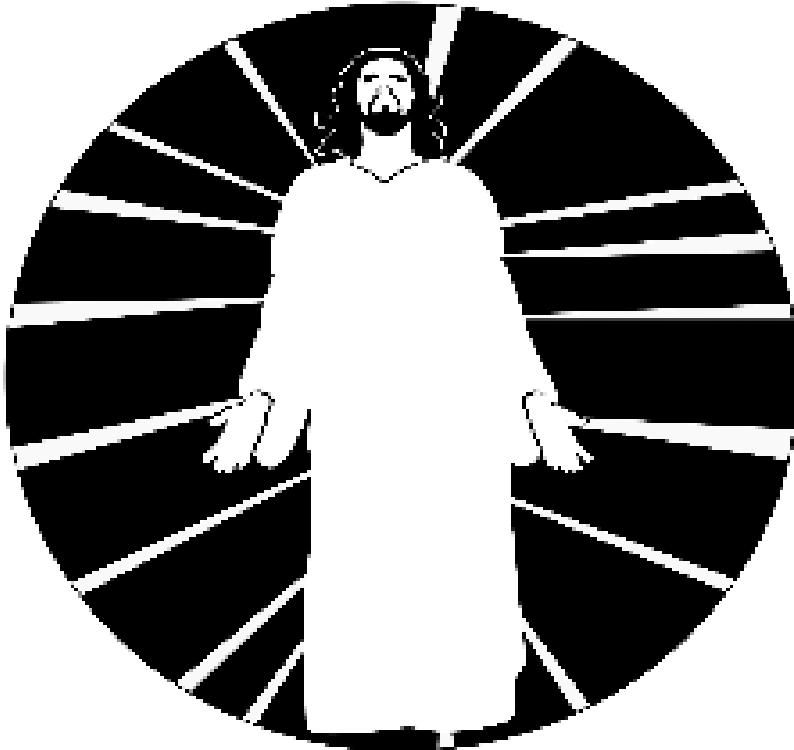


# The Transfiguration of our Lord

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018



“He was transfigured before them, and His clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.” *Mark 9:2–3*

**WELCOME!** We extend a cordial welcome to everyone in the name of our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Visitors are always welcome in our midst and are asked to sign our guest book in the entrance to our church sanctuary.

## **AS WE GATHER—***“The Glory of the Lord”*

This day ends the Epiphany season and prepares us for Lent. Jesus has been revealing His true nature through His words and actions, and on the Mount of Transfiguration three disciples see His glory revealed as transfiguring light. Moses and Elijah appear with Him, talking about His departure in Jerusalem. But our Lord then commands the disciples not to tell about the event until after Easter. Because we live after His resurrection, Paul writes in the Epistle, we recognize Jesus’ true glory in going to the cross for us, for God has “shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (*2 Corinthians 4:6*).

## **Budget Update:**

Checkbook Balance 12/31/17: \$176.62

	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts:	\$ 23,176	\$ 23,176
Expenses:	\$ 22,322	\$ 22,322
Over/(under):	\$ 854	\$ 854
CLC Loan Balance:	\$ 10,977	
Operating Loan:	\$ 29,795	
Savings Borrowed:	\$ 8,000	
Total Debt:	\$ 48,772	

Treasurer  
Jerry Kobiske

## **ORDER OF SERVICE: *Divine Service, Setting 3, page 184***

**OPENING HYMN** “O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair” (LSB 413)

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION** page 184

**SHARING OF THE PEACE** (Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "*Peace be with you,*" as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.) [Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3]

**SERVICE OF THE WORD** page 186

**THE INTROIT, COLLECT OF THE DAY, GRADUAL, AND SCRIPTURE READINGS ARE FOUND IN YOUR BULLETIN INSERT**

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**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY** page 189

**CELC CHOIR ANTHEM— "God Loves Me Dearly"**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** —"Are You Listening?"

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** page 190

+ **Old Testament Lesson**—2 *Kings 2:1–12* (Elijah is taken to heaven on a fiery chariot in a whirlwind.)

