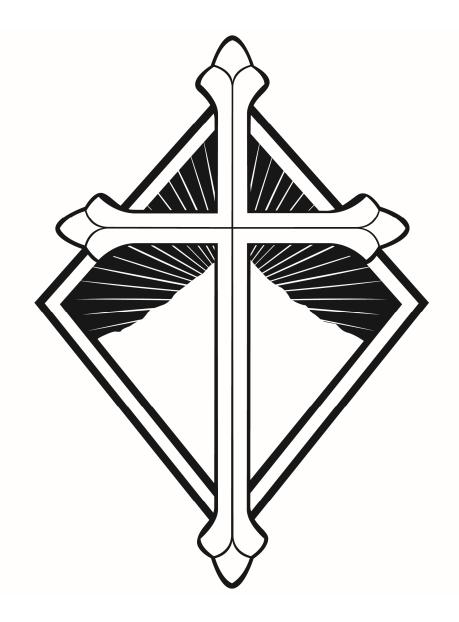
The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday 24 January Anno Domini 2021



God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God.

—John 1:17

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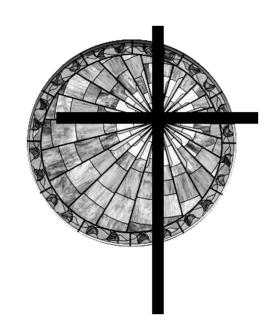
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Welcome to Epiphany Lutheran Church!

Here is where Jesus answers His promise to be with us always, by coming to us in His living and active Word and the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood.

Welcome, visitors! We are glad to have you with us this morning as the Lord comes to us to give His gifts of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The resources of Epiphany are at your disposal. If you need assistance, the ushers are glad to help. Please make sure to introduce yourself to our Pastor and congregation, and join us after the service for fellowship and Bible Study!

Parents of Small Children: We are very happy that you are here today, honoring Our Lord's Words: "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk. 18:16). If you feel you must step out with a fussy child, please hurry back! Like Jesus, we want your children in the Divine Service, not out.

The Sacrament of the Altar is offered at Epiphany every Lord's Day and every Wednesday evening. The normal communicant is a confirmed member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). Under no circumstances should an un-baptized person commune. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, or have not communed at Epiphany before, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before the service begins.



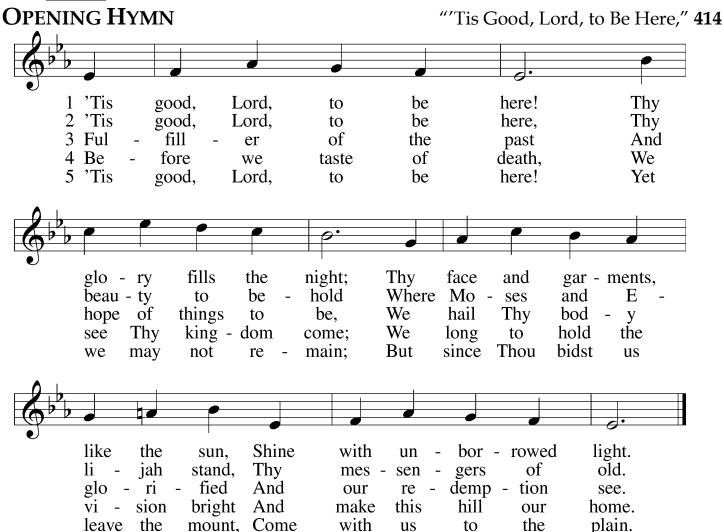
If you need help hearing the service, the sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop, a special type of sound system that connects directly to hearing aids. Simply set your hearing aid to "T" (telecoil) to connect.

THE THEME OF TODAY'S LITURGY

In the glorious transfiguration of His Son, God confirms the mysteries of the faith (*Collect*). The deepest of those mysteries is that Our Lord lets humans see His glory, and allows us to partake of that divine glory (*Gospel, Epistle, Old Testament*). The glory of the Lord is made known in His Church (*Introit*). There are His wealth and riches which He pours into us just as the Father spoke His grace and blessing over Him (*Gradual*). In the Sacrament, we receive this glory for our saving good (*Post-Communion Collect*).

THE PREPARATION





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Tune: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), adapt.

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INVOCATION; CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **©** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

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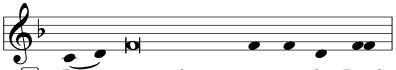
Psalm 84:1-2a, 4, 10-11; antiphon: Psalm 77:18b



- Your lightnings lighted | up the world; * the earth trem- | bled and shook.
- P How lovely is Your dwelling place, O | Lord of Hosts! * My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the Lord.
- Blessèd are those who dwell | in Your house, * ever sing- | ing Your praise!
- For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere. *

 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.
- For the Lord God is a Sun and Shield; the Lord bestows favor and | honor. * No good thing does He withhold from those who walk up- |rightly.

