

## Historic Scripture Lessons for ✨ the Holy Day of Transfiguration

### Old Testament

**Isaiah 61:10-11 NIV** I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

### Epistle

**II Peter 1:16-21** We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our LORD Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received honor and glory from God the Father when the Voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is My Son, Whom I love; with Him I am well pleased." 18 We ourselves heard this Voice that came from Heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain. 19 And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.


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### Historic Gospel

**Matthew 17:1-9** After six days Jesus took with Him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There He was transfigured before them. His Face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. 4 Peter said to Jesus, "LORD, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters - one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a Voice from the cloud said, "This is My Son, Whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," He said. "Don't be afraid." 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been Raised from the dead."

### 3-Year Gospel (Sermon text)

**Mark 9:2-9** 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. 3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. 4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5 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." 6 (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) 7 Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "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. 9 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.

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL  ELS  
Last Sunday after Epiphany *Jesus' Transfiguration*

**#343, 1. How lovely shines the Morning Star!  
The nations see and hail afar  
The Light in Judah shining.  
Thou David's Son of Jacob's race,  
My Bridegroom and my King of Grace,  
For Thee my heart is pining.  
Lowly, Holy,  
Great and Glorious,  
Thou Victorious  
Prince of Graces,  
Filling all the heav'nly places.**

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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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## February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Epiphany(-6 & Last) Transfiguration

**WELCOME to OUR SAVIOR!** We are so happy to have you worship Our Savior with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time or in a long time, we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come worship with us again! **God bless you.**

**OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP** On gold liturgy sheets or red hymnal starting p.5.

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Invocation Hymn	246 (4v)	Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
<i>Psalm 98</i>	98 "4v"	<i>All the Ends of the Earth Have Seen Glory</i> 7
Hymn of the Day	294 (4v)	O Word of God Incarnate
<i>Offertory Verse</i>	343 (7v)	<i>Sing v1 How Lovely Shines the Morning Star</i>
Third Hymn	135 (5v)	'Tis Good, LORD, to Be Here
Closing Hymn	341 (5v)	Crown Him with Many Crowns

### Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after Transfiguration Sunday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Gen. 47:1-31	Gen. 48:1-22	Exodus 1:1-22	Exo. 2:1-25	Exo. 3:1-22	Exodus 4:1-31
Matt.21:10-46	Matt. 23:1-39	Mark 1:16-45	Mark 2:1-28	Mark 1:1-35	Mark 5:1-20

### PROPERs for TRANSFIGURATION (LAST SUNDAY of EPIPHANY) FEB 11<sup>TH</sup>

**INTROIT** The Lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook. Blessed are those who dwell in Your House. How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints, for the courts of the LORD. ...Ps.84

**COLLECT** O God, in the glorious Transfiguration of Your only-begotten Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the fathers, and in the Voice that came from the bright cloud, You wondrously foreshadowed our adoption by grace; Mercifully make us heirs with the King of His Glory, and bring us to Your glorious Home in Heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one True God, now and forever,

C: ♪ A - -men.

**GRADUAL C:** Alleluia! You are fairer than the children of men; grace is poured into Your lips. The LORD said to my LORD, Sit down at My Right Hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool. Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing to the LORD, bless His Name; show forth His Salvation from day to day. Declare His Glory among all people. Alleluia!

...also from Psalm 84:8-13

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS: (printed on outside back page of the bulletin)

O.T. <b>Isaiah 61:10-11</b>	God clothes and adorns His people in righteousness.
Epi. <b>II Peter 1:16-21</b>	God's Word is our guiding Light.
Gos. <b>Matthew 17:1-9</b>	Matthew's account of Jesus' Transfiguration.

**PSALM 98 C:** ♪ *All the Ends of the Earth, Have Seen the Glory of God.*  
**Refrain** All the ends of the earth, have seen the Glory of God.

Verse 1. Sing to the LORD a new song, \_\_\_ for He has done wondrous deeds; \_\_\_ His Right Hand has won the Vict'ry for Him, His ho-ly Arm. \_\_\_\_\_

♪ *All the ends of the earth, have seen the Glory of God. All the ends...*

Verse 2. The LORD has made His Salvation known, His justice revealed to all; \_\_\_ Remembered His kindness and faithfulness, to Is-rael. \_\_\_\_\_

♪ *All the ends of the earth, have seen the Glory of God. All the ends...*

Verse 3. All the ends of the earth have seen, salva—tion by our God; \_\_\_ Joyfully sing out all you lands, break forth- in song. \_\_\_\_\_

