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Transfiguration of Our Lord
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Our Old Testament lesson from Exodus 34 gives some important background for our the Transfiguration of our Lord. After the people of Israel broke their covenant with God by worshiping a golden calf, God sent Moses down Mount Sinai with two new tablets of commandments to replace the first two that Moses had destroyed. Moses destroyed the tablets of stone when he had seen the idolatry of the people of Israel. Now, with new tablets, with God declaring his mercy and compassion, Moses comes down from the mountain. But this time his face is shining with the glory of God. This is terrifying to the people. As Moses brings the law, the glory of God reflecting from his face is a pronouncement of death to those who are guilty.

But now, with Christ, the glory of the Lord does more than merely reflect off of his face. He shines through, revealing him to be the very Son of God in the flesh. He is God of God, light of light. And now, with his face shining, his disciples are terrified to hear the voice of God. Moses was not able to make atonement for the people. He could only give directions for outward washings and outward sacrifices of animals. Moses was not able to turn God's full wrath away. He could only cover his face when the glory of God reflected off of it. But Jesus, who gave himself as a perfect sacrifice to cleanse our hearts from sin, does more than just cover up God's glory. Certainly, he hides it under the form of a servant. But this is only so that he might bring about the fullness of God's glory by saving sinners through his death and resurrection. As Moses came down from Mount Sinai to deliver the law, so Jesus ascended to Mount Calvary to fulfill the law for every sinner. Having taken away our sin and guilt, he has granted to us to see him face to face in his glory and not be put to shame.

DEAR VISITORS: As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices **closed communion**, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

The Order of Holy Communion

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Hymn of Invocation ☞ *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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Stand for final stanza

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

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Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.

Service of the Word



Introit

The lightnings lit | up the world;*

the earth trem- | bled and shook. (*Psalm 77:18*)

How lovely is Your tabernacle, O | LORD of hosts!*

My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts | of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell | in Your house;*

they will still be | praising You.

Behold, O | God our shield,*

and look upon the face of You're A- | nointed

For the LORD God is a | sun and shield;*

the LORD will give grace and | glory. (*Psalm 84:1-2, 4, 10-11*)

Gloria Patri ☞ *Glory be to the Father*

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Kyrie ☞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Gloria in Excelsis ☞ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Salutation & Collect of the Day

Sit

Old Testament Reading ☞ *Ex. 34:29-35*

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. The tablets with the Word of Testimony were in Moses' hands as he came down the mountain. Moses didn't know the *skin of his face was shining* because God had talked with him.

³⁰ But Aaron and all the other Israelites looked at Moses and saw the skin of *Moses' face shining* and were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and so Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation came back, and Moses talked to them. ³² Afterwards all the other Israelites came near him, and he ordered them to do everything the LORD had told him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses finished talking to them, *he put a veil over his face.* ³⁴ But *whenever Moses went in before the LORD* to talk with Him, *he took off the veil* till he came out. And whenever he came out and told the Israelites what the LORD had ordered, ³⁵ the Israelites saw that the skin of

Moses' face was shining. Then Moses would put the veil back on till he went in to talk again with Him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Gradual

You are fairer than the | sons of men;*
grace is poured up- | on Your lips.

The LORD said | to my Lord,*

"Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your | footstool."

(Psalm 45:2, 110:1)

Epistle 2 Pet. 1:16-21

We didn't follow any clever myths when we told you about the power of our Lord Jesus Christ and His coming. No, with our own eyes we saw His majesty. ¹⁷ God the Father gave Him honor and glory when from His wonderful glory He said to Him: "*This is My Son Whom I love and with Whom I am delighted.*" ¹⁸ We heard that voice speak to Him from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have, as something more sure, the prophetic Word. Please look to it as to a light shining in a dark place until the day dawns and the *Morning Star rises* in your hearts. ²⁰ Understand this first, that no prophecy of Scripture came as some private explanation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever spoken because a man decided to prophecy, but men said what God gave them to say as they were directed by the Holy Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand



Alleluia Verse

Alle- | luia.*

Alle- | luia.

Proclaim the good news of His salvation from | day to day.*

Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.
Alle- | luia. (Psalm 96:2-3)

Triple Alleluia

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

After six days Jesus took with Him Peter, James, and John, the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain to be alone with them.

² He was transfigured before them, His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as light. ³ Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared to them and were talking with Him.

