

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)
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The Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 14, 2010

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WELCOME: *"But you, O Lord, sit enthroned forever; your renown through all generations."* (Psalm 102: 12) *Welcome to all in the name of our gracious God. May his blessings rest on you. If you are visiting with us today, we would enjoy the opportunity to get to know you. Please sign our guest book.*

Today's Theme: Jesus is the beacon of Light, truly loving the world.

Thoughts for a Prayer Before Worship: God is love. He constantly shows love and grace to all people in this world. However, when people reject his love and dishonor him, then he also administers consequences for that sin. Pray that the Lord help you to see all the ways he shows love to you, even when he disciplines you.

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Order of Worship: Morning Praise (p. 45)

OPENING SONG: 95 "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

Lower Grade Children "Jesus Loves Me"

Psalm of the Day Psalm 148 (p. 121)

Lesson: Isaiah 42: 1-8 (P. Bible p. 1093)

Isaiah prophesies about the work of the coming Messiah. He would come to minister to his people with love and compassion. He would renew his people to be a light for the gentiles.

Chimes "How Great Thou Art"

Lesson: John 3: 16-21 (Pew Bible p. 1598)

Jesus' presence in this world is the light from heaven. He is the light that cuts through the darkness of sin, unbelief and death. Truly, in his love for all, the Father sent him to rescue you and me, and all people.

HYMN: 365 "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

SERMON 1 John 4: 9-12(Pew Bible pg 1841)

"God Sends True Love From His Heart To Yours"

1. The Father delivers his message of love for you
2. We're meant to glow with the Father's love

HYMN: 488 "Savior, Thy Dying Love"

OFFERING

LORD HAVE MERCY (p. 50)

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR GRACE (p. 50)

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: 490 "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"

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Organist: Christy Ittel

A MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS:

At worship, Sunday, February 7th: 109

Attendance at weekly Bible Studies: 19

NEWSLETTERS for the month of February are in the meeting room. Please take yours with you today.

CATECHISM: Parents of students attending Catechism classes are reminded of the time changes during the Lenten season. The Jr. Catechism class will begin at 3:45pm and Sr. Catechism class will begin at 4:20pm.

THIS WEEK IF GOD WILLS

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| Sunday | 9:00 am | Worship |
| | 10:00am | Sunday School |
| | 10am-3pm | Glencoe Expo |
| | 10:20am | Bible Class |
| Monday | 7:00 pm | Bible Class (1 John) |
| Tuesday | 6:30 pm | Chimes |
| | 7:00 pm | Table Talk (Sermon Text) |
| Wednesday | 2:00 pm | Worship- Millie Beneke |
| | 3:45 pm | Jr. Catechism |
| | 4:20 pm | Sr. Catechism |
| | 5:45 pm | Lenten Supper |
| | 7:00 pm | Lenten Worship |
| | 8:00 pm | Choir |
| Thursday | 6:30 pm | Jesus Cares Ministry |
| Sunday | 9:00 am | Worship |
| | 10:00am | Sunday School |
| | 10:20am | Bible Class |

THANK YOU: Mabel Ehlers and family would like to extend a thank you to everyone for their prayers, thoughts and cards during this time of sadness and loss in the family.

THE GLENCOE EXPO: Today is the last day of the Glencoe Expo. It will run from 10am-3pm. **We still have a few time slots available for anyone willing to help out and be a representative for our church. Please sign up in the narthex a.s.a.p.** Thank you to everyone who has helped with all the preparations for the Expo this year and to those willing to give their time to be there in our booth!

2010 CHURCH DIRECTORY: The new and updated 2010 Church Directory is available in the narthex. Please stop and pick up your copy today. **A huge thank you to Ruth Lange for volunteering her time to update and put together the directory each year!**

CHURCH LEADERS WORKSHOP: St. John's members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Church Leaders Workshop held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine on Saturday, March 6 from 9am-2:30pm. Topics for discussion and growth include evangelism, stewardship and helping parents become better at teaching Bible truths to their children. More information is available in the meeting room. The Church Council has made funds available for anyone wanting to attend this workshop. Please contact Pastor Reichow with any further questions.

LENTE SUPPERS: We will be hosting Lenten Suppers on Wednesdays through out the Lenten season. Supper will be available from 5:45-6:45pm. A free-will donation is accepted. **The Youth Group will be hosting supper this Wed. Feb. 17th.** Choir will serve Wed. Feb. 24th. Thank you so much for your support of our church and our various organizations!

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP: We will begin our Lenten worship services this Wed., Feb. 17th at 7pm. Our worship series this year is **"We Preach Christ Crucified"** based on texts from the epistles and incorporating events and people involved in the Passion History. Here is a preview of what to anticipate in February:

Feb. 17th: Justified by Grace Alone Through Faith Alone
Feb. 24th: More Precious Than Life

LADIES, have you set aside **Saturday, April 17th** for the Ladies Retreat at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Ulm? Theme: *Living your faith through story telling with Prof. Mark Paustian and professional story teller, Daniel Dexter.* More information will be coming soon.

SUNDAY SERMON SERIES: Starting with Sundays in Lent through the end of April, we will meditate on Jesus' 8 "I Am" statements. Here is the schedule for February:

Feb. 21st: "I Am"

Feb. 28th: "I Am the Bread of Life"

SERMONS FOR THE FUTURE: A lunatic or the great "I Am"?
Those are the only two options Jesus gave his listeners with which to describe himself! Come next week to learn more about it. In preparation read John 8: 48-59.

The Claims of Jesus About Himself

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?"

⁴⁹"I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

⁵²At this the Jews exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death. ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?"

⁵⁴Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me.

⁵⁵Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep his word.

⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."

⁵⁷"You are not yet fifty years old," the Jews said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!"

⁵⁸"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" ⁵⁹At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.