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became as white as the light...”*



*...and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud,
saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well
pleased. Hear Him!"*”

Matthew 17: 2, 5

Luther Memorial Church and School

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9:00am Sunday School & Bible Class / 10:00am Worship Service

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March 6, 2011

Transfiguration/Education Sunday

Today's paraments are white, symbolizing the holiness and glory of God as revealed in the transfigured Savior.

Welcome to all! Today's Focus:

“Jesus is the God of glory!”

Pre-service meditation: Transfiguration Sunday is the last Sunday after Epiphany, and forms a nice bridge between the themes in the Epiphany Season and those of the upcoming Lenten Season. Immediately prior to this glorious event, Jesus had been talking with the disciples about His rapidly approaching Passion. He knew that soon He would begin His fateful last journey to Jerusalem. The disciples had difficulty dealing with this, sharing the common Jewish expectation of a Messiah who would demonstrate earthly pomp and power. A suffering Messiah was alien to their thinking. The Transfiguration served the purpose of giving them a glimpse of Jesus' true identity, something for them to remember on the dark days that lay ahead of them as their Master would be arrested, tried, sentenced, and executed. Jesus teaches... in order to prepare!

Today's Hymns:

341:1,4,5 ~ Children's Hymns ~ (755 ~ 311) ~ 15

Bells – Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: #341: 1, 4, 5 [Red hymnal]

THE INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PASTOR: We begin our worship service in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION: Lead us, Lord God, by Your Holy Word and reveal to us the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior! Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION OF OUR SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we sin daily and need His forgiveness.

PASTOR: Beloved in the Lord! Just as the star led the wise men to the Savior, the Scriptures lead us to the revelation of the Messiah, God's Anointed sacrificial Lamb. During this season God directs our attention to the Epiphany of the God-man Jesus Christ, and to a heart that confesses our sins to God, our Heavenly Father. As He has sent His Son to die for us, we come today asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us all our sins. Our help is in the name of the LORD... the LORD our Righteousness!

CONGREGATION SINGS: [Red hymnal #23]

**Lord, when you look on us in love,
At once there falls from God above –
A ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood,
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy, Warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!
For You teach us,
God's own love through You has reached us.**

PASTOR: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, during this season of Christ's Epiphany, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and we have sinned against You by our thoughts, words, and deeds. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and asking Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ:

CONGREGATION: Dearest Jesus, in every word and deed You have shown Yourself, to be the true Light that has come into this world. You desire to light the way to life eternal for all people. We were without God, strangers outside of Your Kingdom; sinners, who deserve only Your wrath and eternal punishment. Your Law has shown us our sin. We come to You alone with sorrowful hearts and confess all our sins and iniquities.

But You oh Lord, have declared us Your people – fellow citizens and saints of God's household. You have caused Your glory to shine upon us. You have opened our eyes to the forgiveness found in Christ alone. You have removed the blindness from our hearts. For this we praise you again today with thankful voices, and each new day sing of Your grace and goodness as long as we have our breath. Let us remain blessed citizens of Your kingdom of joy and honor in heaven, as heirs of Your eternal glory. As Your life and death has given us this eternal glory, let our lives give Your name glory forever and ever!

Amen.

PASTOR: Upon this confession of your sins, by the promise and authority of Christ our Savior, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Exodus 24:12,15-18

CONGREGATION SINGS: Glory be to You, O Lord!

The Old Testament lesson shows the majesty and glory of God as revealed in the giving of the Ten Commandments to Israel through Moses. Take note of how quickly this awesome sight was replaced with the sight of Israel's false god... the golden calf. May the Lord bless and prevent us from such backsliding as well.

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."
15 Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. 16 Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. 18 So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 2:6-12

CONGREGATION SINGS: [Red hymnal, pg.20] **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.

C: **I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.**

P: Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance,

C: **And the ends of the earth for Your possession.**

P: You shall break them with a rod of iron;

C: **You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'**

P: Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth.

C: **Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

P: Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little.

C: **Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Matthew 17:1-9

CONGREGATION SINGS: Praise be to You, O Christ!

