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## CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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### **The Last Sunday after the Epiphany – The Transfiguration of our Lord**

February 18, 2023

#### **The Season**

The word epiphany means “appearance.” In the Season of Epiphany, we watch Jesus begin his public ministry. Jesus makes his first appearances. In those appearances, it quickly becomes clear that this is more than a random carpenter’s son. As Jesus appears, we see exactly who he is and what he came to do.

#### **The Sunday**

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, St. Peter declared, “It is good for us to be here.” Indeed! 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. Oh, how much this glorious God loves us!

#### **Prayer before Worship**

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

I thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you. Amen

#### **Serving in Worship**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning    Organist: Laura Schulz

Ushers: Mike Beyer (6 pm)

# Pray at the Close of Day

Remain seated



The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et



night and peace at the last.



**A - men.**



It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



**to sing praise to your name, O Most High,**



to her - ald your love in the morn - ing,



**your truth at the close of day.**

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# Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

CW 390



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain where, with Pe - ter,  
2 What do you want us to see there that your close com -  
3 What do you want us to hear there that your dear dis -  
4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you  
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,  
pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there  
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en  
glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed, "It is fin - ished!"  
cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us  
fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like  
says of the in - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,  
where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -  
all that we have seen and heard, say with Pe - ter,



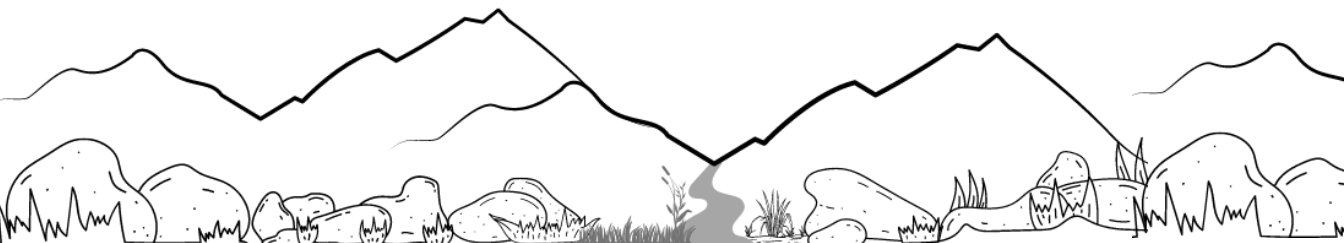
for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.  
ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.  
ev - 'ry - one; this is my be - lov - ed Son!"  
tu - ri - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"  
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

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## Confession

CW 226

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**the maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for personal reflection*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**we have sinned against you**

**in our thoughts,**

**in our words,**

**in our deeds,**

**and in all that we have not done.**

**Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Deliver and restore us,**

**that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,  
and in him we are forgiven.

Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun,  
when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**Amen.**



# Psalm of the Day

Psalm 2A

Sung responsively with the minister

## Refrain



You are my Son; this day have I be - got - ten you.

## Tone



Why do the / nations rage?

**Why do the peoples / plot in vain?**

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers assemble a- / gainst the LORD  
**and against his A- / noointed One. Refrain**

He who sits in / heaven laughs;

**the Lord / scoffs at them.**

Then he addresses them in his anger and frightens them with his fury, / saying,

**“I have set my King on Zion, my / holy hill.” Refrain**

I will declare the / LORD’s decree:

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- / gotten you.”

**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**

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*Silence for reflection*

## Prayer

Lord, keep us safe in the refuge of your anointed Son, so that when the nations rage against him, we are not terrified. You have begotten him from eternity and have seated him on your throne in heaven. Let us see him as he truly is, the One who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Reading

*Exodus 24:9–18*

<sup>9</sup>Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup>and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. <sup>11</sup>But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>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.”

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>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.”

<sup>15</sup>When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>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.**

## Reading

*2 Peter 1:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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.” <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup>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.**

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of eight lines of music. The lyrics are: "In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. You have re - deemed me, O Lord God of truth. In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the + Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes. There are two triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) over the notes for "re - deemed me" and "Glo - ry to the Fa - ther". The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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## Children's Sermon

*Children may come  
forward to the front pew*

## Sermon

*Matthew 17:1–9  
It is good for us to see Jesus*

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup>Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

<sup>4</sup>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.”

<sup>5</sup>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!”

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

<sup>9</sup>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.”



## Down from the Mount of Glory

CW 388



- 1 Down from the mount of glo - ry came Je - sus Christ, our Lord.
- 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, stood ra - dian - t in the light,
- 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the mount de - scend
- 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that is his fame
- 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry of Je - sus Christ, our Lord,



Re - call the won - drous sto - ry, rich gem in sa - cred Word.  
 light found in God - head sole - ly, for hu - man eyes too bright.  
 and, by the Fa - ther bid - den, his will - ing foot - steps bend  
 our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed a mount—the hill of shame.  
 and let the won - drous sto - ry full peace and joy af - ford!



