



TRINITY EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Transfiguration
Sunday, February 11, 2018
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Welcome! Jesus' dazzling glory makes it clear: He is God's eternal, holy Son. How good that you have come here to listen to him!

Theme of the service: Jesus shines with God's glory. Someday we will shine like Jesus.

Suggested silent prayer: Hymn 586, "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

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WELS CONNECTION VIDEO

LITURGY

Service of the Word, CW page 38

HYMN 712 *"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"* (found on p.11)

Stand

M: 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.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: 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.

M: 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

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

First the pastor or a soloist sings the refrain. Then all sing.



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks. We praise you for your glory.

All sing refrain.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

All sing refrain.

For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

All sing refrain

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

M: Heavenly Father, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son you revealed his glory on the mountain top. 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 even now; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1–12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

² 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.

³ 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, “but do not speak of it.”

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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, “but do not speak of it.”

⁶ 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.

⁷ Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.

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

¹¹ 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.

¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more.

PSALM 148 *(We sing a paraphrase to the tune of CW 537
The “Horn” God has raised up is our mighty Savior, Jesus.)*

**Praise the LORD of heaven! Praise him in the height.
Praise him, all his angels; Praise him, hosts of light!
Sun and moon together, Shining stars aflame,
Planets in their courses: Glorify! Acclaim!
For his majesty is unbounded, By all saints adored.
And for us he raised a Horn. O, praise the LORD!**

**Earth and ocean praise him — Mountains, hills and trees,
Fire and hail and tempest, Wind and storm and seas.
Praise him, fields and forests, Birds on flashing wings.
Praise him beasts and cattle, All created things.
For his majesty is unbounded, By all saints adored.
And for us he raised a Horn. O, praise the LORD!**

**Now by prince and people Let his praise be told.
Praise him, men and maidens, Praise him, young and old.
He, alone exalted! We, his praise proclaim!
High above all heavens Magnify his name!**

**For his majesty is unbounded, By all saints adored.
And for us he raised a Horn. O, praise the LORD!**

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:3–6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

⁶ 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 the glory of God in the face of Christ.

VERSE

Refrain (first by pastor or soloist, then by all)

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain 'Al-le-lu-ia!'. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia!' are written below the notes on both staves. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

M: "From the shining cloud rings out the Father's voice:
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him!" (Mark 9:7).

All sing refrain. Then all rise for the holy Gospel.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2–10

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.³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.

⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ 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.” ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” ⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what “rising from the dead” meant.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated for the children’s Gospel.

HYMN 97

“Down from the Mount of Glory”

SERMON

Mark 9:2-9

IT IS GOOD FOR US TO BE HERE

1. To see (2-6)
2. To hear (7)
3. To prepare (8-9).

Stand

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 resurrec-

tion of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: Father, who spoke from the cloud about your dear Son, Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Jesus, willing to sheathe your glory to go and die for us on the cross, Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Spirit of God, shining your truth into our dark hearts, turning us from darkness to Christ's light by grace alone, Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Hear us on behalf of your chosen ones still trapped in total darkness. Free them. Enlighten them. Convert them. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Be patient with your children straying from the light, losing their grip on your mercy, weakening in their love. Turn them back and restore them. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Be merciful to all believers here and in every place on earth who are struggling with sin and feeling overwhelmed and helpless. Renew their strength. Fill them with your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Thank you for the nation we live in, and all its freedoms. Preserve those freedoms among us, if it is your will. Spare us from leaders and laws that would work against the common good.
Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Uphold Fran Gleason, Sandy Grunst, Pam Lendt's mother, Sharon, and Annie Gumm's grandmother, Dorothy, in their physical difficulties. Be kind to others among us whom we name in our hearts to you now ... and all in Christ who are in need or are recovering from illness and injury. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Grant that all of us assembled here and many more with whom we will share your gospel and all whom our missionaries around the world are teaching may see you in your glory and adore you for all eternity, Lord Jesus, for until your reappearing you have taught us ever confidently to pray:

**C: 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.**

Be seated

HYMN 369

"Beautiful Savior"

Stand

M: 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, guid-

ed 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: ♪ **Amen**

M: Brothers and sisters, [...] and † give you peace.