In the New Testament Lesson, we have Matthew's account of Jesus' Transfiguration. How would you or I have reacted? Our response to God's glory is an evident theme of our love for Him in our lives.

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. 4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" 6 And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. 7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." 8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. 9 Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH – The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed was written to defend the Bible's teaching that the MAN Jesus Christ is not only true man, but also TRUE God.

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

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the 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 on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

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 worshipped 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.

Children's Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.' ~Matthew 19:14

SERMON

And Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"
~Luke 11:28

Luther Memorial: "A light in a dark place."

2 Peter 1:16-19, 20-21 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

1. ***Cunningly devised fables are out there...***

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2. ***But the prophetic word has been confirmed for us to follow!***

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THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION SINGS [Red hymnal, pg. 22]:

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Children's Hymn: "A Student Prayer"

We thank the Adult Chimers for playing during the offering...

OUR OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."

SPECIAL PRAYERS - EPIPHANY GENERAL PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF SACRAMENT:

Individual PRE/POST Communion Prayer: pg. 118 [Red Hymnal]

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION OF OUR SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we sin daily and need His forgiveness.

PASTOR: Having heard the Word of God, the congregation may kneel or stand and make confession of your sins.

(Kneelers are available under the pews on the right side of church)

ALL: Almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

PASTOR: Upon this confession of your sins, I announce the grace and peace of God to you, and by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Arise in the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the Lord be with you!

CONGREGATION: (spoken) And also with you!

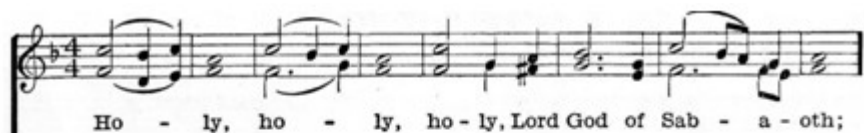
PASTOR: Let us lift up our hearts!

CONGREGATION: (spoken) We lift them up to the Lord!

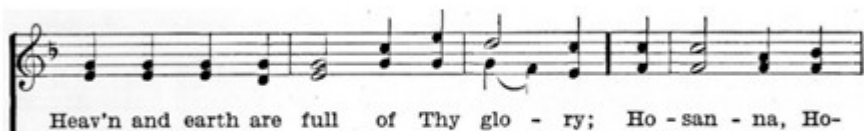
PASTOR: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Who brought the gift of salvation to all people by His death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome.

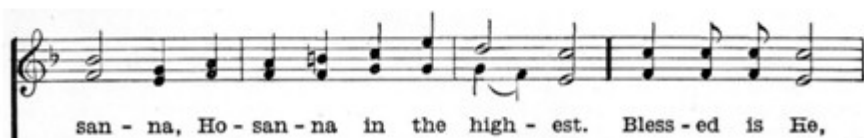
Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing...



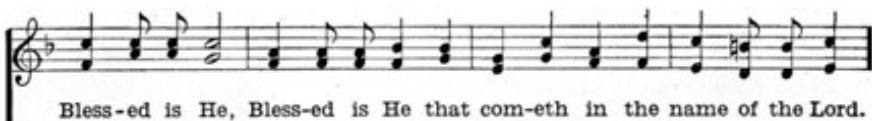
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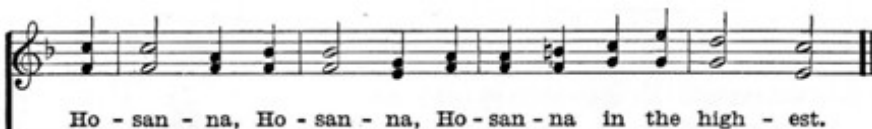
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho -



san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time

PASTOR: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

May this peace of the Lord be with you always! Amen.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. . . A - - - - - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #755 [Supplement] & #311 [Hymnal]

Our practice of Communion

We believe that God desires unity of faith and confession among all who commune together. All communicant members of Luther Memorial and of our sister congregations in the CLC (Church of the Lutheran Confession) are welcome at the Lord's Table. If there are visitors present who wish to commune with us in the future, you are invited to speak with the pastor about this at your convenience.

