

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church
(Wisconsin Synod)

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VERSICLE: A voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love. With him I am well pleased. Listen to him.” Matthew 17:5

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Lord Jesus, enable me to see beyond the darkness with the eyes of faith. Let me attend your Transfiguration in spirit as I hear the record of your disciples who were there. Let me be reminded that you are the LORD, with glory everlasting. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES: Welcome into the Lord’s house, where we witness his glory and love. As the season of Epiphany closes, we see the humble Servant of God transfigured in glory for our blessing. While he prepares to go to the cross in deepest humility, we catch glimpse of the glory of the “only begotten” Son of God, and hear the Father’s approval.

MEMBERSHIP If you are interested in membership here at Our Savior or would like more information about our church and school, or have questions about what we believe, contact Pastor Wagner at 262-377-6363. He offers a series of classes that give an introduction to the Bible and an explanation of our teachings based on that Word of God. As a spiritual advisor, Pastor Wagner also offers free, confidential counseling and is willing to serve you as best he can.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Our Savior offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for the entire family. Each Sunday adults and children study the Scriptures in our Adult Bible Studies, Teen Bible Study, and Sunday School at 9:15 am. We have a Christian Elementary School that provides an excellent education from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Contact our Principal, Jon Hahm or school secretary, Jill Klug for more information (262-377-7780).

GUESTS Welcome to all who are visiting with us today!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PASTOR WELCOMES US TO WORSHIP

WE OPEN WITH SONG

He Knows My Name

I have a Maker; He formed my heart.
Before even time began, my life was in His hands.
He knows my name; He knows my every thought.

He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call.
I have a Father; He calls me his own.
He'll never leave me, no matter where I go.
He knows my name; He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.

He knows my name; He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.
And hears me when I call.

OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We live in a world of darkness and sin, a world filled with problems and pain, a world that makes us long for that which is good and graceful.

C: We long to see the glory of the LORD.

P: Where can such glory be found in a creation subjected to emptiness and the pursuit of physical pleasure, in a creation which itself craves to be set free from its slavery to corruption and brought into the freedom of the glory of the children of God?

C: Jesus, the Christ, is our LORD of Glory! Attribute to the LORD the honor and glory which is rightfully his!

P: Offer the LORD the glory which his name and love deserve; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness!

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

ALL: Lord, have mercy on us. We confess that we have sinned inwardly and outwardly. In this hour, as we hear your Word, create in us a desire for a fresh start with you. Help us see the shortcomings in our lives and look to you for the answers to our problems. Give us a new vision of what life can be like. Teach us to hope, to love, to give, and to have faith, all through Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, bring us your peace.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

P: Our God has heard the cries of His people and has had mercy on us. He has seen our need and provided for our salvation. He has seen our condition and provided the solution. He has seen our hearts and yet has given us a Savior. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sin is no longer a weight that holds us down. We are free to live in victory, free from the sin of our self-deceit and free from Satan's power. Praise God for his goodness.

OUR PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness,

ALL: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD - EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

In the preaching of the gospel the real glory of God becomes manifest. The brilliant light of his glorious face has to pierce through the veil that blinds us all by nature. The light has to penetrate the thick darkness of the god of pleasure opposed to any and all suffering. It has to work its way through the darkness of reason so blind that it judges everything according to personal advantage. It must rip away the veil that guards the heart against any intrusion of feelings that might compete with self love. The veil hides the ugliness of sin and conceals the essential misery of our existence apart from Christ. It makes it impossible to see that all truth, all joy, all life is to be found in Christ and in Christ alone. But so glorious is the face of Christ the Redeemer that it pierces through the veil and rips it away! Light shines from the darkness of his coming suffering for us. Light radiates from the cross even more brightly than it did from the manger or even from the Mount of Transfiguration. The light is Christ himself, a light that conquers sin and gloom and death and carries us from his cross to his empty tomb, from our cross to the day when faith will be transformed to sight. Oh, to see Jesus, to see Jesus only!

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

WE JOIN IN SONG

Lord, I Need You

Lord I come, I confess bowing here I find my rest.
Without You I fall apart, You're the One that guides my heart.
Lord I need you, Oh I need you. Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found, is where You are.
Where You are, Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.
Lord I need you, Oh I need you. Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God how I need You.

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You. Jesus You're my hope and stay.
Lord I need you, Oh I need you. Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God how I need You.
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THE WORD - GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9

When Jesus was transfigured and when Moses and Elijah appeared with him, he gave three of his disciples a glimpse of his dazzling glory. Just then his heavenly Father gave this instruction: "Listen to him!"

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

WE JOIN IN SONG

You Never Let Go

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear,
and even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back, I know you are near.
And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me, and if my God is with me,
Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?
Oh no, You never let go, through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go in every high and every low
Oh no You never let go Lord You never let go of me.

