



**ST. LUKES EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH (WELS), Pickwick, MN**  
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## *Welcome to our Guests*

Thanks for joining us! We are gathered here to be strengthened in the faith through the Word of Jesus, the Son of God, who has come to forgive and save us. If there is anything we can do to better serve you, please let us know.

**Note:** We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper today. As Scripture teaches, our church body believes that communion is an expression of common faith and fellowship between everyone at the communion rail. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of the WELS and ELS come forward for communion today. If you would like to know more about communing with us and becoming a member of the WELS, please speak with Pastor Neumann before or after the service.

# Transfiguration

*Theme: As Jesus Prepares to Humble Himself in Death He Reveals His Godly Glory!*

**Opening Hymn #95 How Good, Lord, to Be Here, v. 1-5**

*(please stand)*

***Service of Word & Sacrament*** *(for music cf. p. 26 of our Red Hymnal)*

## Invocation

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## Confession of Sins

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## Absolution

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayer and Praise

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C (sung 🎵): Lord have mercy.**

**M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C (🎵): Christ, have mercy.**

**M:** For the well-being of your holy church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:(🎵) Lord, have mercy**

**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

**C:(🎵) Amen.**

**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious: his name is worthy of praise.

**C:(♩) O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; You are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**M:** Let us pray. / O 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.

**C (♩): Amen.** (please be seated)

### **THE WORD**

#### **Old Testament Lesson – Exodus 24:12, 15-18**

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.” When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, 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. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. (NIV)



#### **Psalm of the Day: Psalm 148 *Forever Let us sing***

– found on [page 121](#) at the front of our red hymnal, Christian Worship

#### **Epistle Lesson – 2 Peter 1:16-21**

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. 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.” We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

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. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. 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. (NIV)

*(please stand)*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

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

**C (♩):** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **Gospel Lesson – Matthew 17:1-9 (verses 1-5 are sermon text)**

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

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

**M:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C (♩):** Praise be to you, O Christ! *(please be seated)*

**Small Group Song:** *Christ Begins (#385 from the new WELS hymnal Christian Worship 21)*

**Hymn of the day** - #97 *Down from the Mount of Glory, v. 1-5*

### **SERMON on Matthew 17:1-5**

*Who do you seek to please?*

*(please stand)*

### **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.**

*(please be seated)*

### **Offering**

*Visitors:* We are very glad you are worshiping with us today. Please don't feel obligated to give an offering. **ALL:** **Please greet and introduce yourself to those around you.**

*(please stand as the offering is brought forward)*

### **Prayer of the Church**

by pastor

### **The Lord's Prayer**

***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.***

**(VIDEO Service Ends with a closing blessing for our on-line worshippers)**

### **The Sacrament**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C (♪):** And also with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C (♪):** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C (♪):** It is right to give him thanks and praise.



**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. / *In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.* / Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever

**Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)**

**C (♩): Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory!  
You are my God & I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation  
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, *“Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, *“Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink of it, in remembrance of me.”*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C (♩): Amen.**

**Agnus Dei (O Christ, Lamb of God)**

**C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace – Amen**

*(please be seated)*

**Distribution Hymn #311 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness, v. 1-8**

*(please stand)*

**Thank the Lord**

**C (♩): Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell everyone what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He renews his promises and  
leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Closing Prayer**

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C (♩): Amen.**

**Closing Blessings**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in Harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. 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.

**C (♩): Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**Closing Hymn #369 Beautiful Savior, v. 1-4**

**Today's Door Offering:** Luther High Association

**Welcome to Jacob Wasserman from *Friends Network*** – Jacob will be giving a presentation, during our normal Bible study time today upstairs in the church proper. Come and learn about the great mission work being done abroad through this WELS group.

**Memorials Received:** We appreciate recent memorials given in memory of Lorna Betsinger, and Mabel Albrecht. These will go to continue to support our gospel ministry here which they were such big supporters of. *'Blessed are those who die in the Lord!'* (Rev 14:13)

## **This Week at St. Luke's**

**Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins.** (*Our service is on Thursday.*)

**Thursday:** Men's Bible Study at Perkins, 7 AM;  
Soup & Chili Supper at 5:30 PM;  
Ash Thursday Service with Communion at 6:30 PM.

**[Note:** *Thursday PM Lenten services will be different than the Sunday worship services until Easter; our local pastors are pulpit rotating for these special services. Refreshments and fellowship will follow each Thursday worship service starting NEXT week since we have supper before this Thursday's service. Plan to join us each Thursday as we spend an extra hour "watching and praying" with Jesus as he told his own disciples in Gethsemane to do!]*

**Attention Ladies – Next Sunday:** Your fellow WELS ladies of St. John's in Lewiston are inviting you to attend a Lenten Reflections Luncheon at 12:30 PM. Look for sign-up sheet in the entryway (back counter); register by February 15<sup>th</sup> (TODAY). Questions – Contact Beckah Ellinghuysen. Anyone interested could carpool after Bible study that morning.

**Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary:** Are there any this week? Please let us know about your special day for future reference.

**February Church Cleaning:** Mary Stampka by 2/15; Amy Woodard by 2/22.

**February Ushers:** Bud Krause, Andy Harvey, & Jeremy Church.

**February Bulletin Sponsors:** Mark & Holli Wieser in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

**Directions to our Church Directory APP** – The APP is called *Universal Church Directory* and can be downloaded where a person gets their apps. St. Luke's unique identifier is **b6rrlCYkOO** – Rebecca Church is the point of contact for help or questions about the app.

**Sign-up sheets in the Entryway to:** a) volunteer to *Greet & Help* people at the door, b) for an “*Every Member Visit*” with our new pastor and his wife, Niki, and c) for Ash Thursday’s (Feb 19<sup>th</sup>) Soup & Chili Supper.

**In our Entryway, please help yourself to:**

Keurig Coffee  
Meditations (devotion book), “Forward in Christ” & MLC’s “In Focus” Magazines, & Church Calendars for the month.

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Service Times: Thursdays: 6:30 PM      Sundays: 9AM w/Bible Study at 10:15 AM  
*Communion is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of the month.*

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**St. Lukes of Pickwick accepts the Bible as the inspired inerrant Word of God. We believe that God created the entire universe in six natural days out of nothing by his almighty Word. We believe that humankind fell into sin and is totally corrupt, dead in trespasses and sin, and doomed to hell. We believe that God out of love for us humans sent his own Son who became human, lived a perfect life in our place, and suffered eternal death for us. We believe that God the Holy Spirit uses this Gospel message in Word and Sacraments to create faith in us and thus make Jesus’ saving work ours. St. Lukes Evangelical Lutheran Church is a gathering of Christians that exists to teach and preach the Word of God in all its truth here among us and to all the people of the world, and to worship God and serve our neighbor in love as Jesus calls us to. We’d love to have you join us!**