♪ *All the ends of the earth, have seen the Glory of God. All the ends...*

Verse 4. Sing to the LORD with harp and song, \_\_\_ with trumpet and with horn; \_\_\_ Sing in your joy before the King, The King-, our LORD. \_\_\_\_\_

♪ *All the ends of the earth, have seen the Glory of God. All the ends of the...*

PRAYER REQUESTS:	Member or Relation	Pray for...
Randy & Sue Smith	(Bev Foster) Christian funeral	Randy. Sue sad but faith-full
Jim & Elma Hendricks	LORD's will be done.	Jim at home. Blood pressure spikes
Dee Kurczewski	(David) Dee was in hospital after falls.	Back home, rehabbing
Sipple Family, Don & Carolyn Miner	Kathy Lane in Heaven.	Funeral was Sat.
Jon Sawyer	(Andrea) Jon has tests at Tampa General Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup> .	Then care plan
Martha Sawyer	(Jon Sr's mom) Back home in Mississippi in rehab after strokes	
James Vanesky & Delores Platt	Delores & Jim at home.	Both doing rehab

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Mary Ford	Vivian & Tom Temple
Treaters/Wed	Volunteer/Orpha & Vivian	Volunteer/ Volunteer

Statistics	Last week	Year to date / Avg.
Sunday Attendance/ L.S. / Wed.	22 / 22 / - -	28 / 24
Bible Class Attendance Sun/Wed	7 / 4	8 / 4
Sunday Offering for LORD	\$.	YTD Total \$.

### Calendar of Events

Today Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	Bible Study Heb. 13 JC, Whose Kin We Are
Epiphany-6 (=Last)	9:30 am	Divine Worship (No Holy Communion)
Transfiguration ✦	11:00 am	Fellowship, Coffee ...Please stay & talk
Wednesday 2/14	1:30;5;6pm	Ash.Wed. Vespers ; 5:15 Soup; 6 Bible Study
Saturday 2/17	1:30 pm	OSLadies' Guild February Meeting at church
Next Sunday 2/18	8:30 am	Bible Study Heb. 13 JC, Whose Kin We Are
Lent-1 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WI Holy Communion)
Invocavit=Enter Lent	10:45 ff...	Fellowship, Coffee ...Please stay & talk

Our Savior Elders are: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Steve Wendt 858-3611 & Don Wienke 815-8892. Please contact with any concerns.

### February 11 ELS Centennial: Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018



The Rev. Jakob A. Ottesen was another of the three "fathers," of the Synod. He served the Koshkonong Lutheran Churches (near Cottage Grove, Wisconsin). He is remembered as a "model pastor" for the Synod. Following his daughter's death in 1931, his household estate and library were given to the reorganized synod. This collection became the core of the Ottesen Museum at BLC in Mankato, Minnesota.

Sunday 2/18 *Invocavit = Lent-1 (LS p.15) #s 446 (388) Ps.25 413 388 305 250*

(EPI.-LAST)TRANSFIG-B Mark 9:1-9 "FRIGHT-FULLY GLORIOUS" 02.11.18 OSL

**INTRODUCTION** The glory of the LORD is a frightful glory. Few have seen it, and even they caught only a glimpse of it. Moses saw it, or at least the wake of it, and he had to be hidden in a cave to endure it. Elijah caught a glimpse of it, but he had to be hidden in the same cave as Moses. Isaiah saw it in a vision, but was convinced he was a dead man and confessed his sinfulness. The shepherds saw it over Bethlehem's fields the night of Jesus' birth, and they were filled with fear. John saw it on the island of Patmos, and was struck down as though he were dead. It is truly a **frightful glory**.

**GOD'S GLORY** No one may look on God and live, **except when God in His mercy permits it**. Three of the Twelve saw Jesus in His divine glory – **Peter, James, and John**. Three witnesses to the remarkable truth that Jesus is God in the flesh. True God and true man. God of God, light of light, true God of true God, and at the same time, true Man, humanity of our humanity.

**MORPHED** Jesus was changed in appearance before the three. **Metamorphosized**, transfigured, "**morphed**." He glowed with an unearthly glow, shining with the radiance of heaven. His clothes were whiter than any white on earth. His face was like the sun, shining with the glory of His divinity as the eternal Son of God. No human being in the history of the world ever appeared like this. Yes, Moses glowed when he came down from Mt. Sinai, but his glow was like that of a glow in the dark watch charged by the sun. The glow faded, the glory didn't last. Jesus shines like the sun, the light of God emanates out of His humanity. God and Man are One in Jesus, and every cell of Jesus' humanity glows with divinity.

