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Transfiguration of Our Lord

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The Last Sunday of Epiphany. Throughout the weeks of Epiphany, we welcome the gracious light of God in the diverse cultures of the world. From the mountain of transfiguring light, Christ goes forth to Jerusalem and leads us to the Passover from death to life. Here we find meaning of Jesus' birth and baptism: Christ was born to die, so that in our death, we might be born to eternal life.

Welcome/Announcements

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Gathering Music

Arise in body or spirit.

Greeting

- P** The light of God given, experienced and shared be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

- A** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
- C** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

- P** Those who dwell in the land of deep darkness – on them light shined.
- C** **We have seen Christ's light, the light from God is Jesus.**

- A** Jesus said, "I am the light of the world...."
- C** **Those who follow me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."**

Gathering Song

We Are Marching in the Light

ELW 866

Prayer of the Day

- A** Let us pray..... Living God, in Christ you make all things new.
- C** **Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

☒ A reading from **Exodus**.

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

The psalm is spoken. The leader will read the light text. The assembly will read the bold.

Psalm 99

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

**²The LORD, great in Zion,
is high above all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.

**⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;
God is the Holy One.

**⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your
name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸O LORD our God, you answered them indeed.

You were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

☒ A reading from **Second Corinthians**.

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Arise in body or spirit. All speak the Gospel Acclamation in unison.

Gospel Acclamation Spoken

Alleluia!

Alleluia. Alleluia. This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him! Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28-36

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

☐ The Holy Gospel, according to **Luke**.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Message

Silence for reflection

Song of Day

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW 815

10:45 only See Baptismal Celebration Insert

Prayers of Intercession

We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **Radiant God**. The assembly responds in prayer.
Let your light shine upon us.

- Ⓐ The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence

- Ⓐ Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. Empower our church leaders to speak this truth especially, *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne, our synod companion Trinity Lutheran Church, Manton, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Middleville, Minister of Music Cindy, and Pastor Ken*. Radiant God,

☑ **Let your light shine upon us.**

- Ⓐ The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. Radiant God,

☑ **Let your light shine upon us.**

- Ⓐ You love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. Be with those who serve in the military, especially *Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Brady and Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas) and Julia Ehredt (Schrieners, Halsteads)*. Radiant God,

☑ **Let your light shine upon us.**

- Ⓐ Heal those who are in distress especially *Doris Allerding, Amber Andrews, Vickey Argo, Gerrie & Veronica Baarson, Ron Bush, Cherie Clements, Ann Cusack, Bob & Bonnie Ehredt, Mike Fruth, Greg Franks, Michael Gibbons, Lorie Gladyness, Karl Golnek, Lisa Golnek, Hannah Gutenmorgen, Larry Hansen, Judy Heil, Jill & Yancy Hobert, Mike Hoppe, Mindi Longcor, Bill Melcher, Ron Neil, Gloria & Ron O'Beirne, Darlene Olson, Ken Plourde, Jane Secor, Mike Shoemaker, The family of Troy Sika, George Ulrich Jr., Cheri Wilke, Deborah Wilke, Eve Wright, Lynnze*. Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. Radiant God,

☑ **Let your light shine upon us.**

- Ⓐ Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: pastors, deacons, musicians, and all who contribute to our worship life. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism, especially **Lydia Erin and Aliya Elain Champaco**.

*(You may share your prayers at this time)
Here other intercessions may be offered.*

- Ⓐ Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him. Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, so that we do not lose heart. Radiant God,
☞ **Let your light shine upon us.**
- Ⓟ Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
☞ **Amen.**

Arise in body or spirit. The pastor and the assembly greet each other giving a sign of Christ's peace.

Sharing the Peace

- Ⓟ The peace of Christ be with you always.
☞ **And also with you.**
(We share the peace of the newborn Lord with one another.)

After a sign of Christ's peace is given the prayer is prayed, as the assembly continues to stand.

Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray....Good and loving God, we rejoice in the coming of Jesus, who moved among the poor to bring the riches of your grace.
☞ **As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

℟ The Lord be with you.

☩ **And also with you.**

℟ Lift up your hearts.

☩ **We lift them to the Lord.**

℟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

℟ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

☩ **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

℟ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray how Jesus first taught:

☩ **Our Father in heaven, holy 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

℟ Holy food for Holy people.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

We partake of the Body and Blood of Christ

Please be seated. You are invited to come forward to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. At this time, we only offer the pouring chalice and prefilled grape juice cups. There is a gluten-free option for the bread. Please let the pastor know.

Please remain seated.

Prayer after Communion

- A** Let us pray . . . Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
- G** **Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Mission Minutes

After the Mission Minutes are shared, we arise in body or spirit, as the pastor shares the blessing.

Blessing

- P** Live your lives in the Light of Christ, sharing God's rich love and grace. The blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.
- G** **Amen.**

Sending Song

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671

Dismissal

- A** Go in peace. Be light for the world.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

Glimpses of Glory

Sometimes transformation happens before our very eyes without us even noticing it.