### **Gradual**

+ **Epistle Lesson**—2 *Corinthians 3:12–13; 4:1–6* (We need not fear being near God as Israel did at Mount Sinai.)

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** page 190

*"Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia."*

+ **Gospel Lesson**—*Mark 9:2–9* (Jesus is transfigured in the presence of three disciples.)

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** page 192

**CATECHISM** page 326

From Martin Luther's Small Catechism: Sacrament of the Altar: What is the Sacrament of the Altar? Where is this written?

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here" (LSB 414)

**SERMON** "How the Child of God Departs This Life" (2 Kings 2.1–12)

**OFFERTORY** page 192

**OFFERINGS/ATTENDANCE**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (*Each petition of the prayers ends by the pastor saying: "Lord, in Your mercy" and the congregation responding: "Hear our prayer"*)

**LORD'S PRAYER** page 196

**CONCLUDING COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. Mercifully enable us to see by faith His presence with us now in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, as we join the hosts of heaven in praising Your holy name; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** page 202

**FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA**

Pastor: Today marks the end of the Epiphany season, and in a few days we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday. It is traditional to mute our joy during Lent by not singing Alleluias. We say our "farewell to Alleluia" as we sing the final hymn until we hear it again when we rejoice at our Lord's resurrection on Easter morning.

**CLOSING HYMN** "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" (LSB 417)

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!!!

**People: Thanks be to God!!!**

**Attendance in Worship Last Sunday: 50**

**Church Information**—

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**Church Body's Website:** [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)  
**Church Website:** [www.christlutheranwestbloomfield.com](http://www.christlutheranwestbloomfield.com)

**Officiant:** Pastor John M. Taggatz  
**Organist:** Mary Reany  
**Elder:** Myron Wacker  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Eloise Krause  
**Altar Guild:** Karen Tesch  
**Acolyte:** Grace Muench

**REMINDER! Pastor's Office Hours for Christ & Calvary**

**Monday (Christ) 9:30 am-1pm**

**Tuesday (Christ) 10:15 am-1pm**

**Wednesday (Calvary) 9:30am -1pm**

**Thursday (Calvary): 9am - 1pm**

**Friday (Pastor's Day Off)**

**Visitations: Monday through Thursday afternoons**

**For Appointments, Call Calvary or Christ Office or Pastor's Cell Phone.**

**For an Emergency, Call Pastor Taggatz: 715-467-1231.**

**Our Prayer List:** Samuel Cartwright, Pleasance Robbert's father; Sherry Blomberg; Shirley Rohan; Bob & Bev Buchholtz; Dave Timm, Ryan Timm's father; Pastor Mark Meier (recovering from heart surgery); Darin Triplett (cancer), son-in-law of Elvis Behm; Jerry Dorsett, (recovery from surgery); Matt Tesch (recovery from an accident) and Linda Brazil (recovery from surgery).

**In the Military:** Kaitlin Young, Fort Campbell, KY.

**Our Shut Ins:** Doris Buchholtz, Louis Hartzke, Mary Grambsch, Doris Behm, Lisa Liepert, Stanley Behm, and Elvis Behm.

**In the case of inclement weather please check with WDUX radio 92.7 FM to see if our congregation's worship service has been cancelled.**

The regular occurring **Christ Lutheran Voter's meeting** is scheduled for **TODAY Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018** immediately following the Worship Service. Please plan on attending our February Voter's Meeting, as your input and involvement in our Lutheran Church and School are deeply needed, and greatly appreciated. Thanks for your support of our ministries here at Christ Lutheran Church & School!!!

**Church Announcements Deadline:** The deadline for getting church announcements into the bulletin for Christ and Calvary is on Wednesdays by 9am.

**2017 Donation Summaries** – are in your mailboxes. If you see irregularities please talk to Diane Hartzke. Please remember to write your name on your weekly donation envelopes. This is very valuable to the financial secretary.

