

**Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 11, 2018
8:30 A.M.**



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Temple Talk

Sharon Meier

Stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C Amen

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Loving God,

C we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways.

Forgive us for the times

we have spoken or acted too quickly;

we have not spoken or acted at all;

we have hurt those closest to us;

we have hurt those we have yet to know;

we have thought more about ourselves than others;

we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.

Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,

So that we can live again as your children.

Amen

P Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen

Gathering Hymn

'Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies'

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Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Please be seated

Opening Sentences

A Mighty God, stay with us always,

C as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith.

A By your powerful Spirit,

C turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence.

A Your glory shines in the face of Christ.

C Shine in our hearts and lives.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts.

Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a

chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

II Corinthians 4:3-6

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia'

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'How Good, Lord, to Be Here!'

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Reception of New Member

Dana Iverson

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Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A let us pray.

C **Have mercy, O God.**

P Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Peace

The people greet one another saying: 'Peace be with you'.

Please be seated

Offering

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Offertory

'As with Gladness Men of Old' vs 3 **302**

Offering Prayer

A Merciful God,

C receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving pp. 152-153

Lord's Prayer p. 154

Please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion

Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand. Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. If you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.

Hymns at the Distribution

'Lamb of God'	p. 154
'Beautiful Savior'	838
'Shine, Jesus, Shine'	671

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

- A O Morning Star, fair and bright,
C **you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen**

Benediction

- P The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
C **Amen**

Closing Hymn 'Alleluia, Song of Gladness' **318**

Dismissal

- A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

Worship Assistants: February 11

Greeters: Mason – Millie, Joe & Lindsey Wilharms
East – Mandie Klauer

Assisting Minister: Lois Hilger

Lector: Lois Hilger

Communion 8:30: Ron Bailey

Communion 10:30: Luann Seidl

Ushers: Larry Baumbach, Mike Keeney, Phillip
Keeney, Joe Wilharms

Organist: Diane Bailey

Epiphany Temple Talk:

Sharon Meier shares many and various ways our congregation participates in a Care Ministry that bears the light of Christ to others. From prayer and encouragement to rides and meals, this vital ministry makes a difference in the lives of people.

Attendance 01/28: 8:30 am-35 & 10:30 am-13

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch:02/01 123

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Welcome to Grace

Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today.

There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area.

*If you are looking for a church home,
you are welcome here.*

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Rose Zinck and Marian Breitenfeldt.

For Healing Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Valerie Sieg; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms; Mike VerKuilen; Ruby Niemuth; Raylene Houterman; Tim Conn

For those with cancer especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Roger Schmidt; Marian Breitenfeldt; Enid Andrews.

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” Romans 12:12



If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.

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Announcements

It has not snowed a lot so far this year! We still need to be ready when it comes. Please consider signing up to keep the sidewalks clear. Thank you!

Apartments for Rent: 1 & 2 BR apartments available immediately at Linwood Place. Call Becky (734-7225), John (419-5754), Brian (840-3578) to arrange a tour. Plan for the future also! Get on our waiting list if you're thinking of a move in the future.

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes: Needs people to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors and on the Mission & Ministry Committee. Call Becky (734-7725) for information

Adult Forum is **TODAY** at 9:40 am. We will be looking at "Living the Toughest Teachings of Jesus."

Check it out!!!!

Grace Web Site www.gracelutheranappleton.org for new pictures of our Sunday School Students in action. We also have a new feature – Daily Devotions. Every day a new devotion is on our website. Check them out!

The Lenten Season starts with **Ash Wednesday** on Feb 14th. We will have a midweek Lenten Service starting at 6:30 pm. Thank you to Pastor Brian Bankert from Trinity who will be leading the services.

Please don't forget to **sign the cards** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

A request from Sandy Yerxa: This is a benefit for my second cousin Linda Friday's 3 grandsons of whom she now has custody since her daughter was murdered last fall. If you have the day free, I invite you to attend. I have made several things that will be "raffled" off and if you would like to donate items or money or baked goods, I would be glad to deliver it or get it to Linda or the benefit organizers. Thanks!!

Cori Friday Cummings Memorial Benefit

Adresse	N4715 State Rd 22 And 110
City	Manawa
At	Bear Lake Campground & Resort
County	Waupaca (WI4081)
Date	02/24/2018
Hours	2:00 - 8:00

Cooks and Bakers needed for this Wednesday!

Once again Grace is volunteering to provide five crockpots of soup and trays of dessert for FVLH for the soup lunch after their worship service. Please contact Sharon Meier at 739-4291 if you can provide one of these items. The food is needed by 11:15 this Wednesday at FVLH. Thank you.

Don't forget to direct **Choice Dollars thru Thrivent** for grant funding. If you have Choice Dollars available, you have until March 31, 2018 to direct your dollars. Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" or go online to Thrivent.com/thrivent choice to learn more.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Feb 11..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, Feb 12..... 6:30 p.m. Joy Circle
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 13..... 8:30 a.m. Quilting
6 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus
6:30 p.m. Seeds Mtg

Wednesday, Feb 14..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Lenten Service at FVLH
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, Feb 15.....10:00 a.m. Grilled Cheese Lunch
****News Deadline****

Friday, Feb 16..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
8 am – 11 pm Craft Weekend - Lyons

Saturday, Feb 17..... 9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
8 am – 11 pm Craft Weekend - Lyons

Sunday, Feb 18..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Worship