

# TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



*February 19, 2023*  
*10:00am*

# GATHERING

## Prelude

Piano  
Pacibells

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty  
Fairest Lord Jesus

Aaron David Miller  
by Lloyd Larson

## Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation,  
come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin,  
receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess**

**that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Greeting

## This is the Feast

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



*Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. *Final refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Prayer of the Day

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# WORD

## Children's Message & Noisy Offering

### First Reading: Exodus 24:12–18

<sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16–21

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Anthem

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

*Graham Kendrick (arr. Jack Schrader)*

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.  
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!

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter your brightness, set us free by the truth you now bring us,

Shine on me, Shine on me.  
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!

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.  
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!

### Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**The Gospel for today is from Matthew the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Jim Page

**Hymn**

Beautiful Savior

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## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the Church

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

... Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.  
**Amen.**

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## MEAL

### Offering

**Pacibells**

*This Is My Father's World*

*by Michael Helman*

### Offertory Prayer

Liberating God,

you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

**Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### 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.**

## Communion

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Pacibells**

*Softly and Tenderly*

by Kevin McChesney

## Prayer After Communion

Holy One,

we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

**Amen.**

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## SENDING

### Blessing

### Sending Hymn

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

Well Tempered Clavier, Fugue IX

J.S. Bach

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**Preacher:** Rev. Jim Page

**Choir Director:** Diana Cataldi

**Assisting Minister:** Bev Page

**Pacibells Director:** Karen Lionberger

**Reader:** Barb Eidahl



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## Weekly Calendar

<u>SUNDAY (19<sup>th</sup>)</u> Coffee Hour – 9am Worship (Guest Preacher: Jim Page) – 10 am	Phat Tuesday Talent Show – 5:30pm Church Council Zoom Meeting – 7pm	Choir Rehearsal – 7pm
<u>TUESDAY (ELECTION DAY)</u> — Office Closed — Prayer Group – 11am	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> Crafters – 10am Text Study – 12pm Ash Wednesday Service – 6pm	<u>THURSDAY</u> Foundation Zoom Meeting – 5pm Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm
		<u>SUNDAY (26<sup>th</sup>)</u> Coffee Hour – 9am Worship – 10am

Other Groups using the building this week: Quakers, Northwest Synod, Scouts, Equid Dance



### Guest Preacher: Jim Page, II

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Jim Page, II to preach next week. As a ‘son of the congregation,’ Jim grew up at Grace and was ordained in 2004. He has served congregations in Balsam Lake, WI; Eau Claire; Brandon, FL (near Tampa) and Green Bay, WI. He and his wife, Michelle, are proud parents of Ben, Abby, and Katie while all cherish their beloved dog, Lucy.

### Transfiguration Sunday

Imagine how many times you’ve had someone say to you: “Did you hear about...?”

Information can unite and divide people. Information brings power and control in all facets of our society...from politics to the economy, from sports to the church. At times, that power and control is based on wrong information and selfish pursuits. One day Jesus gave three of his disciples an overwhelming display of information on both his glory and his divinity. It is a story of hope, courage and our future. Today, Pastor Jim Page applies that gospel story to our lives under the theme: “Enquiring Minds Want to Know.”

### Office Closed Tuesday

Andrew will be working at the polls this Tuesday and therefore the office will be closed for the day.

### A Season for Change

Store your treasures up for Winter and bring those coins for the Noisy Offering on February 19. The children of Grace will gather loose change from our pockets and purses during our worship service. (Even though it doesn’t make as much noise when dropped



into the collection cans, paper money is also greatly appreciated!) Our special offering will go toward JONAH (Joining Our Neighbors Advancing Hope).

Make some noise and help our neighbors in need!

## Phat Tuesday Talent Show

If you are interested in performing in the talent show, please contact the office with:

- Your Name
- Your Talent
- Approximate time your talent takes to perform
- Your Contact Information.

We are looking for anyone who would like to share their talents with our Grace family. You don't need to be a member of the choir. Your talent doesn't need to be music related.

One thing we would like to confirm is that if you are planning on attending, even if you are just an audience member, that you can provide some dish for the potluck.

Thank you

## Please Help Us Replenish the Blessing Box

Our Blessing Box, located at the front entrance of Grace Church, provides nonperishable food as well as hygiene items to our neighbors in need. Our Blessing Box is extremely low! Please help up fill the basket in the Narthex with nonperishable and personal hygiene items for collection.

We will not be collecting canned goods or liquid items during the winter since they may freeze and explode.

### Suggested Items:

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| Cereal            | Soap         |
| Packaged Soup     | Toothpaste   |
| Tuna Pouches      | Scarves      |
| Granola Bars      | Gloves       |
| Crackers          | Hats         |
| Packaged Noodles  | Hand warmers |
| Packaged Potatoes | Socks        |
| Peanut Butter     |              |

You are always welcome to put your items directly in the Blessing Box at any time. Thank you for your continued support!



## Sunday School

Sunday school will take place during the service right after the Children's Message on the following days.

- February 19
- March 5
- March 19

## Nine-to-Dine

Life and Growth Ministry will start the sign-up for Nine-to-Dine after Easter, with get-togethers in late Spring or early Summer, when the weather will be nicer. We need host/hostesses to offer their home for a meal. The guests will share in bringing the food.

If you are willing to host, please let Barb Piper know (in person or 715-529-6900 or [bpiper2007@yahoo.com](mailto:bpiper2007@yahoo.com)).

## Offering Envelopes

Unfortunately the company we ordered our offering envelopes from is experiencing a paper shortage and will not be able to fulfill our order until the end of February. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Feel free to use any envelope you have to send us your offerings. If you attend worship, there will be a stack of envelopes in the back of the church you can use for your contributions.

## Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

Phone: 715-832-9713

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If you missed one of our services, you can find them on the "Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin" YouTube page. If you would like to follow along with a bulletin they can be found on our website (<https://grace-church.org/>) under the "Our Ministry" section.

Services are also broadcast on the following platforms:

### Televised Service

Sunday 10:30am WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

### Radio Service

Sunday 8:30am WAYY 790 AM

Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Thursday by 12:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at [info@grace-church.org](mailto:info@grace-church.org) or by calling the office at 715-832-9713