C: ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

*“Alleluia, Song of Sweetness”
(tune of CW 26)*

By an ancient custom in the church a “farewell to Alleluia” is sung at the close of the liturgy on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Traditionally Christians do not sing “Alleluia” then until Easter morning; this symbolizes our voluntary restraint of praise during the season of Lent.

A few notes about the words of the hymn: In verse 2, our “mother,” as in Galatians 4, is Jerusalem above— all the believers in Jesus already before his throne. Psalm 137, however, describes believers in exile in Babylon, mourning for home beside one of Babylon’s rivers.

“Alleluia, Song of Sweetness” or Alleluia, Dulce Carmen — an 11th century hymn which we will sing to the tune of Hymn 26— was translated by John Mason Neale. We also remember Neale for translating such hymns as “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” and “All Glory, Laud and Honor.”

Neale fell asleep in Christ in 1866 on Transfiguration Sunday.

- 1. “Alleluia,” song of sweetness,
Voice of joy that cannot die—
“Alleluia” is the anthem
Ever dear to choirs on high.
“Praise the Lord, our King Almighty” —
Like loud thunder thus they cry.**

2. **“Alleluia” rings your echo,
True Jerusalem and free.
“Alleluia,” with our mother,
Singing, We all wish to be.
But by Babylon’s sad waters
Mourning exiles now are we.**

3. **“Alleluia” cannot always
Be our song while here below;
“Alleluia” our transgressions
Make us for a while forego,
For the solemn time is coming
When our Savior’s blood will flow.**

4. **Therefore in our hymns we pray you,
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep your Easter
In the home we long to see—
There to you forever singing
“Alleluia” joyfully.**

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*Join us for treats and fellowship in the gym following the service.
Sunday school and adult Bible class will follow at about 10:30 am.*

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1. Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain,
2. What do you want us to see there
> 3. What do you want us to hear there
4. Take us to that oth - er moun - tain
5. We who have be - held your glo - ry,



Where, with Pe - ter, James and John,
That your close com - pan - ions saw?
> That your dear dis - ci - ples heard?
Where we see you glo - ri - fied,
Ris - en and as - cen - ded Lord,



We are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
> Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
Where you shout - ed, "It is fin - ished!"
Can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



Light as blin - ding as the sun.
Fills us with the self - same awe.
> Says of the in - car - nate Word:
Where for all the world you died.
All that we have seen and heard,



There pre - pare us for the night ____
Clothed in flesh like ours you go, ____
> "Lis - ten, lis - ten, ev - 'ry one: ____
Hear the stunned cen - tur - i - on: ____
Say with Pe - ter, James and John: ____



By the vis - ion of ____ that sight.
Matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
> This is my be - lov - - ed Son!"
"Tru - ly this was God's ____ own Son!"
"You are God's be - lov - - ed Son!"

Our Weekly Catechism Review Page

God commands, "You shall not steal." God sees our hearts. He sees all. Achan (see *Joshua 7*) steals a fine robe, silver and gold from the ruins of Jericho. He hides it below ground. He knows that all of Jericho's booty belongs to God, for Jericho is the first city in Canaan which Israel conquers. (God always demands our first and best. *All* things are his.)

When caught, Achan and his family are stoned to death and burned.



TRINITY NEWS

YEAR END OFFERING STATEMENTS are in your mailboxes along with a summary of the last voters' meeting.

GAMES & GOSPEL: The next event will be an MSU men's hockey game on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 7:00 p.m.

CEA CARNIVAL: Pies & Baked Goods needed! It's never too early to start thinking about what kind of pie or baked goods you will donate for our annual carnival. The carnival will be held on Sunday, March 4th. We need your pies and baked goods! Please drop off these items the day of the carnival in the church kitchen, starting at 7:30 am. Any questions? Contact Julie Schmudlach at 630.202.5637.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: The Ladies Guild will be serving hamburger soup next Wednesday, February 14th. Come treat your sweetheart! We are looking for one more group or a couple of families to serve on March 14th. Would you be able to help out?