**THIS WEEK AT CHRIST**

<p><b><u>Sunday – February 11<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship Service – Children Sing  <b>8:50 AM</b> Sunday school  <b>9:30 AM</b> Voter's Meeting  <b>9:45 AM</b> Adult Bible Class</p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday – February 13<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Chapel  <b>5:30 PM</b> BOE Meeting</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday – February 14<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>6:00 – 7:00 PM</b> Public School Confirmation Class at Calvary  <b>5:30 PM</b> Calvary's Soup Supper  <b>7:15 PM</b> Ash Wednesday Service at Calvary</p>
<p><b><u>Thursday – February 15<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>10:00 AM</b> Adult Bible Study @ Calvary  <b>7:00 PM</b> Midweek Service at Christ</p>
<p><b><u>Friday – February 16<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>Pastor's Day Off</b></p>
<p><b><u>Sunday – February 18<sup>th</sup></u></b>      <b>COMMUNION</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship Service  <b>9:45 AM</b> Adult Bible Class</p>

**THRIVENT CHOICE GIVING FOR CHRIST & CALVARY—** Giving back has always been important to our Thrivent members. Thrivent Financial has provided more than \$170 million through the Thrivent Choice® program to help congregations, educational institutions and other nonprofit organizations since the program launched in 2010. The Thrivent Members of our congregations of Christ & Calvary are eligible to give to the charitable organization of their choice, including our churches of Christ & Calvary Lutheran our own Christ Lutheran School of West Bloomfield, WI!!! Eligible members are designated Choice Dollars, based on insurance premiums, contract values, and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of nonprofit organizations nationwide, including your local congregation.

**\*\*\*Special notice regarding the Thrivent Choice Program:** Thrivent members wishing to continue their automatic withdrawal to the charity of their choice will have to let Thrivent know either by e-mail or phone. All you have to do is call this 1-800 number in order to see if you have Thrivent Choice dollars to give. To continue to direct your Choice Dollars to the charity of your choice call: 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and state "Thrivent Choice."

**PLEASE NOTE: Your eligible Thrivent Choice dollars from 2017 are still good through March of 2018.** All you have to do is call the Thrivent Choice phone number to direct your choice dollars to the charity of your choice. Thanks for your generosity and support!!!

**Calvary Men's Group Chili Supper**— The Calvary Men's group is hosting a chili supper immediately following the worship service **TODAY** Sunday, February 11th, 2018 from noon until 2:00 PM, or until gone. Members of Christ Lutheran are welcome. The menu includes chili (with fixings on the side), French bread, desert, milk, juice, and coffee. The cost is \$6.50 adults, \$3.00 children 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. All proceeds will go to Christ Lutheran West Bloomfield School. This event is also being supported by a "Thrivent Action Team" grant. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

**Is Genesis History???**—Have you ever wondered about the story of Creation from the Old Testament Book of Genesis? Join us on Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30pm in our Christ Lutheran Gymnasium as we watch a documentary about the Book of Genesis. We will begin with refreshments at 6:30pm and continue with the movie at 7pm. Dr. Del Tacket of Focus on the Family's "The Truth Project" travels the world to interview scientists and scholars to determine whether the Book of Genesis is only allegory or the literal truth. For more information go to: [isgenesishistory.com](http://isgenesishistory.com)

**CALLING ALL USHERS FOR CELC**--We are in need of ushers here at Christ Lutheran for 2018. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to help out. If interested, please contact Bryan Brazil at: [920-867-3646](tel:920-867-3646).

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BIBLE STUDY?** Pastor John is leading Bible Study on Thursdays at Calvary Lutheran Waupaca at 10:00am. Come join us as we study God's Word together! We are currently studying Lutheran Hour Ministry's study "God Connects: An Overview of Luther's Small Catechism."

**INTERESTED IN SINGING AT CELC DURING THE LENTEN & EASTER SEASON???** Then, you are in luck!!! Chris Cutts will be conducting choir rehearsal here at CELC on Sunday mornings Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:45am-10:30am. Please come and join us as we prepare to observe the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through joyous song and praise to our LORD!!! Also, if anyone is interested in playing special music during the Lenten & Easter seasons please talk to Andrea Muench & Chantel Mundschau.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR CHRIST & CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCHES**—We are looking to have a Vacation Bible School planning meeting starting in the month of March. We are looking either at Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> or Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> to have the meeting in the morning. We can either meet on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am at Christ Lutheran or Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> at Calvary Waupaca around 10am. We are looking to have Vacation Bible School at Calvary the second week of July 2018 and VBS at Christ Lutheran the last week of July 2018. We will discuss at what time we want to have VBS, whether in the evening or morning. What our program will be this year from CPH or Group Publishing, what our mission offerings are going to go toward, etc.

