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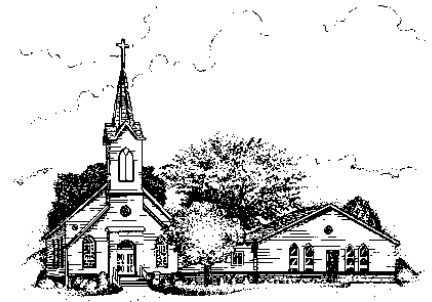
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Welcome to God's House

Throughout his ministry Jesus said astounding things and did astounding things.

Yet, he looked like a normal man. Isaiah said, "He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him." This would all change one day atop a high mountain. There, Jesus gave his disciples—gave his Church—a glimpse of the glory he set aside to be our Savior. And the voice of the Father thundered from the



heavens, just as it did at Jesus' baptism, announcing Jesus' true identity to the world—the glorious Son of God.

And so the Transfiguration of our Lord serves as a one-week bridge between the season of Epiphany, where Jesus is revealed as the true Son of God, and the season of Lent, where we witness what the Son of God came to do.

On the Mount of Glory, Peter declared, "It is good for us to be here." Yes it is. For here we see the God of Majestic Glory, who became a man to suffer and die for us, just as Moses and the Prophets had foretold. How deep our glorious God's love is for us!

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Beautiful Savior #522

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration now and forevermore be thine!

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession of Sins

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ 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.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

♪ To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth,
for God has shown his favor in Jesus' holy birth!
Almighty God and Father, our humble thanks we bring;
we worship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

O Lamb of God exalted, you take all sin away;
extend to us your mercy and hear us as we pray.
With God the Holy Spirit, at God the Father's throne,
you reign, O Christ, forever, for you are Lord alone!

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 24:9-18

⁹ Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰ and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹ But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank. ¹² The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴ He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.” ¹⁵ When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶ and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷ To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the

mountain. ¹⁸ Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Great Are the Works of the LORD - Psalm 2D

Refrain



Great are the works of the LORD. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
lu - ia! Great are the works of the LORD.

Tone



Why do the nations / conspire
and the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together a- / gainst the Lord
and against his A- / noointed. **Refrain**

The One enthroned in / heaven laughs;
the Lord / scoffs at them.

He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, / saying,
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy / mountain.” **Refrain**

I will proclaim the / Lord’s decree:

He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your / Father."
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. **Refrain**

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:7

Alleluia. A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud:
"This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

17 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James,

and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴ Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” ⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

How Good, Lord, To Be Here #389

How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here your beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past, and hope of things to be,
we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.

Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come;
we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.

But you, Lord, do not stay. With mercy resolute
you leave this glorious hill to die— our perfect substitute.

How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Sermon

2 Peter 1:16-21

Please stand

The 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 resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Eternal God and Father, we pray for the Church around the world. Always keep your people faithful to you. Lift the veil from our eyes and guide us to see Christ in the Word and sacraments. During all the distractions of life, help us set our sights on Jesus. Keep us safe and protect us from the tricks and treachery of the devil. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray that you move us to have compassion on those stumbling in the

darkness and empower us to proclaim Christ to all who have no faith. Give us courage to be unashamed of the light you have given us and to carry it willingly with joy wherever we go and whatever we do. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Hear our prayers for Christians everywhere who are being persecuted because of the light they bear. Give them the strength to endure the hardships they are undergoing and give them the peace and hope of Christ as they battle on. [We pray especially for...] Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray that Christ reveals his gracious presence to all who suffer. We pray especially for our families and those in our circle of friends who are sick or in need and for everyone whose needs we hold in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Be with us, Lord, as we think about the coming days of Lent. Let your law convince us that we indeed deserve your punishment and would be lost forever without Christ. As our hearts fill with sorrow and regret, lift us up to see the Savior's sacrifice on the cross and give us hearts full of faith in him. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Lord God, hear the prayers we offer and let your grace and mercy flow to us and all for whom we pray. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Light of the world.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Hymn

Down from the Mount of Glory #388

Down from the mount of glory came Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Recall the wondrous story, rich gem in sacred Word.
Again your faith will view him in double glory here;
the greater homage due him will in your life appear.

Transfigured, Christ, the lowly, stood radiant in the light,
light found in Godhead solely, for human eyes too bright.
Then came a voice from heaven, confirmed what here we see;
the words “my Son” were given to seal his deity.

Yet mark this glory hidden! See him the mount descend
and, by the Father bidden, his willing footsteps bend
to seek humiliation in deepest depths of woe,
to suffer degradation no mind can probe or know.

