

(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.

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-C 'Luke' Gospel (Sermon) ↗

Luke 9:28-36 About eight days after Jesus said this, He took Peter, John and James with Him and went up onto a mountain to pray. 29 As He was praying, the appearance of His Face changed, and His clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. 30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, 31 appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about His Departure, which He was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. 32 Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him. 33 As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to Him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters - one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what He was saying.) 34 While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 A Voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, Whom I have chosen; listen to Him." 36 When the Voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen.

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



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

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March 3rd, 2019 ✧ Epiphany(Last)C Transfiguration

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER: If you are new to the area or our worship and have never communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you are not currently a member of an ELS or WELS congregation, we ask that you please **wait to take Communion until you can speak with our pastor.** Out of Christian love and consideration to you the guest, we want you to have the opportunity to learn what our church teaches about the Bible and Sacraments before you unite with us in taking **Holy Communion.** Thank you for your understanding. LORD's blessings to you.

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On silver liturgy sheets or in red TLH Hymnal p.15

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (#v)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	246 (4v)	Holy, Holy, Holy, LORD God Almighty
<i>Psalm 98</i>	<i>Ps. 98 "4v"</i>	<i>All the Ends of the Earth Have Seen ... ↗</i>
Hymn of the Day	294 (4v)	O Word of God Incarnate
<i>Offertory Verse</i>	<i>341 (5v)</i>	<i>Sing v.1 Crown Him with Many Crowns →</i>
Distribution Hymns	341/2 (5v)	<i>Sing vv.2-5 Crown Him, the Virgin's Son...</i>
Closing Hymn	135 (5v)	"Tis Good, LORD, to Be Here

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
<i>Matt.21:10-46</i>	<i>Matt. 23:1-39</i>	<i>Mark 1:16-45</i>	<i>Mark 2:1-28</i>	<i>Mark 1:1-35</i>	<i>Mark 5:1-20</i>

PROPERs for TRANSFIGURATION (LAST SUNDAY of EPIPHANY) MARCH 3

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 Psalm 84:8-13

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

O.T. Isaiah 61:10-11	God clothes and adorns His people in Righteousness.
Epi. II Peter 1:16-21	God's Word is our Guiding Light.
Gos. Matthew 17:1-9	Matthew/Luke accounts of Jesus' Transfiguration.

Psalm 98 C: ♪ *All the Ends of the Earth, Have Seen the Power of God.*
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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 power 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 power 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 power 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 power of God. All the ends of the...*

#341 1. Crown Him with Many Crowns - The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the Heav'nly anthem drowns - All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing - Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King - Through all eternity. A-men.

PRAYER REQUESTS: (Member or Relation) Pray for...

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Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Bev Foster & Joe Thacker	Shirley & DuWayne Marquardt
Treaters		

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance(Communion)	21 / (- -)	27 / 23
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	10	10
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1.3K)	YTD \$, (\$10.6K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, March 3 rd	8:30 am	Bible Study SalvationWord: Sin Sacrifice
Epiphany-8(-Last)	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
Transfiguration Sun.	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!
Mon. Tue., Thu. Fri.	- all-days -	Pastor in Kissimmee for Spring Softball
Wednesday 3/6	430,515,6	Ash.Wed. Vespers; 5:15 Soup; 6 Bible Study
Saturday 3/9	10 ~ 2 pm	FWMS Florida ELS Mission Rally at Sebring
Next Sunday 3/10	8:30 am	BibleStudy (New Unit) Symbols: Anoint
Lent-1C Invocavit	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NOCommunion)
Start of Lent Season	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!

Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892

✧ This Sunday, A "church" is at the rear of church for OSLadies Missions contributions.