A - gain your faith will view him in dou - ble glo - ry here;  
 Then came a voice from heav - en, con - firmed what here we see;  
 to seek hu - mil - i - a - tion in deep - est depths of woe,  
 Up - on the cross he prof - fered him - self to ag - o - ny;  
 The ho - ly mount ac - claims him the maj - es - ty di - vine;



the great - er hom - age due him will in your life ap - pear.  
 the words "my Son" were giv - en to seal his de - i - ty.  
 to suf - fer deg - ra - da - tion no mind can probe or know.  
 his ho - ly soul he of - fered to set the guilt - y free.  
 Mount Cal - va - ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

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## Forward Presentation

### Prayer

CW 228



Hear my prayer, O Lord;



lis - ten to my cry.



Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;



hide me in the shad - ow of your wings.



In right - eous - ness I shall see you;



when I a - wake, your pres - ence will give me joy.

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Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this / night,\* so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal / changelessness;



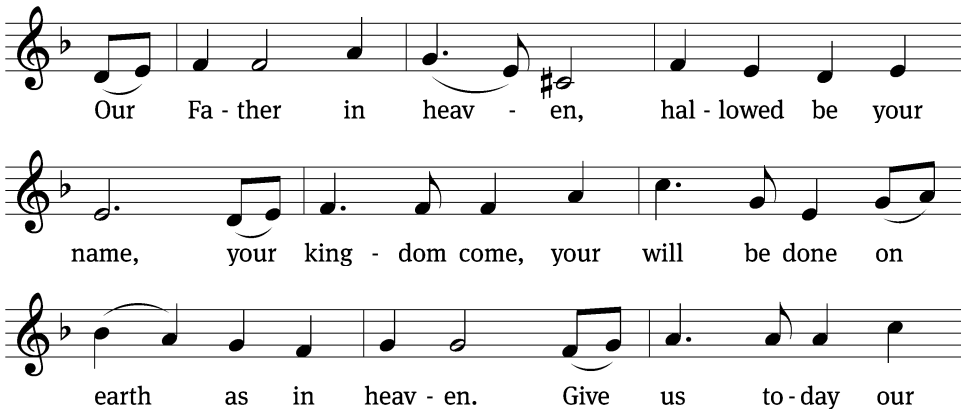
O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will / prosper.\* To your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure de-/fender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illuminate this night with your celestial / brightness,\* that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy / name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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## Lord's Prayer

CW 230



dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as  
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -  
liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the  
pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours  
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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# Song of Simeon

CW 231



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,



and guard us sleep - ing



that a - wake we may watch with Christ



and a - sleep we may rest in peace.



In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant



now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my



eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which



you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a



light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the

glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,

and guard us sleep - ing

that a - wake we may watch with Christ

and a - sleep we may rest in peace,

in peace, in peace.

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Let us praise the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

**Amen.**

# How Good, Lord, to Be Here

CW 389



- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here your beau - ty to be - hold,  
3 Ful - fil - ler of the past, and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.

- 5 But you, Lord, do not stay.  
With mercy resolute  
you leave this glorious hill to die—  
our perfect substitute.
- 6 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.

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## Announcements

**Forward Capital Campaign:** Today we begin gathering the commitment cards for the Forward church building capital campaign. You may place them in the box on the table behind the pews. Extra cards and envelopes are on the table as well. If you are not ready to return a commitment today, we will continue to receive commitments over the coming weeks. The Lord bless you as you return to him offerings from what he has given you.

**New altar guild and usher schedules** are available in the church entry. The schedule runs through Labor Day weekend.

**Offering Envelope Update from The Church-Budget Envelope and Mailing Company**  
Some of you may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past couple months. Due to supply chain and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has created a slow draw on production and shipping. Recently, both of those issues have been resolved. However the “catchup” would jeopardize long term delivery.

In order to get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, we are forced to suspend the production of the remaining supply of your February envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March. Quarterly supply will restart in April. Never in our company's history have we had to skip scheduled mailings and we are doing all we can to make sure this never happens again. We deeply apologize for this necessary course of action and the inconveniences this has caused you and your church family.

Extra bulk envelopes are available in the church entry.

**Wisconsin Parental Choice Program** The enrollment window is now open! Apply for the WPCP between February 1st and April 20th. To apply for a voucher, go to [dpi.wi.gov/choice](https://dpi.wi.gov/choice), verify your income, preferably with the Department of Revenue method to receive instant verification, and submit proof of residency. We hope this program can be a blessing to our St. Lucas families and allow us to share the light of God's Word even more.

