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From Jordan to Calvary A Glimpse of His True Glory - Transfiguration

We began this worship series in the Jordan River. At his baptism, Jesus heard his Father's glorious voice: "You are my Son, whom I love" (Mark 1:11). From that day, in word and deed, Jesus began to reveal more about himself. He demonstrated the extent of his authority and power and love. Along the way, we had an epiphany. Jesus has to be the very Son of God! Yet, Jesus looked so normal, like an ordinary carpenter or your average rabbi or just another prophet.

Until today. We have traveled from the river to the mountain. Today, on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus gives us a glimpse of his true glory. As we see him in his dazzling brilliance, the Father speaks again, this time to us: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" This final epiphany prepares us for the journey of Lent where we will witness the most glorious work that Jesus would do when he came down from this mountain.

To God alone be the glory!

Helm We Little

Pastor Stephen Luchterhand

Welcome to all—both guest and member alike! May our gracious God fill your heart with joy, peace, and hope through the message of forgiveness in our living Savior, Jesus Christ!

- If you are in need of restrooms, they are located on the left as you leave church.
- Parents please use the welcome center or church fellowship hall to quiet an upset child.
- Please silence all cell phones and devices before worship.
- Please limit your conversations in the sanctuary and narthex.
- Please do use the welcome center to greet one another.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP: SETTING ONE

OPENING HYMN: 390 "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"



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Please stand.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

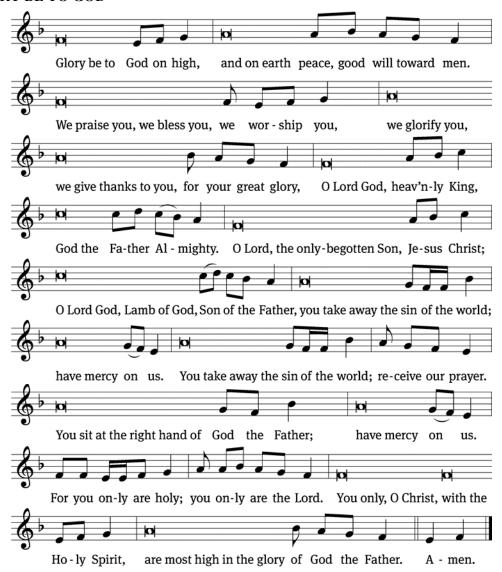


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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GLORY BE TO GOD



THE WORD

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON

The prophet Elijah never tasted death but instead was taken directly to heaven. On the Mount of Transfiguration Elijah appeared with the glorious Son of God who would taste death.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah was traveling with Elisha from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

³ The sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?"

Then he said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet."

⁴ Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here because the LORD has sent me to Jericho."

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⁵ Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?" He said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet."

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here because the LORD has sent me to the Jordan."

But he said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

⁷ Then fifty men from the sons of the prophets came and stood and watched them from a distance, while the two of them were standing at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, folded it together, and struck the water. The water divided to the right and to the left. Then the two of them crossed on dry land.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask me for whatever I can do for you before I am taken from you."

Then Elisha said, "Let there be a double portion of your spirit on me."

¹⁰ He said, "You have asked for a difficult thing. If you see me being taken from you, it will surely be yours. But if not, then it will not."

While they were walking and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire came and separated them. So Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha was watching and crying out, "My father! Israel's chariot and its charioteers!" Then he did not see him anymore.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR: "Arise, Your Light Is Come"

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's pow'r will make us strong.

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SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (EHV)

We cannot yet physically see what those disciples saw on the Mount of Transfiguration.

But St. Paul teaches we can still see the glory of Christ's light in the gospel.

³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled among those who are perishing. ⁴ In the case of those people, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from clearly seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is God's image.

⁵ Indeed, we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," is the same one who made light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mark 9:7

Alleluia. A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Alleluia.

Please stand.

GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9 (EHV)

Jesus gives Peter, James, and John a glimpse of his true glory.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He did not know what to say because they were terrified.

⁷ A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him."

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus alone.
⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain where they were alone by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. ³ His clothes became radiant, dazzling white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And Elijah appeared to them together with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 388 "Down from the Mount of Glory"



- 1 Down from the mount of glo ry came Je sus Christ, our Lord.
- 2 Trans fig ured, Christ, the low ly, stood ra-diant in the light,
- 3 Yet mark this glo ry hid den! See him the mount de-scend
- 4 Strange how his jour ney end ed! In love that is his fame
- 5 Then hail the dou ble glo ry of Je sus Christ, our Lord,



Re - call the won-drous sto - ry, rich gem in sa - cred Word. light found in God-head sole - ly, for hu - man eyes too bright. and, by the Fa - ther bid - den, his will - ing foot-steps bend our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed a mount—the hill of shame. and let the won-drous sto - ry full peace and joy af - ford!