Strange how his journey ended! In love that is his fame
our Lord again ascended a mount—the hill of shame.
Upon the cross he proffered himself to agony;
his holy soul he offered to set the guilty free.

Then hail the double glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
and let the wondrous story full peace and joy afford!
The holy mount acclaims him the majesty divine;
Mount Calvary proclaims him Redeemer—yours and mine.

Closing Prayer

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Farewell to Alleluia #977

Alleluia, song of triumph, sound of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
saints adorned in robes of glory join the great angelic cry.

Alleluia we are singing, voicing hymns in pure accord,
with Christ's holy Church united, justified, redeemed, restored,
and with all his faithful people raise our songs to praise the Lord.

Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
alleluia our transgressions make us for a while forgo.
For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.

May our hymns be filled with longing— hear us, Holy Trinity—
as we look to your blest Easter, here, and then eternally,
when we shall once more be singing alleluia joyfully!

This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study
	2:00 p.m.	<i>My Fair Lady</i> at KML (final performance – purchase tickets at the door)
Tue:		Don't forget to vote - Election Primary
	6:30 p.m.	Ladies' Aid Meeting
Wed:	2:30 p.m.	KM Gardens Devotion, Kewaskum
	6:00 p.m.	Chili supper
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion
Thu:	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sat:	9:00 a.m.	Catechism Instructions
Sun:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study
	2 & 3 p.m.	<i>Stand In the Gap</i> Premier at Grace, Waupun

Transferred to the Church Triumphant The Lord called Sharon Janssen home this past Wednesday evening at a hospital in Phoenix. As Jesus told his friend Mary after the death of her brother: “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die...” May that word of Jesus be the comfort for all who mourn Sharon’s death. Funeral arrangements are pending.

In Our Prayers Shirley Schlice (Bonnie Herman’s mom), recovering from hip replacement surgery this past week; Sandy Eichsteadt, at Hope Rehab in Lomira; Jay German, awaiting a bone marrow transplant match.

Ash Wednesday This Wednesday marks the beginning of our 40 – day journey to Good Friday and Jesus’ cross. This year we’ll take a look at Jesus’ “Final Steps” to different places during his last days before he died. Please join us for a chili supper at 6 p.m., but even if your schedule doesn’t allow you to make it for supper, join us for the worship service beginning at 7:00 p.m., and then each

Wednesday following, also at 7:00 p.m.

Chili Supper The Ladies Aid is again going to be providing a chili supper on Ash Wednesday. **Please sign up on the bulletin board** if you are able to bring a dessert.

Easter Sunday Memorial Lilies This is a little farther out on the calendar, but if you would like to sponsor an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, please take a half-sheet from the cabinets, fill it out and follow the directions. They will be delivered during Holy Week and you can take them home after the Easter festival service at 9:00 a.m.

Camp Phillip VBS We hope to have a summer VBS Day Camp again this year, working with a team from Camp Phillip in Wautoma. To make it happen however, we need a good group of volunteers from Zion. We're looking for several coordinators to work as a team to organize the week. If you can help in this way, please contact Pastor Bode as soon as possible. Thank you!

Fellowship Hall Setup We're looking for a few people to help set up some tables and chairs after church today for our Wednesday night chili supper. Thanks in advance.

We thank our organists this weekend: Anne Drewa on Thursday night and Barb Olsen on Sunday.

Good Reads There are still some copies of the *Forward in Christ* for February on the cabinets in the entryway. You'll also find church calendars, newsletters and the new edition of *Meditations* which starts next Sunday. Take anything that interests you

WELS Connection In the February video we'll learn more about Martin Luther College's new strategic plan, "Pursuing excellence under the cross," an important effort to recruit and serve students so the Lord may send more laborers into his harvest plan.

Movie Premiere The members of Grace Lutheran Church in Waupun, WI would like to invite the members of our congregation to a Premiere of the Salty Earth movie, *Stand in the Gap*. It's the latest in a line of Christian feature length

movies by Salty Earth Pictures. As the name suggests, Salty Earth Pictures exists to create and distribute award-winning, Christ-centered motion pictures and media around the world. The premier will be Sunday, February 26th at Grace Lutheran, Waupun (113 N. County Park Road, Waupun, WI 53963. Reception begins at 2 p.m. with the movie presentation at 3 p.m. Steve Zambo, president of Salty Earth Pictures will be there with a presentation along with others involved in the production. If you're thinking about attending, please contact Charlotte at 920-539-0876 or char_schears@hotmail.com.

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