THE MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE WIND SYMPHONY will present *Foundation: A Sacred Concert for Wind Band* on Sunday, February 11th at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of the Christ. Works on the program include Suite from All Night Vigil (Vespers) by Sergei Rachmaninoff; Alleluia! Laudamus Te, by Alfred Reed; and Between the Two Rivers, a theme and variations of Luther's great Reformation hymn, "A Mighty Fortress." The concert will feature the regional premier of Foundation, and new work by David Gillingham, based on the hymn tune "The Church's One Foundation." Please join us for these and other works as we celebrate God's glorious gift of music. "It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High!" (Psalm 92:1).

WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY is June 26-29, 2018 in Bowling Green, Ohio. Registration is \$345 if you register by April 30th. After that it is \$370. For more information see the flier on the narthex bulletin board or the pamphlets on the table.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS: When should you start taking your Social Security benefits? Determining when to take your Social Security retirement benefits is one of the most important financial decisions you'll make. Join Thrivent representatives on February 27, at noon, 5:00 p.m. or 6:30p.m. at the Sleepy Eye Event Center for a complimentary lunch or heavy hors d'oeuvres and an in-depth (and free) presentation about Social Security benefits. (No products will be sold at this event.) Contact Susan at susan.plocher@thrivent.com or 507-354-4413 to RSVP.

TRINITY NEWS

MINNESOTA OWLS (ORGANIZATION OF WELS LUTHERAN SENIORS) will hold their annual spring rally at Martin Luther College on Monday, April 16. Registration and fellowship will be held in the Chapel of the Christ from 9:00 to 10:20. To register (\$10.00 fee includes lunch in the cafeteria) contact Dale Markgraf at demarkgraf@gmail.com

CAMP SHETEK BIBLE CAMP: Parents and guardians may now register young people for Camp Shetek 2018. Please visit the *new* website at www.campshetek.org and check out the various tabs there for details. Cost for this one-week camp located at Lake Shetek State Park (about 1 hour and 40 minutes west of Nicollet) is the same as last year: \$215. After April 8 the cost will go up \$ 25 per person. Camp begins around 5 pm on Sunday, June 17 and runs until 11 am on Saturday, June 23.

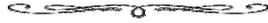
CAMP CROIX BIBLE CAMP: Bible Camp, about 3.5 hours away near Danbury, WI, is a great opportunity for youth entering 4th-9th grade to enjoy a week filled with camp activities while growing their faith in their Lord surrounded by friends and Christian role models. Many of their campers come back year after year and make friendships that last long after the week of camp is over. Many campers, when they become old enough, move on to be counselors for other campers. There are 4 session dates: Session 1 July 8-14, 2018; Session 2 July 15-21, 2018; Session 3 July 22-28, 2018; Session 4 July 29-August 4, 2018. Sessions are \$250/camper if you register by April 1. Go to campcroix.org for more information.

SW MN AREA LUTHERAN CHORALE: The choir rehearses at St. John's Lutheran, Redwood Falls, on Sundays from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Their Easter concerts are April 8 in Arlington and April 15 in Willmar. All singers are welcome. You don't need to belong to a choir. Contact Gary or Geri Steffen or Lois Luhman for information or carpool.

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE in Mankato welcomes applications for a Computer Science faculty member for their new Computer Science major. This faculty member will play a critical role in further defining the study of computing at Bethany as well as growing the program for their students. A complete position description and application instructions can be found at <https://www.blc.edu/employment>.

This Week's Calendar

- Sunday:** Worship — 9:00 am
Bible Class & Sunday School — 10:30 am
- Monday:** Faculty meeting—3:05 pm
Bible Study (*The Hiding Place*) — 7:00 pm
Dart ball – Nicollet at Cubs—7:00 pm
- Tuesday:** Trinity BB @ Immanuel, Courtland 3:30 pm
Stewardship—7:00 pm
- Wednesday:** Catechism class — 4:30 p.m.
Choir — 6:15 pm
Ash Wednesday service—7:00 pm
- Friday:** No School
- Saturday:** Worship — 5:30 pm



Our Response to God's Grace

Saturday attendance : 37

Sunday attendance: 146

Operating (General Fund)	\$ 4796.10
Missions	\$ 528.00
MVL	\$ 245.00
Capital Fund	\$ 610.00
Debt Retirement	\$ 550.00
Electronic funds	\$ 1105.00
<i>Forward in Christ Magazine</i>	\$ 20.00

Bulletin: Glenn & Donna Wiens in memory of Harriet & Ray Boerger

Organist: Annie Gumm

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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