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TRANSFIGURATION + March 2, 2025

(8:15) **3K-8TH GRADE** “Made For This”

HYMN “Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair” LW 87

**1 Oh, wondrous type! Oh, vision fair of glory that the church may share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!**

**2 With Moses and Elijah nigh the incarnate Lord holds converse high;
and from the cloud the Holy One bears record to the only Son.**

**3 With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today
what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.**

**4 And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision’s mystery,
for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.**

**△5 O Father, with the eternal Son and Holy spirit ever one,
we pray you, bring us by your grace to see your glory face to face.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND FORGIVENESS FROM GOD

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer. **C: Amen.**

P: Dearly beloved, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves as St. John tells us to do, for God is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

C: But when we thus examine ourselves, we shall find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we cannot set ourselves free. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us and has taken on himself our nature that he might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved.

P: And that we should more confidently believe this and be strengthened by our faith in cheerful obedience to his holy will, he has instituted the Holy Sacrament of his Supper, in which he feeds us with his body and gives us to drink of his blood. Therefore whoever eats of the bread and drinks of the cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwells in Christ, and Christ in him, and has eternal life.

C: We should do this also in remembrance of him, showing his death, that he was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification and, giving him our most hearty thanks, take up our cross and follow him and according to his commandment love one another as he has loved us. For we are all one body, even as we all eat of his body and drink of his blood.

P: Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to him, and implore his forgiveness.

All: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. The God of peace will sanctify you wholly and keep your spirit, soul, and body sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. **C: Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING from Psalm 99

Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.

The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Great is the Lord in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise Your great and awesome name—He is holy.

The King is mighty, He loves justice—You have established equity; in Jacob You have done what is just and right.

Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His footstool; He is holy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TRANSFIGURATION

All: **O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your only-begotten Son You once confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the ancient fathers, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud You wondrously foreshowed our adoption by grace. Therefore mercifully make us coheirs with our King of His glory, and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE “Shout to the Lord” WP 124

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;

let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship You!

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands! Forever I'll love you!

Forever I'll stand; nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 34:1-12

¹ Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.

⁴ And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” ⁵ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶ and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷ Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸ And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹ And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰ And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹ none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹² and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

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

THE EPISTLE READING 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In 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. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For 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 in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” ³⁶ And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

FROM THE SMALCALD ARTICLES CONCERNING REPENTANCE

Christ says in Mark 1: “Repent, and believe in the good news.” This is the same as, “Become and act otherwise, and believe my promise.” Even before Jesus, John the Baptizer was called a preacher of repentance - but for the purpose of the forgiveness of sins. That is, John was to convict them all and turn them into sinners, so that they would know how they stood before God and would recognize themselves as lost people. In this way they were to be prepared for the Lord to receive grace, to await and accept from him forgiveness of sins. Jesus himself says in Luke 24: “You must preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in my name to the whole world.”

But where the law exercises such an office alone, without the addition of the gospel, there is death and hell, and the human creature must despair, like Saul and Judas. As St. Paul says: "The law kills through sin." Moreover, the gospel does not give consolation and forgiveness in only one way - but rather through the Word, sacraments, and the like, so that with God there is truly rich redemption from the great prison of sin.

SERMON "Enlightened" text: Luke 9:28-36

HYMN "How Good, Lord, to Be Here" LW 89

1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.

2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beauty to behold
where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.

3 Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be!
We hail your body glorified and our redemption see.

4 Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come;
we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.

5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG DURING THE OFFERING "Bind Us Together" WP 18 (refrain & vs. 1)

Refrain: **Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord: bind us together in love.**

1 **There is only one God. There is only one King.
There is only one Body; that is why we can sing: Refrain**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: ... Lord, in Your mercy, C: **hear our prayer.**

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. C: **It is good and right so to do.**

P: Let us pray: Lord of heaven and earth.....

LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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 INSTITUTION

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: **Amen.**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION *(Please come forward in groups of 6 or 7.)*
LAMB OF GOD LSB 550

1 **Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side**
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God. Refrain

Refrain: **O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!**
O wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 **Your Gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died:**
The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain

3 **I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side**
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” LW 88

1 **Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;**
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David’s stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

2 **Manifest at Jordan’s stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;**
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

3 **Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul;**
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil’s might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

4 **Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy Word;**
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at Thy great epiphany
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Shine, Jesus, Shine” WP 123

Refrain: Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit blaze,
set our hearts on fire. Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 **Lord, the Light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;**
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain:

2 **As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,**
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain:

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. C: And his mercy endures forever.

P: Let us pray to the Lord. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord go before you to prepare your way, behind you to encourage you, above you to watch over you, below you to be your firm foundation, beside you to befriend you, and within you to give you His peace. **C: Amen**

(8:15) **K-8TH GRADE** "Jesus Loves Me"

(10:30) **HYMN** "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" LSB 417

1 Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;

**Alleluia is the anthem ever raised by choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.**

2 Alleluia, thou resoundest, true Jerusalem and free;

**Alleluia, joyful mother, all thy children sing with thee;
but by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles now are we.**

3 Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;

**Alleluia, our transgressions make us for a while forego;
for the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.**

4 Therefore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, blessed Trinity,

**at the last to keep thine Easter with thy faithful saints on high;
there to thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.**

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FAMILY ROOM AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP. Parents, our Family Room is open for you with quiet toys, one way glass, changing table, and bathroom.

BIBLE BAGS are available for small children to use during the service. They are located on tree coat racks by each entrance. Please remember to put back on the coat rack when finished so someone else can use them too. If you accidentally took one home please bring it back to church for future children to enjoy.

GREETERS Early: Kevin & Patricia Herrmann, Late: Barb Vaughan

ACOLYTES Early: Justin Meidam & Easton Vanden Heuvel

Late: Aubrey Bruette & Aliyah Vaughan

CAMERA Megan Timm

USHERS Early: RJ Lyman, Bill Sitter & Erik Rasmussen

Late: Taylor Vaughan, Roy Suehs & Scott Spiegelberg, Monday: Bruce Scheller

STUDENT USHERS Early: Riley Vanden Heuvel & Jensen Timm
Late: David Helgeson & Stella Tellock

ALTAR GUILD Early: Carol Schuelke & Judy Bartel, Late: Karen Cady & Jeanne Sager
Monday: Gloria Zemple

ATTENDANCE Thursday – 8, Sunday Early – 178 + Late – 101, Monday - 30 = 317

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD February 24th deposit \$15,361.94. General—\$6,796.44; Loose Offering - \$334.00; AV Updates - \$5,000.00; Missions - \$147.00; Fellowship - \$35.00; Building & Maint. - \$200.50; School - \$2,321.00; Hot Lunch - \$528.00; EFT'S General - \$275.00.

IN OUR PRAYERS Paul Zemple receiving hospice care at home. The family of Shirley Ferg, mourning her death.

150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING Monday, March 10th 7:30 p.m.

SCHOOL CHOICE PAYMENT - We received a school choice payment of \$92,133.00.

COUNCIL SECRETARY NEEDED Like knowing what is going on and telling others what is happening? This is a good role for you! Record the minutes of council and voters meetings and distribute agendas for upcoming meetings are primary duties. Contact church office.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING March 9th between worship at Keglers Bowling Center. Wives are also invited. Agenda will be fish fry coming up on April 11th.

“WISE UP” STUDY OF PROVERBS SUNDAYS AT 9:30 A.M. Class is in the parlor with Pastor Reichle on Sundays.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join us for our regular Tuesday meeting time 8:30-9:30 a.m. We will be learning and discussing the Gospel of Luke together. Discussion material will be provided; just bring yourself and your Bible! Contact Deaconess Christiana: call/text 414-218-9478 or christianaewert@gmail.com

PACKER STAND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to work at Lambeau Field concession stand for the NFL Draft April 24-26. If interested in volunteering contact Principal Brian Elmhurst.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY: All high school youth are invited to the Youth Room on Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m. to learn and discuss God's Word together. For the next few weeks we'll be going through the video study "Vocation: Right Here, Right Now." We will explore your unique vocations as a gift of God from your baptism. Contact Deaconess Christiana: christianaewert@gmail.com or call/text 414-218-9478.