Sunday 3/10 Invocavit Lent-1C (No LS p.5) 451 (388) Ps.25 413 388 447 262

EPI-LAST=TRANSGIF. Luke 9:28-36 "PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS" 03.03.19

GLIMPSE of GLORY The Transfiguration of Jesus is a bit like those **movie previews they play** before the featured attraction, the ones narrated by the guy with the big voice. They reveal just enough of the movie to make you want to see it, without giving away too much of the plot. "**Coming soon to a theatre near you.**" A sneak preview of coming attractions. And that's **what the Transfiguration really is. A sneak peak, a Glimpse of Jesus' Glory as the Son of God** and the coming attraction of the Kingdom He brings with His dying and rising.

WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? Jesus told His disciples, "*I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.*" And then they had a whole week to think about it and wonder. **Who** was He talking about? And **when?** And **where?** And **what** will happen, what will they see? So many questions. Luke says it was eight days later. Matthew and Mark say six days. Luke counts inclusively and makes it eight. Eight days is new creation talk. First day of the second week. Maybe it's intentional on Luke's part. This is a vision that has many layers, among them the Resurrection and the new creation that comes with Jesus.

8 (or 6) DAYS; (2 or) 3 WITNESSES Eight days after saying that some of them would not taste death until they saw the kingdom of God, Jesus went up to a mountain to pray along with three disciples – **Peter, James, and John**. Two or three witnesses were required to establish a truth. Jesus is making sure that future generations who would hear of this would be able to trust that it happened. Peter, James, and John are given a unique privilege and gift – to see Jesus in His glory prior to His death, Resurrection, and Ascension.

METAMORPHOSIS/D While Jesus was praying (and in Luke, Jesus always prays at key moments in His ministry), His **face was changed in appearance**, and His clothing became **dazzling white**. What was going on there? This was a(nother) "Epiphany," a(nother) manifestation or showing. Jesus' Divinity was shining through His humanity, causing His face and clothing to glow with an earthly brightness. It was a visual reminder that this Jesus was certainly Man but He was no ordinary man. He was also **God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God**. Though deeply hidden beneath His humanity, Jesus' divine nature and His glory as the Son of God were there. They were simply hidden from the eye.

GOD-GLOW In the OT, **Moses glowed when he came down from Mt. Sinai** after meeting face to face with God. It's as though the glory of God's presence rubbed off, or at least created a temporary effect. It was kind of like a glow in the dark watch that glows for a while after being placed in the sun. With Moses, that was a temporary and fading glory, indicating that his covenant was temporary and fading. But **Jesus' glow came from within Himself**, as every cell of His humanity glowed with the glory of God. This was the glory that filled the tabernacle and the temple. This was the glory of the pillar of cloud and fire. This was the sign

that God Himself was present on this mountain. This was **the Lord's mountain of which Isaiah had spoken**, the mountain where God would reveal His glory to the nations and the nations would flock to the Lord.

A/NOTHER TRINITY **Moses and Elijah appeared** with Jesus. Elijah had been **whisked off to heaven in chariots of fire**. Moses had been **buried by God Himself in a secret location**. They represented the **Torah** and the **Prophets**. The Torah had come through Moses on Sinai. Elijah was the first and foremost of the prophets. And here they appear together with glorified Jesus. Jesus had come to fulfil Moses and the Prophets. **Moses and Elijah had pointed to Jesus** as "types," and now the Fulfilment was standing there in **some of His glory** and they in glory with Him. It's a little **sneak preview of the Resurrection**, when those long dead will rise in Jesus' glory.

HIS ?EXODUS? Luke tells us that they were talking with Jesus about His departure which He was about to accomplish in Jerusalem. The word Luke uses here is "**exodus**." They were talking about **His Exodus, and who better to talk about that than Moses?** Luke anchors this vision in Jesus' death on a Cross and His Resurrection from the dead and His Ascension forty days later. This is His "Exodus" by which He brings all of humanity through death to life and glory. The Transfiguration is a preparation for that. The Jesus who shines like the sun, who radiates the glory of God on earth, is the same Jesus who hangs dead in the darkness on Good Friday bearing the sin of the world. You need to make that hard connection between the mountain of transfiguration that proclaims Jesus the Son of God and Mt. Calvary, the mountain of His cross, that proclaims Him the Savior of the world.