If you have questions please contact Kevin Scheunemann, school choice administrator, at (262) 339-5425 or [kewaskumdq@gmail.com](mailto:kewaskumdq@gmail.com) or Mr. Hesse.

**2022 Offering Statements** are on a table in the back of church, on the left side as you leave.

**The women of St. Lucas Lutheran invite you to join us for our 18th annual Women's Retreat**, titled *Working for the Lord*. Saturday, March 11, 2023 with registration and refreshments at 8:30 AM and the retreat concluding at about 2:45. A non-refundable registration fee of \$25.00 includes lunch and presentations. This is a one-day retreat filled with speakers, worship, and fellowship. Speakers for this retreat will include: Ryan Halter, Pastor Joe Radsek, and Juli Hesse. Please call Lynn Garvey at 262-626-4749 with questions. Registrations are due by February 17. Registration is available at <https://Stlucasretreat.eventbrite.com>. Brochures are available in the narthex.

**New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers in Milwaukee, WI** (the daughter ministry of Christian Life Resources in Richfield, WI) has an immediate opening for a Resident Supervisor.

This is a relief staff position for an individual or couple looking to live and work closely with the residents at New Beginnings. For questions, interest, or more information, contact Madison Schulz, Interim Executive Director, by phone (414-376-0595) or by email ([madisons@homeformothers.com](mailto:madisons@homeformothers.com)).

**St. Paul Little Learners Preschool and Childcare in Slinger** is accepting applications for part-time or full-time teachers in our childcare as well as summer positions. no nights or weekends! Must be over 18 with a background in education or be willing to take at least one class. Contact Lisa Meissner: 262-644-8295 ext. 1 [littlelearners@stpaulslinger.org](mailto:littlelearners@stpaulslinger.org)

**Our Savior Lutheran** in Grafton is looking for a part-time position to provide childcare. Before School from 6:30am - 7:50am (Time fluctuates based on need). Wrap Around Care from 11:30am - 3:15pm. After School Care from 3:15pm - 5:30pm. Starting pay is \$15-17/hour. If you are interested in covering partially or fully, please contact Principal Nathan Schultz at 262-377-7780 or 262-338-4593 or email resume/message to [nschultz@oursaviorgrafton.org](mailto:nschultz@oursaviorgrafton.org).

### **Midweek Lenten Series: His final Steps**

February 22 (Ash Wednesday) *Lord, Have Mercy on Me*

March 1 *His Final Steps Led to Some Greeks* — Pastor Bode, Zion Kohlsville

March 8 *His Final Steps Led to His Enemies* — Pastor Woldt, David's Star, Jackson

March 15 *His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration* — Pastor Henning

March 22 *His Final Steps Led to His Father's House* — *Pastor Loescher, David's Star Jackson*

March 29 *His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree* — *Pastor Rohrback — Redeemer Cedarburg*

Services will be held each Wednesday at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm

A soup supper will be served in the school gymnasium between the services.

## **Celebrating God's blessings this week**

### **Birthdays**

Brooklyn Kral – 20<sup>th</sup>

Colton Sabish – 21<sup>st</sup>

Jacob Busalacchi – 21<sup>st</sup>

Jesse Backhaus – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Jackson Symicek – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Katherine Hennig – 25<sup>th</sup>

## Calendar

*Readings for February 18 – February 26*

Saturday:	<i>Job 13:13-28; John 6:22-40</i> Worship 6:00 pm	Usher: Beyer
Sunday:	<i>Job 14:1-22; John 6:41-59</i> Worship 8 or 10:30 am Sunday School and Bible Hour 9:15 am	Ushers: Schacht 8 am Strack 10:30 am
Monday:	<i>Job 15:1-23; John 6:60-71</i>	
Tuesday:	<i>Job 16:1-22; John 7:1-13</i> Bible Study 6:30 pm	
Wednesday:	<i>Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 1:1-13</i> Worship w/communion 3:30pm or 6:30 pm Soup supper between services Public School Catechism class 3:30-5:00 pm	
Thursday:	<i>Genesis 1:20-2:3; Mark 1:14-23</i> Bible Study 10:00 am	
Friday:	<i>Genesis 2:4-25; Mark 1:29-45</i> School Chapel Service 7:45 am	
Saturday:	<i>Genesis 3:1-24; Mark 2:1-17</i> Worship 6:00 pm w/Communion	Usher: Butzke
Sunday:	<i>Genesis 4:1-26; Mark 2:18-28</i> Worship 8 or 10:30 am w/Communion Sunday School and Bible Hour 9:15 am	Ushers: Kempf 8am Koch 10:30am

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always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping.*

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