A - gain your faith will view him in dou - ble glo - ry here; Then came a voice from heav - en, con-firmed what here we see; to seek hu - mil - i - a - tion in deep - est depths of woe, Up - on the cross he prof - fered him - self to ag - o - ny; The ho - ly mount ac-claims him the maj - es - ty di - vine;



the great - er hom - age due him will in your life ap - pear. the words "my Son" were giv - en to seal his de - i - ty. to suf - fer deg - ra - da - tion no mind can probe or know. his ho - ly soul he of - fered to set the guilt - y free. Mount Cal - va - ry pro-claims him Re-deem - er—yours and mine.

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SERMON 2 Kings 2:1-12a

Glimpses of Glory

Please stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Eternal God and Father, we pray for the Church around the world. Always keep your people faithful to you. Lift the veil from our eyes and guide us to see Christ in the Word and sacraments. During all the distractions of life, help us set our sights on Jesus. Keep us safe and protect us from the tricks and treachery of the devil. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray that you move us to have compassion on those stumbling in the darkness and empower us to proclaim Christ to all who have no faith. Give us courage to be unashamed of the light you have given us and to carry it willingly with joy wherever we go and whatever we do. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Hear our prayers for Christians everywhere who are being persecuted because of the light they bear. Give them the strength to endure the hardships they are undergoing and give them the peace and hope of Christ as they battle on. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray that Christ reveals his gracious presence to all who suffer. We pray especially for our families and those in our circle of friends who are sick or in need and for everyone whose needs we hold in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Be with us, Lord, as we think about the coming days of Lent. Let your law convince us that we indeed deserve your punishment and would be lost forever without Christ. As our hearts fill with sorrow and regret, lift us up to see the Savior's sacrifice on the cross and give us hearts full of faith in him. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

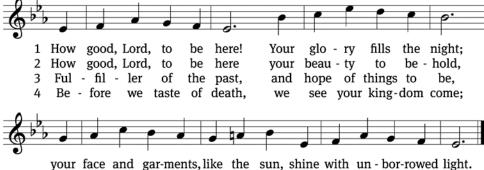
Lord God, hear the prayers we offer and let your grace and mercy flow to us and all for whom we pray. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Light of the world. **Amen.**

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS

Please sign the friendship registers at the ends of the pews during the musical selection.

HYMN: 389 "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"



where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes-sen-gers of old.

we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re-demp-tion see.

we long to hold the vi-sion bright and make this hill our home.

- 5 But you, Lord, do not stay. With mercy resolute you leave this glorious hill to die—our perfect substitute.
- 6 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.

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PRAYER

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE 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.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN: 379 "Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert"



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to

forth, your sons and daugh-ters, with the cross up - on

Serving God and Us Today

Presiding Minister: Pastor Stephen Luchterhand

Organist: Hymnsoft

Choir: Men's Hymn Sing

Last Weekend's Worship Attendance

• 190 (Sunday—151; Monday—39)

Stewardship Encouragement from Scripture

"When you bring injured, crippled or diseased animals and offer them as sacrifices, should I accept them from your hands?" says the Lord. "Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord. For I am a great king," says the Lord Almighty, "and my name is to be feared among the nations" (Malachi 1:13,14).

Lessons for Next Sunday (First Sunday in Lent)

"Rethinking Religion: Rethinking Trials, Tests, and Temptations"

- Genesis 22:1-18
- Psalm 25A
- Romans 8:31-39
- Mark 1:12-15

Prayers: If you would like your name on the prayer list, or you have a friend you would like to add, please call or e-mail the church office.

Offerings: You may leave your offering in the basket as you walk out today. You may continue to mail in your offering, give online at www.trinityminocqua.org, or on the Vanco Mobile app. On the app, search for Trinity Evangelical Lutheran or search for Minocqua.

Flowers: The flowers this weekend are given by Larry & Lois Russ, in loving memory of their granddaughter, Sadie Russ.

Meditations: Copies of the newest edition of *Meditations* are available on the table in the fellowship hall and in the rack in the welcome center. This copy begins March 3 and goes through June 1. Each booklet is \$3.00.

Installation: This morning, we will install the new officers on Church Council and Elders. They are: Jake Strasburg (President), Shayn Freudenwald (Property Management), Ryan Piorkowski (School Board and Member at Large), and Carl Floerke (Elders). We thank those who faithfully served their time on Church Council and Elders, but whose terms have ended: Doug Plowman, Dan Sleight, Jon Tiefert, and Bob Butzer.

Book Club: Our next Book Club meeting will be on Tuesday, February 20, from 12:00-1:00 pm. We will discuss the book, "Pearl in the Sand" by Tessa Afshar. Make plans to join us!

Fellowship Friends: Everyone is invited to attend our next Fellowship Friends gathering on Tuesday, February 27 from 1:00-3:00 pm. This month, we have someone coming from Northwoods Wildlife Center to do a presentation. The NWC is a non-profit hospital and rehabilitation facility that cares for locally injured and orphaned wildlife and provides a better future for wildlife through rehabilitation, environmental education and research. If you would like to help the center by donating items they frequently use, a collection box is near the doors in the fellowship hall. Their wish list includes toilet paper, paper towels, AA & AAA batteries, tall kitchen bags, liquid soap, and 16 oz. plastic spray bottles. You can also find additional items listed on their website, www.northwoodswildlifecenter.org. We hope you can attend on February 27!

