



March 3, 2019

Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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## **Welcome to God's House of Worship!**

We consider it a privilege to worship our living Lord with you today! If you have any questions regarding our congregation, please talk with the pastor. We look forward to meeting you. Please come again and worship with us very soon!

- The order of worship is found in this folder.
- Restrooms are located in the entry area.
- Our fellowship hall is equipped with a speaker and child-friendly toys.

## **Jesus Revealed as the Lord of Glory**

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## **Meditation Before Worship**

Renew me, O eternal Light, and let my heart and soul be bright, illumined with the light of grace that issues from your holy face. Create in me a new heart, Lord, that gladly I obey your Word. Oh, let your will be my desire and with new life my soul inspire. Amen. (CW 471:1,3)



*Personal preparation for Holy Communion can  
be found in the front of the hymnal on page 156.*

*Preservice music will be used to help in quiet preparation for worship.*

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## **Divine Service II**

*“Divine Service II” is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian Church  
found in Christian Worship Supplement.*

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### **OPENING HYMN**

**While Yet the Morn Is Breaking**  
*Christian Worship 585*

*Please stand*

### **INVOCATION**

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** *(spoken)* **Amen.**

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)**

*Mark 10:47*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

GLORY BE TO GOD (*Gloria in Excelsis*)

Tune: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER (CW 177)

## We Listen to God's Word

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated*

### FIRST LESSON

**Exodus 34:29-35** (NIV)

<sup>29</sup>When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

<sup>33</sup>When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup>But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**Psalm 148**

*Page 121 in the front of the hymnal  
We will sing the psalm responsively.*

**SECOND LESSON**

**2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.  
<sup>4</sup> The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**Mark 9:7b (NIV)**

M: Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia.

C:

*Please stand for the highlight of the service: the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 9:28-36** (NIV)

**M:** The Gospel according to Luke chapter 9.

**C:** *(spoken)* **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup> About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup> 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.)

<sup>34</sup> While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** *(spoken)* **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide**  
*Christian Worship 541*

**SERMON**

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Theme:

*Please stand*

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**



**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

*Be seated*

### **OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS**

*The members of St. Mark's have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. You are our guests, and we thank you for giving us the opportunity to share God's Word with you! Please take a moment to sign our friendship register.*

*Please stand*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## **The Sacrament**

*At St. Mark's we practice the custom of Close Communion, inviting to our altar only confirmed members of our church body, the WELS, and of those in fellowship with us. We do this because Communion is also a sign of Christian unity, based upon agreement on the doctrines of the Bible. This is not an insult to our Christian brethren in other denominations, but a recognition of differing church teachings. We, with all Christians, look forward to the day when we will all sit together in peace at the marriage feast of the Lamb. (See 1 Corinthians 10:17 and 1 Corinthians 11:27-29)*

### **PREFACE**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation:** *(spoken)* **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through him. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sanctus*)

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

*Tune: WEBB (CW 474)*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:24,25*

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take

and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

**LAMB OF GOD** (*Agnus Dei*)

*John 1:29*

*Be seated*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**How Good, Lord, to Be Here #95**

**Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared #312**

**Take the World, but Give Me Jesus #355**

*Please stand*

**SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)**

*Luke 2:29-32*

*Tune: ANTHES (CW 336)*

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

M: 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.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

## **FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA**

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

## CLOSING HYMN

### **Alleluia, Song of Triumph**

*Tune: PICARDY (CW 29)*

*(Printed on the next page).*

# Alleluia, Song of Triumph

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# Announcements

## THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all who helped welcome our new members last Sunday. Much to our surprise it was well attended with the blizzard conditions. Many thanks to all who took down and set up the classroom, the great cooks who brought items, those who helped in kitchen, served, and just made this a special day for everyone! We are so blessed as a church family! God's blessings on all. — Evangelism Committee

We welcome the following new members who joined St. Mark's in recent years:

- **PASTOR AND MARINA ZAMZOW & FAMILY - 2018**
- **NOAH AND JAMIE BERNIER & FAMILY - 2017**
- **JAMES AND MAKAYLA BOND - 2017**
- **JEREMY AND BETH BUCK & FAMILY - 2018**
- **DALE AND BETH CHRISTENSON & FAMILY - 2017**
- **JAN EGEDSDORF - 2017**
- **KATIE ERICKSON & FAMILY - 2017**
- **GRIFFIN ERICKSON – 2017**
- **PAIGE HOLDERBECKER (Confirmed) - 2018**
- **JOHN AND JILL KIRK & FAMILY – 2017**
- **DELENNNA KIRK (Confirmed) - 2018**
- **MELISSA KOENIG - 2018**
- **CALVIN AND EMILY KURTZ & FAMILY - 2016**
- **AMANDA MONROE & FAMILY - 2018**
- **BRIAN AND SUSAN WALTER - 2017**

### MEALS ON WHEELS

See sign up sheet if you would like to help deliver meals during the week of March 11<sup>th</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF

The requested item for month of March is breakfast cereal. Thank you to all who have been able to donate! Have any questions or comments? See Pat Berget, 759.1321/ [berget@paulbunyan.net](mailto:berget@paulbunyan.net)

### HELP NEEDED

Over ten youth from St. Mark's will be attending Camp Croix this summer from July 7-13. This is a WELS bible camp in Danbury, WI that serves about 350 children each summer. The staff at Camp Croix are looking for more cooks to help feed the campers and volunteers. Would you like to spend time with the kids from our church and serve God in this manner? There is also free lodging, meals included, and a \$300 stipend. Please contact Joy or Emily Holderbecker with any questions.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

The Lenten season begins this week with our Ash Wednesday worship service on March 6 at 7:00 p.m. We will once again have the imposition of ashes as part of the service for those who choose. We will also celebrate Holy Communion. There will be a supper before each of our midweek Lenten services at 5:30. This week pizza will be served with a free-will collection taken to cover the cost. (Ash Wednesday is also Pastor Zamzow's birthday!)

## **Lenten Theme: Three Words of Truth**

March 6 — Is It I?

March 13 — Love One Another

March 20 — Watch and Pray

March 27 — I Am He

April 3 — What Is Truth?

April 10 — Take Him Away

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Mar 3 (Sun)</b> .....	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship with Communion</b>
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship with Communion</b>
Mar 4 (Mon).....	5:30 p.m.	Elders meeting
Mar 5 (Tues).....	7:45 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study @ Country Kitchen
	10:00 a.m.	Moms & Tots
	6:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Information Class (BIC)
<b>Mar 6 (Wed)</b> .....	10:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten supper—pizza
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion</b>
Mar 7 (Thurs).....	6:00 p.m.	Stewardship meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
Mar 7-8 (Th-Fri).....		<i>No School</i>
<b>Mar 10 (Sun)</b> .....	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>

If you would like to have St. Mark’s online calendar synced with your Google calendar, you can choose “Add a friend’s calendar” and put in: [calendar@stmarksbemidji.org](mailto:calendar@stmarksbemidji.org)

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**St. Mark’s Mission Statement**

We, the members of St. Mark’s, are a Christ-centered church family that will **glorify** God, **grow** in His Word, and **go** with it to all.  
(1 Corinthians 10:31, 2 Peter 3:18, Matthew 28:18-20)