ZZZZZZZZZZZZ **Peter, James, and John nearly missed the whole thing**. They were "heavy with sleep." Sleep? That's right. Sleep. Just as they same three would be heavy with sleep by the Mount of Olives when Jesus asked them to pray while they were with Him in the garden. They'd just hiked up a mountain; Jesus was praying. Ever doze off while praying? Sure you do. Admit it. We doze in prayer, in worship, and yes, even in the midst of the sermon. That's our spiritual lethargy at work, our sleepiness and deadness to God's Word and prayer. It seems that every time Jesus asks Peter, James, and John to pray with Him, they wind up falling asleep. We're certainly not going to enter the kingdom of God by way of our prayers if even Peter, James, and John can't pull it off in the visible presence of Jesus.

LET'S STAY (for a) THREE.FIE When they awoke, they got an **eyefull - Jesus glowing, Moses and Elijah** standing with Him. That will wake you up in a hurry! And Peter blurts out, "*Master, it's good we're here,*" meaning it's good we're here to see this. He tries to capture the moment, memorialize it, kind of the way we have to take a snapshot of everything. It's as though Peter pulled out his mobile phone and said, "*Could you guys pose for a quick picture? Moses, would you move in a little closer? Elijah, slide over a bit to your left. There. Good. Now hold that pose and smile.*" Peter wants to build

three tents, three booths as in the Feast of Booths when all Israel lived in a tent on Jerusalem's hillside. **One for Moses, one for Elijah, one for Jesus.**

(WE TOO WANT TO) KEEP THE MOMENT We do that. We want to **preserve the "religious moment."** The ecstatic experience. The feeling. The vision. Whatever. We want to memorialize the mountaintop. Make it the normative thing. We're like junkies for the religious experience. Luke says Peter didn't know what he was talking about. Whether it was fear or sleep or whatever, visions like this defy words and our ability to fully comprehend them. Just in time, **a cloud came**, the cloud that once filled the temple. It surrounded them and **even the disciples were taken up into it.** The cloud concealed the glory and the Voice of the Father preached from the cloud: **"This is my Son; my Chosen One. Hear Him."**

ONLY THE WORD/JESUS The same Voice was heard speaking from Heaven **at Jesus' Baptism**, identifying Him as the **suffering Servant-Son**. Again the Father speaks, making it clear to the disciples and also to us, that **Jesus is unique** - there is none other like Him. He's **greater** than Moses, **greater** than Elijah, **greater** than any religious man, sage, guru, lama, prophet or leader who has ever walked the face of this earth. He alone does the "Exodus" of His death and Resurrection **to save us**. He alone has a **Baptism** that can wash away the stain of sin. He alone can give us His **Body and Blood** to eat and drink as our Bread and Wine. He alone has the Words of Eternal Life. Moses **cannot** save you. His words **cannot** save you. His Commandments **cannot** save you. Elijah **cannot** save you. **Jesus. Jesus. Only Jesus.**

2 PETER 1:16-21 Peter recalled that mountain top experience many years later when he wrote these words: *"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 honour 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."* He was an eyewitness. He saw and testified to these things. But as great as the vision was – **the glory, the cloud, the Voice, Moses and Elijah** – Peter would direct our attention to something more sure – the **Word, the prophetic Word** that shines like a Lamp into the darkened recesses of our hearts.

'TIS GOOD LORD 2 B HERE Visions **don't** create faith. Visions **don't** turn the heart. Visions don't forgive sin or raise the dead. A bright shining Jesus may be a spectacular sight, but **His Word is what brings you forgiveness, life, and salvation.** His Word you have in all its glorious forms – Baptism, Supper, preaching. And with His Word, we **have** His glory. And so we say (and will sing) along with Peter, **"Lord, it is SO good for us to be here." IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

Possible Prayer of Church ✧ Last Sunday in Epiphany: **Transfiguration March 3RD**

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*].

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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 Supper, p.24**