YOUTH GROUP will be meeting Wednesday, March 5 and Wednesday, March 19 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. following the Lenten services.

FOR SALE – ALL OCCASION HOMEMADE CARDS in the hallway by the fellowship room. \$2 each or 3 for \$5, all money from the card sales will be donated to the school.

2025 WI YOUTH BIBLE BOWL will be held on Saturday, April 5th at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 240 E Green Bay St., Bonduel. This event is open to youth in grades 6-12 and will be based on “The Life of King David - 1 Samuel 16 – 1 Kings 2.” Interested youth contact Pastor.

COOKBOOK RECIPES NEEDED information sheets available in the Narthex.

WISCONSIN PARENT CHOICE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS OPEN UNTIL APRIL 17

Qualification for school choice is based on WI AGI. The program can be used at any enrolled school. Application does not register a student to a school, but makes it possible for the student’s tuition to be paid by the WI DPI. Application can be completed in 30 minutes. Contact mfenske@stpaulmanawa.org

SCRIP PROGRAM has gift cards for sale in the church office during office hours.

CHOIR PRACTICE will be Sundays March 2, 9 & 30 between worship.

LENT SERVICES BEGIN MARCH 5TH. Services will be at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEK will be March 2nd-7th. A variety of fun events will be planned to celebrate this week. Sunday, March 2nd will mark the beginning of registration for the 2025-2026 school year from 9:15-10:30 a.m. along with the Book Fair. Thursday, March 6th Social Studies Fair & Family Meal 4-5:30 put on by the Men’s Club (Ham sandwich, Hot Dog, bag of chips, cheese, pickles, fruit, cookie, & dessert). Mad Scientists Entertainment in gym 6-7 p.m.

PTO BAKE SALE TODAY between services in the narthex. We are raising money to help pay for the Lutheran Schools Week entertainment on Thursday night. Come and enjoy some goodies!

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS HYGIENE DRIVE collecting items until March 16th, box in the back of church. Most needed items: bathroom tissue, cleaning supplies, dental care, deodorant, diapers/baby care, face/bath soap, feminine care, laundry detergent, paper towels, razors, hair care, trash bags.

TRAVELING CLOSET - March 6th from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at Waupaca Regional Center, FVTC 1979 Godfrey Drive. The Traveling Closet is a completely free event that offers weather-appropriate clothing to those in our community. The Traveling Closet will visit the Waupaca area every 60 days with a truck full of new or gently used clothes for individuals and families showing financial need. To participate, families need to sign up for the program through the following link. Registration will be required to participate in the event. At the time of registration, you will pick a shopping time and the sizes you need, to help us better serve you. Register Here: <https://CCCshopping.as.me/Traveling-Closet-Waupaca>. By pre-registering, we can ensure that we have enough items as well as limited waiting times.

This Week’s Opportunities (March 2nd – March 9th)

- Sunday..... Worship w/Communion 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday School (3 yrs.-8th grade) 9:20-10:20 a.m.
- Youth Bible Study 9:30-10:15 a.m.
- Proverbs Bible Study 9:30-10:15 a.m.
- Choir practice between worship
- School Registration, Open House & Book Fair 9:15-10:30 a.m.
- Monday Worship w/Communion 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday Women’s Bible Study 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- Quilting 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday Public School Catechism Class 5:00-6:15 p.m.
- Ash Wed Worship w/Communion 2:00 & 6:30 p.m.
- Youth Group 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- Thursday Ladies Aid 2:00 p.m.
- Family Meal 4-5:30 p.m., Mad Scientist 6-7 p.m. (gym)
- Next Sunday Worship w/Communion 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday School (3 yrs.-8th grade) 9:20 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
- Youth Bible Study 9:30-10:15 a.m.
- Choir practice between worship
- Proverbs Bible Study 9:30-10:15 a.m.
- Men’s Club Meeting between worship @ Keglers