God's glory was on full display for the disciples that day on the mountaintop, and as people of faith, we profess that God's transforming power is still at work among us today. But if we are waiting for a dazzling mountaintop moment, we just might miss God's glorious work happening in and around us in real time. These are the pivotal moments that change our perspective, invite us to embark on a new adventure in discipleship, and expand our capacity for love of God and neighbor. These are the moments when Christ is revealed to us. With generations before us, we too are invited to enter the mysteries of faith.

Perhaps Christ is revealed in the chaos of a children's choir, in kneading bread that will nourish bodies, in the careful stitches of quilters that will bring warmth to a cold night. Perhaps you have glimpsed God's glory in the casseroles lovingly prepared for funerals, in a baby shower for teenage parents, in a meal shared among unlikely table mates. Maybe you have been surprised to find Jesus' love in the eyes of a stranger. Maybe you have experienced God's transformative power in the hard work of justice, in the learning and unlearning and courageous reimagining of new ways of being so that all of God's creation might flourish. Perhaps today you will meet God in the proclamation, in bread broken and wine poured, in water splashed gently onto a forehead.

God is here. Christ is among us. The Spirit leads us in every time and place. Where do you see God's glory on display in your life and community?

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Congregational Care Committee is meeting on Monday, March 7th here at Grace Lutheran Church at 3:00pm.

Mask wearing. Following State of Michigan guidance there is no requirement for mask wearing, but you are welcome to continue to wear a face mask.

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 13th, 2022.



The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering has been cancelled. The *Youth and Family Committee* is seeking to do an outing with the youth this summer.

Stewardship Information

Attendance: 38	Views: 98
Weekly Giving: \$3,184.50	Budget Amount: \$4,163.28
Grace Projects: \$100.00	Youth Gathering: \$10.00
Miscellaneous: \$400.00	

Today we celebrate the baptism of Lydia Erin Champaco and Aliya Elain Champaco. Lydia and Aliya are the daughters of Lance and Kayla Champaco, and granddaughters of Rob and Lisa Pohl. Lydia's sponsors are Alexandra Borbonus, Amanda Borbonus and Tyler Henry. Aliya's sponsors are Kathryn Pohl and Joseph Champaco. We welcome all the family and friends of the Champaco and Pohl families.

Want some soup on a cold winter's day? You are still invited to stay for the soup supper, even if you did not sign up for the meal.

Grace is pleased to announce Brenda Hess as our new Parish Administrator. Please welcome Brenda. Hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The season of Lent begins this Wednesday. You can pick up your Lenten devotional today entitled *The Road Back to God*. We thank the Community Outreach Committee for providing this renewing, enlivening source as we draw near to Christ's cross.

Let your light so shine before others. Thank you for bringing in your votive candle holders. After today's worship, you can take it home.

Please sign up for the NEWSIES musical by NEXT Sunday. Details and additional information can be found on the board in the Gathering Area.

Social Activities Committee is organizing Wednesday Night Dinners to be served from 6-6:40 before the 7pm Lenten services. If you are willing to make a pot of soup or casserole or another fun dinner, please sign up on the bulletin board. Contact Kim Domke 296-908-0024 if you have questions.

Adult Forum concludes its study of Joseph in the Gathering Area today at 9:30 am. Hope to see you there!

Welcome to worship today! We hope you find what Lydia Erin Champaco and Aliya Elain Champaco find today through the gift of baptism, a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are pleased that you are here among us to worship the God of new life.

New member classes will begin next Sunday at 9:30 am. This class will replace the Adult Forum during Lent. Come and learn about the Lutheran Church for the first time or refresh your knowledge of what our church believes.

ASH WEDNESDAY is this Wednesday. A Scheck Family favorite, *Frito Pie*, is being served at our 6:00 pm dinner. Please signup today, so we have enough for those who arrive. **Worship with imposition of ashes and communion is at 7 pm.**

Processional Cross. If you are interested in bearing the cross, please contact any Worship Committee member. Worship Committee members are Kim Domke, Karen Halstead, Linda Melcher, Cindy Olson, Laura Scheck, Traci Wales, Kate Watson, Kristi Winick, and Pastor Ken

Easter Bulb Flowers are available for \$10.00 each. Look for order forms in the Gathering Area if you need one. Please place on Brenda's desk in the office with payment. Orders due April 8th.

Pasty Sale: Orders due by Thursday, March 17th St. Patrick's Day. Unbaked are \$7.00 and Baked are \$8.00 each.

Flouring mixing: to be announced
Meat Cutting: to be announced
Pasty Making: Saturday 3/26 @ 7:00 am

8:00 am
Assisting Minister – Randy Teegardin
Lector – Jamie Heise
Cantor – Cindy Olson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck

10:45 am
Assisting Minister – Anna Scheck
Lector – Carol Vos
Cantor – Cindy Olson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck
Cross bearer/Acolyte – Mark Anton
Fellowship – The Pohl Family