

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

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The Life of Jesus

Part 20 The Transfiguration of Jesus

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Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

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WELCOME! THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY.

To help you prepare for worship this Sunday

1. Here are the Bible references for today's message.

Matthew 17:1-8

2. Mark each verse with a bookmark so you can easily find it during worship.

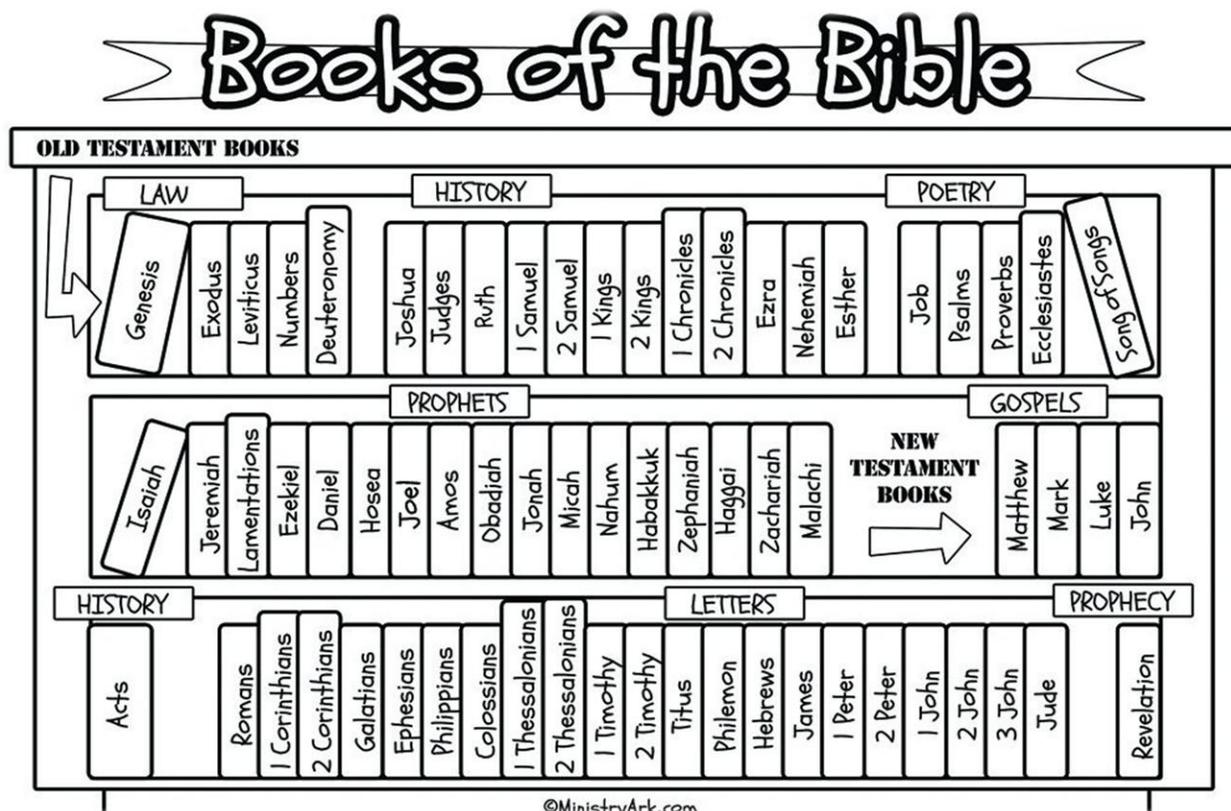
3. Highlight those verses you find helpful.

4. Here is a prayer before worship:

Lord Jesus, as You revealed Your glory on the mountain, open our eyes to see You as God's beloved Son and teach us to listen to Your voice above all others. Walk with us in every valley, casting out our fear and strengthening our faith until we share in Your glory. Amen.

**Bookmarks and Bible highlighters and Bibles
are available at the back of the sanctuary.**

Need help finding the Bible verses? This image may help!



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me.

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What gift of grace, is Jesus, my Redeemer,
There is no more for Heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine!"
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!,
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future's sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,
Jesus, now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free!"
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me,
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
|: To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I but through Christ in me. :| (repeat To this I hold,...)

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Holy and gracious God,
C I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins.
I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most.
My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help.
My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.
I am sorry for all of this and ask for God's grace.
I want to do better.

- P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
C Amen.

- P** The Bible tells us "as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."
You are forgiven - Jesus paid for us all! Today is a new day!
C Amen. Thanks be to God!

SONG

Ancient Words

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Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart.
Oh let the ancient words impart

Words of Life, words of Hope
give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home.

CHORUS: Ancient words ever true
changing me and changing you,
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our Faith Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.
Vs1 - CHORUS x2

Ending: We have come with open hearts
 Oh let the ancient words impart

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 34:27-35

And the Lord said to Moses, "Write these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel." So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

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 were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

THE LIFE OF JESUS

Matthew 17:1-8

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY #414

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

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- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past
And hope of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified
And our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death,
We see Thy kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright
And make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

SERMON

THE OFFERING – WAYS TO GIVE

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- By mail: PO Box
126, Pequot Lakes,
MN 56472



Thank you!