⁴ "Lord," Peter said to Jesus, "it's good for us to be here. If You wish, I'll put up three shelters here, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁵ He was still speaking when a bright cloud suddenly overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud: "This is *My Son* Whom I love and *delight in. Listen to Him!*"

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown; they were terrified.

⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," He said, "and don't be afraid."

⁸ They looked up and saw no one but Jesus.

⁹ On their way down the mountain Jesus ordered them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

Sit

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Hymn of the Day *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

Sit

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Gathering of the Offering

Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward

We give Thee but Thine own,

Whate'er the gift may be

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Please complete the
Record of Fellowship in the
folder in your pew.

General Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

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<i>Sit – Guests are asked to please speak with the pastor before communing.</i>	

Hymns during Distribution

☞ <i>Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast Prepared</i>	TLH #315
☞ <i>'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here</i>	ELH #246
<i>(Insert)</i>	
☞ <i>O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee</i>	ELH #309
<i>(Insert)</i>	
<i>Stand after the distribution</i>	

Nunc Dimittis ☞ <i>Song of Simeon</i>	pg. 29
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Sit

Hymn to Depart ☞ <i>Beautiful Savior</i>	TLH #657
Silent Prayer	

Ushers for today: Jon Finck, Andrew Rethemeyer, Oscar Otten

Next week: Matthew Otten, David Otten, Alton Swann

Greeter for today: David Otten

Next Week: Andrew Rethemeyer

Acolyte today: Robert Preus

Next Week: Sam Scheer

Flower and Altar Care: February: Carol Finck, Evelyn Quick & Clare Swann

Organist: Andrew Finck

Prayer and Petitions: Wayne Scheer and Sue Eads, health concerns. Homebound: Virginia Behrens, Ray & LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Brandt Klawitter, mission work in Norway; Pastor James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Ersland, Lutheran Bible Translators. Immanuel Lutheran

School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; Christ the King Lutheran High School.

Birthdays and Annivers: No birthdays/anniversaries listed this week.

(Please email office@trinitynewhaven.com if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed or was incorrectly listed, so the records can be updated with correct information)

VBS Planning Meeting: VBS 2026 (Sponsored by Trinity, Bethlehem and Ebenezer) will be held at Camp Trinity, May 27-29. A meeting will be held at **11:30 a.m. on February 8** at the Shepherd's Hall, Camp Trinity, to begin planning for it. Your input is welcome. If you can't make the meeting, but would like to be involved with VBS 2026 please email Ruth Rethemeyer at camptrinity73@yahoo.com.

Wednesday School/Catechism Class. All children, preschool through confirmation age are welcome and encouraged to attend. Vespers is at 5:00 p.m. Parents, members of Trinity and visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend Vespers. **Please note the sign-up sheet** in back for bringing snacks for the children. Drinks are provided.

NEED A CARD: Graduation, Thank You, Encouragement, New Baby, Baptism & Comfort Cards from *Hymns in My Heart* are available for sale in the narthex, by the Trinity Ladies Aid. The cards are \$2.00 per card. Please deposit money in money slot.

Smalcald Articles

Part II – Office and Work of Jesus

Article I - First and Chief Article

1 That Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins, and was raised again for our justification, Rom. 4:25.

2 And He alone is the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world, John 1:29; and God has laid upon Him the iniquities of us all, Is. 53:6.

3 Likewise: All have sinned and are justified without merit [freely, and without their own works or merits] by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood, Rom. 3:23f

4 Now, since it is necessary to believe this, and it cannot be otherwise acquired or apprehended by any work, law, or merit, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us as St. Paul says, Rom. 3:28: For we conclude that a man is justified by faith, without the deeds of the Law. Likewise 3:26: That He might be just, and the Justifier of him which believeth in Christ.

5 Of this article nothing can be yielded or surrendered [nor can anything be granted or permitted contrary to the same], even though heaven and earth, and whatever will not abide, should sink to ruin. For there is none other name under heaven, given among men whereby we must be saved, says Peter, Acts 4:12. And with His stripes we are healed, Is. 53:5. And upon this article all things depend which we teach and practice in opposition to the Pope, the devil, and the [whole] world. Therefore, we must be sure concerning this doctrine, and not doubt; for otherwise all is lost, and the Pope and devil and all things gain the victory and suit over us. (Source: <https://bookofconcord.org/smalcald-articles/ii/first-and-chief-article/>)