**UNIQUENESS** That's **the importance of Jesus' Transfiguration**. It **sets Him apart** from **all** the others – from Moses and the prophets, from every religious teacher to come along. No one ever appeared this way. We need to remember this mountain and the transfiguration when we think of Jesus. There is so much more to Jesus than meets the eye. The shepherds in Bethlehem saw a tiny baby wrapped in cloths. The disciples saw a rabbi, an itinerant carpenter from Nazareth. The healings and exorcisms He did were signs of something greater, but there were healers and exorcists besides Jesus. His preaching and teaching were powerful and persuasive with an Authority unheard of by any contemporary.

**LIKE NO OTHER** But what sets Jesus apart is His shining face and bright clothing, this unearthly brilliance that would blind you to look at Him. Here is **no ordinary man**, not even an extraordinary man, or a super holy man. He is **more than Moses, more than Elijah, more than any holy man** who ever left a footprint in history. Greater than John and all who came before and all who would come after. No one ever appeared in this world shining with Divinity but **this Jesus in Whom the fullness of God dwells Bodily**.

**ETCHED IN THE 3** It left a **profound, indelible impression** on Peter who bore witness to it. He saw this with his own eyes. He wasn't making it up, and there were two others who saw the same thing, just to be sure. Peter writes, "*We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power*

*and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.*" (1Peter 1:16-18 Hist. Epistle for Transfiguration)

**NO STORY** He **heard** it, he **saw** it, he **testifies to it**. This is **not** some clever concocted story, some myth made up to make Jesus more than He actually is. This is **eyewitness-attested fact**, just like Jesus' Resurrection is an eyewitness-attested fact. **Remember that**. The disciples knew they were reporting things never seen or heard before. They knew people would be sceptical. **Who would believe them?** And yet Peter insists that he and James and John were eyewitnesses to Jesus' majesty. They heard the Voice from the cloud proclaim Jesus as the beloved Son (like at His Baptism). They were there.

**RELIGIOUS NOT SPIRITUAL** This **wasn't** some sort of "spiritual experience." This was a hard fact of history. I got into one of those 'conversations' recently with someone who claimed to be "*spiritual but not religious*." I said that I was "**religious but not spiritual**," meaning that what I believed was **based on fact not subjective feelings** or experiences, no matter how "spiritual" they might seem at the time. **Our faith is lived on the plain**, not the mountaintop.

**(EYEWITNESS) FACT** What we believe and confess is **not some clever myth, some abstract timeless truth, but an eyewitness fact** attested by three sane, rational men who had nothing to gain by making this up. They saw Jesus glorified. They heard the Father speak. They saw Moses and Elijah standing with Jesus, talking with Him. **Moses and Elijah – dead for long centuries, but alive and well in the presence of Jesus**.

**MAKE TENTS?!** They were **terrified**, they didn't know what to do. Peter wanted to preserve the moment and build three structures. What else could they have done? **What would you have done?** Of course, you want to preserve the moment. Enshrine it. Make it a holy site so pilgrims could come to the spot years later and recall the event. Why not? Yet the voice of the Father from the cloud intervened. This moment was to be witnessed, not preserved. It was a **preparation and pointing toward a greater glory – Jesus death on a Cross and His subsequent more glorious Resurrection**.

**(TALK OF) EXODUS** That's what Jesus was conversing about with Moses and Elijah. **His departure. His "Exodus."** His death and Resurrection that would bring to fulfilment all the Moses and the prophets had written. You see sin isn't dealt with in visions of glory. Death isn't defeated by an inspiring view of God's glory on a mountain. **Luther called it a "Theology of Glory," this hankering we have for the bright and shiny and glorious**. But that show of glory won't save anyone – not Peter, James, and John, **not you and me**. Oh, it's nice to think about, and must have been awesome to see, and wouldn't you have wanted to be in on that party as well? But if all Jesus came to earth to do was "**Shine Jesus Shine**" (theology of glory song, BTW) there would be **no forgiveness, no life, no salvation, and all of us**, yes even Moses and Elijah, would be lost forever.

CLOUD... That's why the **cloud has to cover things** and hide the glory. That's why Jesus told the disciples **not to say a thing about what** they saw until *"the Son of Man had risen from the dead."* Before glory comes the Cross and Resurrection. Before Jesus can be understood rightly in His glory, He needs to be seen hanging dead on a Cross bearing **your sin** and **my sin** and the **sin of the world**. Before Jesus can be seen in His glory, we need to see Him broken, bleeding, dying, buried because that's where He saves us. Not on a mountain, but on a cross, in the hidden glory of His sacrificial death and His resurrection from the dead.