**"The Challenges of Islam"** is the topic of the Adult Bible Study which is held at 9:45 AM on Sundays here at Christ Lutheran. This study is part of the Lutheran Hour Ministries Bible Study topics. Please sign up for this study in the narthex so we can make copies of the study for you.

**Would you like to read through the entire Bible chronologically in the New Year?** If so, we have a schedule at Christ Lutheran to read through the Bible available for you on the table in the Narthex. If you would like a digital copy you can email Lydia Wacker at: [lwackerlwml@gmail.com](mailto:lwackerlwml@gmail.com)

**SCRIP AT CELC**—SCRIP is being sold following the 8:30am service in the church basement. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Calvary Lutheran will be having their Soup Suppers for the 2018 Lenten Season.** The Lenten Suppers will be on Wednesdays during the Lenten Season and they will go from 5:30-7pm. They will start on Ash Wednesday February 14th and will go through Wednesday March 21st. Also, please consider inviting your family members and friends to their Lenten Midweek soup suppers and worship services, as it would be a great evangelism opportunity.

**55<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Paul Manawa Men's Club Fish Fry:** Will take place on Friday, March 23 from 4:30 – 8:00 PM in the dining room located at 742 Depot Street, Manawa. The menu will include fish, chicken strips/wings, potato salad, coleslaw, dinner rolls, desserts, coffee & milk. The ticket prices are adult (advance) \$13.00, Adult (at the door) \$14.00, children 12 & under \$5.00. Carry-outs available 920-596-2815.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR—"Was Blind, But Now I See"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. Would you rather be blind or visioned? That's an easy one. But, how does a spiritually blind person become seeing (2 Corinthians 4:3) The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lhm.org](http://lhm.org) scroll down the page and click on, "listen now." Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

- 5:30am The Lutheran Hour, WTMJ (AM 620)
- 7:30am The Lutheran Hour, WJMQ (FM 92.3)
- 8:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WDUX (AM 800)
- 10:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WRVM (FM 102.7)

### **The Congregation at Prayer Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018, The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**Catechism:** Sacrament of the Altar: What is the Sacrament of the Altar? Where is this written?

**Verse of the week:** 1 Corinthians 10:16, *"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"*

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 89

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 617) "O Lord, We Praise Thee" (stanzas 1-2)

#### **for the Week:**

Sunday— Jesus Gives Sight to a Blind Man—Luke 18:31-43

Monday— The Tree of Knowledge and the Tree of Life—Genesis 2:4-17

Tuesday— Man Eats the Forbidden Fruit—Genesis 3:1-24

Wednesday— The Passover—Exodus 12:1-14, 17

Thursday— The Wedding in Cana of Galilee—John 2:1-11

"Love and appreciation between generations are so important. God tells us not to conceal His great and mighty acts from our children, but to tell the generations to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength, and His wondrous works that He has done." *Kay L. Meyer, Family Shield Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)* Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679

**Stewardship Minute**— Both the rich and the poor are called to give according to their blessings (2 Corinthians 8:12). A one-dollar gift from ten dollars of income is just as meaningful as a \$10,000 gift from \$100,000 of income. However, it seems the more God blesses us, the more difficult it is to remain committed to giving proportionately. Studies have shown that people with larger incomes often give a lower percentage than those with small incomes, yet Jesus said, *"Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required..."* (Luke 12:48). May God's grace be with you and His strength empower you to give generously of what He has entrusted to you. As you prayerfully consider what God wants you to give, consider the wise words of Solomon: *"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want"* (Proverbs 11:24).

