOUNTAIN TOP OF GLORY

Luke 9:28-36

About eight days after these words, Jesus took Peter and John and James and went up into a mountain to pray. While he was praying the appearance of his face became different and his clothing became white as the lightning's flash. And--look you--two men were talking with him, who were Moses and Elijah. They appeared in glory, and they talked about the departure which he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his friends were heavy with sleep. When they were fully awake they saw his glory, and the two men standing with him. And when they were going to leave him, Peter said, "Master, it is good for us to be here. So let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah," for he did not know what he was saying. As he was saying this a cloud came and overshadowed them and they feared as they entered into the cloud. A voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, my chosen one! Hear him!" And when the voice had passed, Jesus was found alone. They kept silent in those days and did not tell anyone anything about what they had seen.

Here we have another of the great hinges in Jesus' life upon earth. We must remember that he was just about to set out to Jerusalem and to the cross. We have already looked at one great moment when he asked his disciples who they believed him to be, in order that he might discover if anyone had realized who he was. But there was one thing Jesus would never do--he would never take any step without the approval of God. In this scene that is what we see him seeking and receiving.

What happened on the Mount of Transfiguration we can never know, but we do know that something tremendous did happen. Jesus had gone there to seek the approval of God for the decisive step he was about to take. There Moses and Elijah appeared to him. Moses was the great law-giver of the people of Israel; Elijah was the greatest of the prophets. It was as if the princes of Israel's life and thought and religion told Jesus to go on.

Jesus could set out to Jerusalem now, certain that at least one little group of men knew who he was, certain that what he was doing was the consummation of all the life and thought and work of his nation, and certain that God approved of the step that he was taking.

There is a vivid sentence here. It says of the three apostles, "When they were fully awake they saw his glory."

(i) In life we miss so much because our minds are asleep. There are certain things which are liable to keep our minds asleep.

(a) There is prejudice. We may be so set in our ideas that our minds are shut. A new idea knocks at the door but we are like sleepers who will not awake.

(b) There is mental lethargy. There are so many who refuse the strenuous struggle of thought. "The unexamined life," said Plato, "is the life not worth living. "How many of us have really thought things out and thought them through? It was said of someone that he had skirted the howling deserts of infidelity and a wiser man said that he would have been better to have fought his way through them. Sometimes we are so lethargic that we will not even face our questions and our doubts.

(c) There is the love of ease. There is a kind of defence mechanism in us that makes us automatically shut the door against any disturbing thought.

A man can drug himself mentally until his mind is sound asleep.

(ii) But life is full of things designed to waken us.

(a) There is sorrow. Once Elgar said of a young singer, who was technically perfect, but quite without feeling and expression, "She will be great when something breaks her heart." Often sorrow can rudely awaken a man, but in that moment, through the tears, he will see the glory.

(b) There is love. Somewhere Browning tells of two people who fell in love. She looked at him; he looked at her--"and suddenly life awoke." Real love is an awakening to horizons we never dreamed were there.

(c) There is the sense of need. For long enough a man may live the routine of life half asleep; then all of a sudden there comes some completely insoluble problem, some quite unanswerable question, some overmastering temptation, some summons to an effort which he feels is beyond his strength. In that day there is nothing left to do but to "cry, clinging heaven by the hems." And that sense of need awakens him to God.

We would do well to pray, "Lord, keep me always awake to you."