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
A glorious light beyond all compare,
and there will be an end to these troubles,
but until that day comes, we'll live to know you here on the earth.
And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me, and if my God is with me,

Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?
Oh no, You never let go, through the calm and through the storm.
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WE CONTEMPLATE THE WORD - SERMON Psalm 148:13-14

“Seeing His Glory, We Live a Lifestyle of Praise”

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

ALL: We believe in God - the Creator of all things - the source of all goodness and love. He is our God and we are His people.
We believe in Jesus Christ - the Son of God - true God yet true man. He was crucified, died, and was buried for our sin - that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven. He will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit - the power of God at work inside of us.
We believe in the church of God - His people of faith throughout the world.
We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

Online or in the entry to the gym. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – thanks!

WE JOIN IN THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen

IN PREPARATION FOR LENT

- P:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word "Alleluia," which means, "Praise the Lord."
- C:** **Now for a time we say *farewell to Alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *Alleluias* will return on Easter dawn, as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord..**

THE BLESSING FROM OUR LORD

- P:** May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself. May the power of the Lord Jesus make us strong to do his will. May the peace of the Lord Jesus fill our lives. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C:** **Amen.**

OUR FINAL SONG OF WORSHIP

Less Like Me

Oh, I have days I lose the fight,
try my best but just don't get it right.
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk,
and miss the moments right before my eyes.
Somebody with a hurt I could've helped
somebody with a hand I could've held.
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be.
A little more like mercy, a little more like grace,
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith
A little more like patience, a little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

Yeah, there's no denying, I have changed,
I've been saved from who I used to be.
But even at my best, I must confess,
I still need help to see the way You see.
Somebody with a hurt I could've helped
somebody with a hand I could've held.
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be.

A little more like mercy, a little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith.
A little more like patience, a little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

Oh, to feed the beggar on the street,
love to be Your hands and feet,
Freely give what I receive, Lord help me be.
I want to put you first above all else,
love my neighbor as myself,
in the moments no one sees, Lord help me be.
A little more like mercy, a little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.
A little more like patience, a little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus,
Oh a little less like me, a little more like living everything I preach.
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.
A little less like me.



SILENT PRAYER
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Intro: From sports to movies to familiar places and people we see the gradual decline (entropy) of all things created. There is, however, a glory that will never fade.

Seeing His Glory, We Live a Lifestyle of Praise

1. We CAN understand the Fading Glory of our World.

- 1.1 We all have a tendency to ignore or cling to better days.
- 1.2 Here's a different solution for us, on top of a mountain.
- 1.3 A tiny slice of heaven forced the disciples to note this contrast.

App: In Jesus' humiliation we are confronted with the sad journey to the cross, a fading of his glory as a great teacher (Prophet). Yet we are on the edge of a new discovery of who he really is.

2. We MUST respond to the Eternal Splendor of our King.

- 2.1 God calls for the whole world to attend to one person: His Son.
- 2.2 Here he exposes a hint of the exaltation to come.
- 2.3 As the true "horn of salvation" Jesus is proclaimed King of Kings.

App: In Jesus' exaltation (for a brief insight into the future) we are shown the road beyond the cross as the sun shines from his empty tomb. This is who our King is – the Christ.

Conclusion: We are, by these surrogate experiences, set free from the compulsion to experience anything and everything before it's too late. His glory awaits us over there!



MidWeek Worship

Thursdays at 7:00 pm

February 17/18 : (Ash Wed 3:30)	Hands of Repentance (Tax Collector)
February 25: Lent 2	Hands of Betrayal (Judas)
March 4: Lent 3	Hands of Misguided Zeal (Peter)
March 11: Lent 4	Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas)
March 18: Lent 5	Hands of Brutality (Soldiers)
March 25: Lent 6	Hands of Self-Preservation (Pilate)



Holy Week & Easter



March 28 Palm Sunday: 8:00/10:30 am	Hands of Praise (Disciples, Crowd)
April 1 Maundy Thursday: 3:30/7pm	Hands of Humility (Jesus)
April 2 Good Friday: 1 & 7pm	Hands Pierced by Nails (Jesus)
April 4 Easter Sunday: 7 & 9:30am	Hands Giving Us Life (Jesus)

"See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands."

(Isaiah 49:16)

Save the Date!!



The Stewardship Committee is hosting a
Virtual Trivia Night on

Friday, March 19th From 7-9 pm

Watch for more information in the next few
weeks on how you can join in on the Fun!

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (2/14)	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Children’s Chapel
	3:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service w/Communion
	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service w/Communion
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday (2/21)	8:00 AM	Worship Service w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Worship Service w/Communion

NEXT WEEK’S BIBLE READINGS

1st Lesson	Joshua 7:16-26
2nd Lesson	Hebrews 4:14-16
Gospel	Luke 4:1-13
Psalm	Psalm 3

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.
Link on our website (see below).*

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**THIS WEEK’S
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**A MOUNT OF PRAISE
SERVICE THEME**

PREACHER: Mark Wagner

KEYBOARD:
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Stephanie Boeckman
Deanna Edwards
Alyssa Pautz

SONGS: As Printed

THE EPISTLE LESSON:
2 Corinthians 4:3-6

THE GOSPEL LESSON:
Mark 9:2-9

THE SERMON:
Psalm 148:13-14

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