### **AS GOD'S STEWARDS, WE SERVE AS HIS MANAGERS, WHO LIVE IN THE LIGHT OF HIS OWNERSHIP.**



"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).

**Hygiene Kits for Orphan Grain Train** – Last year at this time, Calvary's Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) collected donations to assemble health/hygiene kits for people who had just been through some type of disaster. They were able to complete 50 kits that were given to Orphan Grain Train for them to distribute wherever they were needed.

There is still a tremendous need for these kits. The members of their LWML group were just beginning to plan for another series of donations for a new set of 50 kits when we learned that an area congregation had a number of items left over from their program. Seven different items are needed to complete a kit. They had close to or over 100 items for each of 4 of the required supplies, but they had none of the other 3 items. They agreed to take over the incomplete sets and finish as many of them as we could. Our goal is 100 kits this year. They are inviting the members of CELC, West Bloomfield, to join them in reaching this goal. Lydia Wacker will help to coordinate the donations.

These are the items that we need to complete the sets along with the Sundays when they will be collected:

February 11: Sturdy combs – Please avoid combs that can be easily bent. The teeth should be well-spaced to accommodate a variety of hair textures.

February 18: Bath towels –The towels should be full-sized bath towels, **not** hand or kitchen towels. The towels may be used, but they should be in good condition and not torn or frayed. Darker colors are preferred. Avoid towels that are too thick and difficult to dry. Most of these recipients do not have laundry facilities available to them.

Please consider helping us reach our goal for the benefit of those who have suffered some type of major disaster in their lives. Thank you, Cheryl Coe Calvary LWML

**BOX TOPS AND MILK CAPS:** This is just a reminder that our school collects Box Tops and Kwik Trip milk caps, bag tops, glazed donut ovals and ice cream bar codes. If anyone has any to drop off, please put them in Aimee’s church mailbox or on her desk in the school office. Thank you!

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT AT CHRIST AND CALVARY—**  
Lenten midweek services are on Wednesdays at Calvary starting at 7:15pm with Soup Suppers from 5:30-7pm and on Thursdays at CELC at 7pm)...  
Lent Starts with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday Feb. 14th and continues through to Easter on April 1<sup>st</sup>—

**The Lord’s Prayer: A Prayer for All Seasons (during our Lenten Midweek services)...**

1. Ash Wednesday: Seasons of Needing Forgiveness, *Fifth Petition*  
-Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> at Calvary—7:15pm  
-Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> at CELC—7:00pm
2. Lenten Midweek 2: Seasons of Lifting Up the Lord, *First Petition*  
-Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup> at Calvary—7:15pm  
-Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at CELC—7:00pm
3. Lenten Midweek 3: Seasons of Wondering Who’s in Control, *Second Petition*  
-Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup> at Calvary—7:15pm  
-Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> at CELC—7:00pm
4. Lenten Midweek 4: Seasons of Seeking God’s Will, *Third Petition*  
-Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> at Calvary—7:15pm  
-Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> at CELC—7:00pm
5. Lenten Midweek 5: Seasons of Thanks for Simple Things, *Fourth Petition*  
-Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> at Calvary—7:15pm  
-Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> at CELC—7:00pm
6. Lenten Midweek 6: Seasons for Standing Up to Evil, *Sixth and Seventh Petitions*  
-Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> at Calvary—7:15pm  
-Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at CELC—7:00pm

**Catechetical Sermon Series: The Ten Commandments (On Sunday Mornings during Lent and during Holy Week)...**

1. First Sunday in Lent: Commandments Nine and Ten, 1 Kings 21:1–16
2. Second Sunday in Lent: Commandment Eight, Matthew 26:59–61
3. Third Sunday in Lent: Commandment Seven, John 12:1–8
4. Fourth Sunday in Lent: Commandment Six, 2 Samuel 11:1–5
5. Fifth Sunday in Lent: Commandment Five, 2 Samuel 11:1–27
6. Sixth Sunday in Lent: Commandment Four, Luke 2:41–52
7. Maundy Thursday: Commandment Three, Mark 14:12–26; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17
8. Good Friday: Commandment Two, Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9
9. Easter Day: Commandment One, Mark 16:1–8