A TIME FOR PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+++ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +++

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G And also with You.

PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that Christ's body and blood are present in, with and under the bread and wine. Our Lord invites to His table those who repent of all sin, and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

Please take a moment to examine your hearts (1 Corinthians 11:28).

Ask yourself:

- 1) Am I sorry for my sins? (Psalm 51:10)
- 2) Do I believe Jesus died and rose for me? (John 3:16; Romans 5:8)
- 3) Do I believe His body and blood are truly present for the forgiveness of my sins? (Matthew 26:26-28)

If you have never communed at Gloria Dei before or are unsure about what is taking place, please talk to Pastor Meyer. Welcome to the Lord's Table!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN #570

Just As I AM
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- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #978

How Majestic Is Your Name

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- 1 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise Your name.
O Lord, we magnify Your name: Prince of Peace, Mighty God,
O Lord God Almighty.
(repeat)

ANNOUNCEMENTS for March 8, 2026

This Week at Gloria Dei

Sunday – March 8

- Worship w/Holy Communion – 9:00 am
- Coffee & Refreshments – 10:00 am
- Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Bible Study – 10:15 am

Tuesday – March 9

- Quilters Group – 9:00 am to Noon

Wednesday – March 10

- Bible Study – “Ephesians” – 10:00 am
- Wednesday Jr. Confirmation Group – 4:00 pm
- Midweek Lenten Service – Supper 5:30 pm, Worship 6:30 pm

Thursday – March 11

- Thirsty Thursday – *The Chosen* – Supper 5:00 pm, Movie 6:00 pm

Friday – March 12

- Chat-N-Chow – 11:00 am

Next Sunday – March 14

- Worship w/Holy Communion – 9:00 am
- Coffee & Refreshments – 10:00 am
- Sunday School, Confirmation, and Bible Study – 10:15 am

Communion Note

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the **purple cups** in the center of each tray.

In Our Prayers

We lift up Jessica Cameron, Kathy Cameron’s granddaughter, as she battles cancer; Jeff Saucier, brother of Janine Zitzow, who is undergoing medical tests; and Lynn and Justin Fairbanks as they recover.

Midweek Lenten Supper Help Needed

We need volunteers to help serve and clean up after our midweek Lenten meals. You don’t have to supply the food or cook, just help. If you can do that, please sign up on the **bulletin board**. There is also a sign-up sheet for bringing desserts.

Easter Services

This year we will be having both **7:00 am Sunrise Service** and **9:00 am** regular service. Plan ahead to enjoy **Easter breakfast** served between services. Both services will have special vocal and instrumental music. Bring your family and friends!



Easter Flowers

Orders are now being taken for 6-inch potted Easter Lilies, Begonias, Kalanchoes, and Gerbera Daisies. The cost for each plant is \$15 which covers the cost of the plant plus a small amount towards additional lilies for the altar. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Please indicate the quantity and variety you wish to order and put payment in the envelope attached to the sign-up sheet. You can take your plants home with you following the 9:00 service on Easter. If you have any questions, please contact Miriam in the office Tuesday-Friday. **The last day to order is Sunday, March 15.**

Gloria Dei Caps

Aaron Cronquist created the awesome caps on the usher's desk. Caps are \$20 and proceeds will go to Lynn and Justin.

March is Food Shelf Month

Please consider donating food items and personal hygiene products to our Lakes Area Food Shelf. Especially needed are shelf-stable proteins such as peanut butter, canned chicken, canned ham, tuna, protein bars, etc. Monetary donations are also very much appreciated.

Lakes Area Food Shelf, 29316 Patriot Ave, Pequot Lakes

Food shelf contacts: George and Collette Miller – (218) 820-2928

Spring Cleaning, March 21

Spring cleaning at Gloria Dei will take place on Saturday, March 21, beginning at 9:00 am. Tasks will include polishing the wood in the sanctuary and cleaning windows in the entry. Many hands make light work! Men are encouraged to join too! Please plan to bring cleaning supplies if you are able – buckets, rags, ladders, cleaning products. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are able to help.

Interim Treasurer Needed

Serve until the May Semi-Annual Voters Meeting. Duties per constitution and bylaws; financial reporting assistance provided. Contact Adam Ruud, Congregational President.

Coming Soon...

New Member Sunday, March 29

New Sunday morning Bible Study starting Sunday, April 29.

Shadows of the Cross, the OT Sacrifices and Christ's Fulfillment

Vacation Bible School will be held June 8-10 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Our theme this year is "Trail to the True North - Jesus Leads the Way." It will be a fun, high-energy three days centered on the great outdoors and the hope we have in Christ. We'll need volunteers to help make it happen, and it's also a great opportunity to invite neighborhood kids, grandchildren, and friends to be part of something meaningful and fun.