Communing

Members who have difficulty at the kneeling rail may sit in the front pew on either side. The pastor will bring communion to you there. Communicants are ushered to the communion table. If you desire the bread or cup in your hand, simply extend your hand to the pastor as he approaches you with the bread or wine.

THANKSGIVING

CONGREGATION SINGS: [*Red hymnal, #315:15*]

**My heart has now become Your dwelling, O blessed holy Trinity,
With angels I, Your praises telling, shall live in joy eternally.
Lord may Your body and Your blood be for my soul the highest good!**

THE BENEDICTION

*The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).
(Responsively sung to the tune of TLH #473)*

- P:** The good Lord bless and keep you, Lift up His smiling face,
With favor look upon you, and grant eternal peace.
- C:** **To Father, Son, and Spirit, Most gracious One-in-Three,
The Church sings ALLELUIA! Now and eternally!**

CLOSING HYMN: #15 [Red Hymnal]

~ Silent Prayer ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all! Guests, please sign our guest book in entryway and we hope you will come and join us again! Visitors and members: feel free to speak with the Pastor after the service, or call: (920) 922-7421
"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today: Immediately following service – Adult Choir! (For Lent)
-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE! (Take a walk through... Enjoy!)
-3pm Ski Trip outing to Sunburst (meet at church)
-Green Bay Service: (*for our members at a distance*)
5pm Bible Class, 6pm Communion service
Address: Peace Lutheran Church
1954 County Road U
Green Bay, WI 54313
Pastor Paul Krause Officiating

MON: -5:30pm Chimes Choir

-6:30pm Discussion Group

TUES: -6:30pm Council meeting at church

WED: **10am /7pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion**

FRI: No School (Begin Spring break) – Annual Grade school Basketball Tourney in Eau Claire, WI

TV CHURCH: ~ Today's Service replayed on Cable TV Channel 21
Tuesday at noon, Wednesday at 4:00 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: This Wednesday marks the first of 6 Midweek Lenten services leading up to the final week before the death and resurrection of our Savior. Midweek services will be held at

both 10am and 7pm. If you are interested in seeing a preview of the upcoming services, help yourself to a copy in the hallway. We look forward to seeing you throughout this Lenten season! Also, because we are transitioning in the church season to Lent, there will be a few differences coming up in the Lenten liturgy focusing in on this timeline.

Midweek Lenten Service ~ CLC Pulpit Rotation Schedule

	ASH WED MARCH 9TH	2 ND WED MARCH 16	3 RD WED MARCH 23	4 TH WED MARCH 30	5 TH WED APRIL 6	6 TH WED APRIL 13
Batavia, IL	Knief	Eichstadt	Berenthal	Krause	Radichel	Knief
Fond du Lac	Radichel	Knief	Eichstadt	Berenthal	Krause	Radichel
Markesan	Krause	Radichel	Knief	Eichstadt	Berenthal	Krause
Middleton	Berenthal	Krause	Radichel	Knief	Eichstadt	Berenthal
Milwaukee	Eichstadt	Berenthal	Krause	Radichel	Knief	Eichstadt

YOUNG ADULTS: Dear friends, as we look forward to the relief Spring brings to us from the cold and snow, let's also look forward to getting together again for some Christian Fellowship and fun! Your brothers and sisters at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac are hosting our next get-together. We have chosen **Saturday, April 2nd** for our event.

Knowing that weather is anything but predictable that time of year, we are planning for both good and unpleasant conditions. As a result, please keep watching your bulletins and our Facebook page (TLC of the CLC) for details to be added soon. We wanted to get the word out now so you can mark your calendars. Looking forward to seeing everyone again and to meeting new friends!

CALL NEWS The Rev. Philip Matzke has returned the call to Ascension Lutheran, Batavia IL.

LOST AND FOUND: Please speak to pastor if you lost a ring last week.

THIS SUNDAY Usher Team 2 = Seibel, Boelk, Jacobs, Meilke, Gescheidle

Organist: Fillmore (Communion)

NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 3 = Krause, Dins, Herzberg, Johannes, Seibel

Organist: Eserhut

FOR THE LORD – LAST SUNDAY FROM THANKFUL HEARTS

Attendance: Bible Class - 26

Church - 132