Flower Chart: There are still dates available for 2024. If you would like to sponsor a bouquet during the year, please sign up in the flower chart binder to the right of the window in the Welcome Center. Bouquets are \$30.



Join us for Worship during Lent ASH WEDNESDAY February 14 at 4:00 & 6:30 pm

Holy Communion will be served.

The remaining five Lent services will be held on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm.

	Opportunities to	Grow & Serve at Trinity This Week
Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
Monday	4:30 & 5:30 pm	Trinity Home Basketball vs. St. Peter's, Schofield
	6:30 pm	Worship
Tuesday	12:00-1:00 pm	Book Club
Wednesday	8:15 am	Midweek Chapel
	9:30 am	Quilters
	4:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion
	5:00-6:00 pm	Public School Confirmation & Bible History
	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion
Thursday	4:30 & 5:30 pm	Trinity Home Basketball vs. Zion, Rhinelander
Sunday	9:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion
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Monday	6:30 pm	Worship w/Holy Communion

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A look ahead to the Lenten season...Ash Wednesday is February 14th. On that day we'll have two worship services (4 p.m. & 6:30 p.m., both with Holy Communion). *There will be NO Lenten suppers this year*. The remaining five weeks of mid-week Lent we'll offer one service at 4 p.m. We will be exchanging pulpits with the pastors from: Christ, Eagle River; Zion, Rhinelander; and St. John's, Phelps. Series theme: "God on Trial."

- February 14 (Ash Wednesday) = Text: Job 40:1,2; 42:1-6 "Accusations"
- February 21 = John 18:33-40 "Truth"
- February 28 = Luke 22:47-53 "Restraint"

Lenten season Sunday worship will explore the theme, "Rethinking Religion." A look ahead:

- February 18/19 = **Rethinking Religion: Rethinking Trials, Tests, and Temptations**Sermon Text: Genesis 22:1-18 Sermon Theme: "The Lord Is Willing To Break Our Heart To Build Our Faith!"
- February 25/26 = **Rethinking Religion: Rethinking Suffering under the Cross** Sermon Text: Romans 5:1-11 Sermon Theme: "We Now Stand in Grace"
- March 3/4 = Rethinking Religion: Rethinking the Worth of Worship S Sermon Text: John 2:13-22 Sermon Theme: "Zeal Revealed"

Bible study opportunities:

- Wednesday "Lunch Break" Bible study (Wed., 12-15 1:15 p.m.) On break until after Easter.
- Pastor's "Wednesday Encouragement" blog, continues to be found on Trinity's Facebook page and on our church website. You can also have this devotion sent to your email each Wednesday.
- Sunday Bible Study (and Sunday School) Sunday School is for children PreK3 through 4th grade. Adult Bible Study is working through the book of Exodus under the theme, "Deliver Us!"

Ministry Updates...

- Trinity Book Club meets Tuesday, February 20th, from 12-1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be discussing the book, "Pearl in the Sand" by Tessa Afshar.
- **Fellowship Friends Gathering** will take place on Tuesday, February 27th at 1-3 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. We'll enjoy a presentation by a Wildlife Educator from The Northwoods Wildlife Center, a non-profit wildlife hospital in Minocqua.

Friends, keep getting those glimpses of the Savior through his Word! "Man is not to rack his brain about the future, but live in the hour that has come. That is the same as living in faith, receptive to God who is present now and has something he will do now." (Martin Luther)

God keep you and yours in his gracious care,

Pastor Stephen Luchterhand

Jef W Little

Glimpses of Glory Sermon Notes on 2 Kings 2:1-12a

Series: From Jordan to Calvary

1.	Not, But
	Perspectives – Elijah: Keep doing the
	Elisha:
	Today: Not, but is a!
2.	Elijah's Whirlwind Departure
	a. Elisha asks for =
	b. "Israel's chariot and its charioteers!"
	- Refers to as Israel's spiritual and
3.	A Moment on the Mountain
	a. Transfiguration = $\mu \epsilon \tau \alpha \mu o \rho \phi \delta \omega = $ =
	- Jesus is both and
	b. Companions: Moses = Elijah =
	c. Topic of conversation: ἔξοδος/
4.	Keep Getting Glimpses
	a to
	h "Israel's chariot and its charioteers!"

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Welcome to Trinity

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. If you have any questions during your time with us today, please ask an usher for assistance. If you would like to know more about our church, our teachings, our Christian school (grades K-8), our preschool (3-4 year old) or the studies and programs offered at Trinity, please introduce yourself to our pastor. He would be delighted to speak with you and serve you in whatever way he can.

"Our mission at Trinity Lutheran Church is to teach the Word of God, to train believers for lives of Christian service, and to tell the good news of Jesus Christ to the Northwoods community and to the world."

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