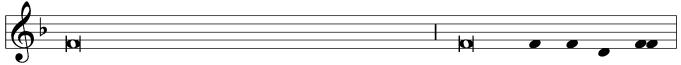




A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



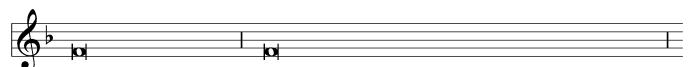
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



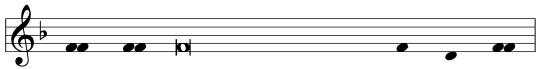




A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



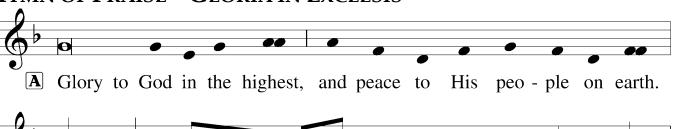


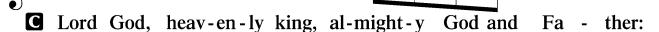


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



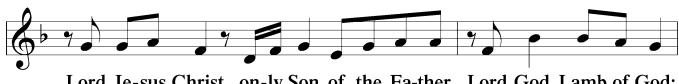
HYMN OF PRAISE - GLORIA IN EXCELSIS







We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One,

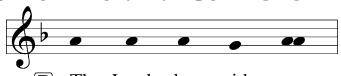
You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



The Lord P be with you.



And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

> O God, who in the glorious transfiguration of Your only-begotten Son has confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the fathers, and who, in the voice that

came from the bright cloud, in a wonderful manner foreshowed the adoption of sons, mercifully grant to make us coheirs with the King of His glory and bring us to the enjoyment of the same; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please BE SEATED.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 34:29-35

In those days, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Psalm 45:2a, 110:1



- You are the most handsome of the | sons of men; * grace is poured up- | on Your lips.
- The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My | right hand, " until I make Your enemies Your | footstool."

EPISTLE READING 2 Peter 1:16-21

Brethren: We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Please **STAND**.



HOLY GOSPEL St. Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

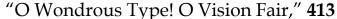


At that time, after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If You wish, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."









Text: Sarum Breviary, Salisbury, 1495; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-86), alt.

Tune: English, 15th cent.

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SERMON

Please **STAND**.

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His 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 at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And 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 worshiped 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.

Please **STAND**.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

after each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
Or
C hear our prayer.

Or
C Lord, have mercy.

the prayers conclude:

P ...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please **BE SEATED**.

VOLUNTARY

During the voluntary, the Celebrant prepares the Altar for the Supper. You are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind for Holy Communion. Psalms 34, 42, 84, and 116 are especially suitable.

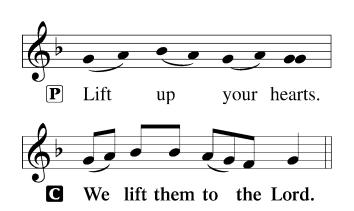
Your offering may be deposited in the plate located near the Baptismal Font when you go to the Altar for Holy Communion.

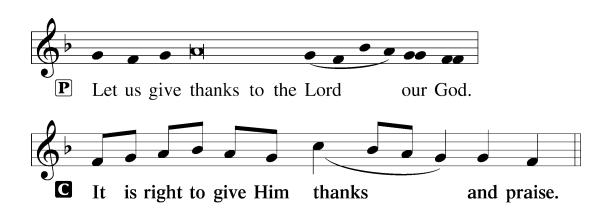
THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE



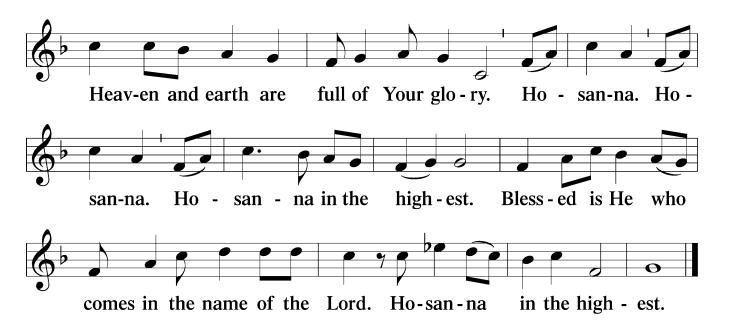




P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:







PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

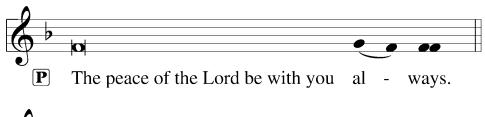
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

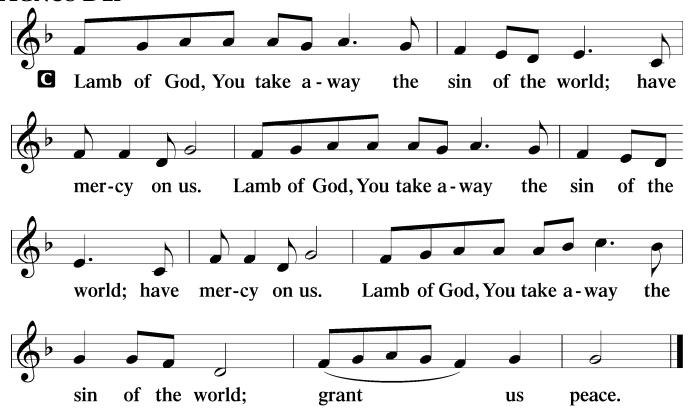
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."











DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"O God of God, O Light of Light," 810



- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and 2 For deep in proph-ets' sa cred page, And grand in po ets'
- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in
- 4 Then raise to Christ a might y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo-ry bright The song of wing-ed word, Slow-ly in type, from age to age The na-tions hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a-bove He reigns, our mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



To Him who praise for - ev - er rings. sits up - on the throne, saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night King once crowned with thorn. Lift your heads, O might - y up gates! an - them swell! All earth, your hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry song, "Good - will the to men!" Sung once by first - born Rang out be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your sang that host For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -



He has All thanks praise! won, and A - men, a - men. now, "Good - will!" of light, It ech - oes A - men. sons lift a - waits. We them A - men, King up. a - men. throned to glo - ry, reign, All pow'r! A - men, a - men.

Text: John Julian (1839-1913), alt.

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Tune: Johann Schop (c. 1590-1667)

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Please **STAND**.

NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION

PThe LORD bless you and keep you.





Text: Latin, c. 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66), alt.

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Announcements

TODAY IN ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Today will be the second part of our study on how Scripture was written and preserved through the years. Today we will also examine English translations and discuss the art of translation and how to pick the best one for reading and study.

HIGHER THINGS VIDEO WATCH PARTY

You are invited to join the youth group as they watch new videos from Higher Things. They will be watching after Sunday School and Bible Study today.

WMLHS DRAMA PRODUCTION RESCHEDULED

West Michigan Lutheran High School's fall play, *All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, will now be on **March 26 and 27**. The production is a storytelling piece

based on Robert Fullghum's first five best-selling books. These entertaining stories deliver a heartfelt perspective on everyday life, and the profound echoes that reverberate through it. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, tickets need to be reserved in advance, as seating at the door will be restricted. Watch for updates. Be sure to save the dates Friday, March 26 at 7 PM and Saturday, March 27 at 3 PM.

WMLHS FUNDRAISER AUCTION

The West Michigan Lutheran auction is coming virtually to a web browser near you! Mark for calendars for this Miedema-auctioneered event that starts **February 22**. All proceeds go toward the tuition assistance program.

The WML auction committee is searching for donations from our community—craft items, food, your services. Perhaps your employer might make a donation? Please email Kristine Angers (kangers@wmlhs.org) or Leah Guis (lraeguis3@gmail.com) if you have something to donate for the auction. *Thank you for supporting YOUR Lutheran school!*

STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK	Attendance	Communicants	Offerings
Sunday (1/17)	41	33	\$1440.00

Serving Today

Celebrant and Preacher	Rev. Ryan Beffrey
Organist	Diane Scott
Floor Elder	Craig Baier
Serving Elder	Paul Cook
Acolyte	
Counters	Sandra Hoffbeck & Kim Harmsen
Altar Guild	Teresa Fulk & Jen Moushegian
Flowers	

Serving Next Sunday

Floor Elder	
Serving Elder	
Acolyte	
Counters	Philip Maass & Pam Ihle
Altar Guild	
Flowers	

In Our Prayers

Those with cancer

Keri Jastifer, Ted Mattingly, Darrell Dombrowski, Bill Miller, Todd Henderson, Bobby Vollman, Cameron Scott, Pam Peterman, Charlene Moore, Raquel Steffes, Keith Lundgren, Doug Gibson.

Those with health issues, difficulties, and challenges

Ken Zyk, Carol Powell, Norma Biggs, Shanda Brennan, Hannah Kelsey, Nathan Martin, Kitty Young, Alvina Hoffbeck, Doris Uramkin, Karen Garlock, Jeri Barthel, Pam Ashley, Jill White, Lynn Hyatt, Connie Kaniewski, Janet Lundgren.

Those who are pregnant

Jordan & Julie Velie

Our church work students

Zachariah and Claire Burgdorf, Timothy and Hanna Kern, Timothy and Chelsie Schmeisser.

Those serving in our Armed Forces

Hector and Natasha Brojas, Jordan Velie, Jacob Almaguer, Joshua Cipolla, Trent Beffrey, Lucas Golm, David Mills.

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week

Alexandra Killips (1/25) Rosemary Schmidt (1/25)

Those celebrating Baptism birthdays this week

Sami Kaznowski (1/24), Titus Baier (1/25).