DAD'S VOICE **The Father's Voice** from Heaven declared, *"This is My beloved Son; **listen** to Him."* The same Voice that was heard at Jesus' Baptism as He was getting out of the water. *"This is My beloved Son, My Chosen One, My Servant Who will suffer for the world **to save it.**"* He is The One you are to hear, He alone has the Words of eternal life. **Not Moses. Not Elijah. They pointed to Jesus**; they prepared the way for Him. But only Jesus has the Words that save from sin and death. Only Jesus has the Words that deliver us from the death sentence of the Law and bring us to life. Whether He is shining on a mountain or on a Cross or speaking through His office, **hear Him**. Take His Words to heart.

UNIQUE... Again, the **utter uniqueness of Jesus**. No one else has this testimony from the Father. No one else is called the Beloved Son of God. No one else has this endorsement of His Words. They saw **no one but Jesus**. Only Jesus was all they **needed** to see and hear; **only Jesus is all we need too**.

PREP Jesus was preparing His disciples for the road ahead, when His glory would be obscured by a cloud of **rejection, betrayal, and crucifixion**, when His ministry would be **anything but glorious**. They would remember this day and connect it to Good Friday and realise that this was **the same Jesus** – glorious Jesus, crucified Jesus. And they would understand the **Theology of the Cross** – that the glory of God is hidden in this life, hidden behind weakness and persecution and hardship and suffering and death. This is the way of Jesus, and the way of all who follow Jesus as His disciples.

CONCLUSION And, **It's your way too**. Being a Christian is **anything but glorious**. The mountaintop experiences are rare to non-existent. Our lives of faith are lived not on the mountain, but on the plain. There are doubts, times of testing, difficulties that defy our explanation and test our faith, prayers that seem to go unanswered. You have nothing but a Word of promise, a splash of water, a bit of bread and a sip of wine to go against devil, world, and flesh, and you wonder "is it enough to save me?"

BUT PATIENCE The glory may be hidden, but **it IS there as sure as Jesus**, Risen from the dead, is there. One day you will see that shining face with newly resurrected eyes. The Transfiguration of Jesus, shining in His glory, is a **sneak preview of your glory in the Resurrection**, where with Moses and Elijah and the whole company of Heaven you will see with your eyes that glorious, shining face of the One who is your Savior. **But not yet. Patience**. Now by faith, then by sight. Now hidden, then revealed. Now in weakness, then in glory. But always the same Jesus, there to save you, **here** to save you. **It's soooooo GoOD to be here, Lord. IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

### **Possible Prayer of Church ✧ Last Sunday in Epiphany: Transfiguration Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. (Possible Brief silence)*

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Your Son Your glory tabernacled in human flesh and blood to bring to us eternal life. Open the eyes of all people to see the glory of God in the face of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lover of the human race, Moses and Elijah appeared with the Savior in glory to witness that all the law and the prophets speak of Him. Give all pastors and servants of the Church such clarity in their teaching, that all who listen to them may hear the voice of the Savior calling them to life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

King of the nations, You intend all authority upon the earth to be a blessing, not a burden. Remember those entrusted with civil authority here and in all places, and enable them to serve with wisdom and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Comforter of the sorrowing, You alone can bring peace that passes understanding to aching hearts. Remember all who are ill, hospitalized, lonely, afflicted or dying [*especially Your servants **OSL Prayer List** and those we name in our hearts*].

<b>PRAYER REQUESTS:</b>	<b>Member or Relation</b>	<b>Pray for...</b>
<b>Randy &amp; Sue Smith</b>	<b>(Bev Foster)</b>	Christian funeral <b>Randy</b> . Sue sad but faith- <i>full</i>
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<b>Martha Sawyer</b>	<b>(Jon Sr's mom)</b>	Back home in Mississippi in rehab after strokes
<b>James Vanesky &amp; Delores Platt</b>		Delores & Jim at home. Both doing rehab
<b>Steve Wendt</b>	<b>(Ethel)</b>	Steve took a fall at his (volunteer) SPCA work. Bruises

Let them sense Your presence, taste Your peace and experience healing and relief according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Giver of the feast, You spread Your banquet before Your children, that they might taste and see that You are good. Grant to all who come to the holy altar today repentant and believing hearts, that this Sacrament may transform them from one degree of glory to another. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Immortal One, You raised Your Son from the dead by Your life-giving Spirit, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters who share in His endless life and glory. Receive our thanks for **Moses, Elijah, Peter, James, John and ALL** who have fallen asleep in our Savior's faith and friendship. Bring us to behold with them the fullness of His glory in the age to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

All this we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all Glory and Honor is Yours, forever and ever. **Amen. Then, Lord's Prayer...**