



# Transfiguration of our Lord

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Forest City, Iowa

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*Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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*Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: “God So Loved the World”

Bell Choir

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: “**Beautiful Savior**”

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### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE: “**This is the Feast**”

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PROMISELAND KIDS: “Praise Him, Praise Him” / CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18 *Moses enters the cloud of God’s glory on Mount Sinai*

PSALM: Psalm 99

L: God rules. On your toes, everybody! He rules from his angel throne—take notice! God looms majestic in Zion, He towers in splendor over all the big names. Great and terrible your beauty: let everyone praise you!

**C: Holy. Yes, holy is the Lord!**

L: Strong King, lover of justice, You laid things out fair and square; You set down the foundations in Jacob, foundation stones of just and right ways. Honor God, our God; worship his rule!

**C: Holy. Yes, holy is the Lord!**

L: Moses and Aaron were his priests, Samuel among those who prayed to him. They prayed to God and he answered them; He spoke from the pillar of cloud. And they did what he said; they kept the law he gave them. And then God, our God answered them (but you were never soft on their sons). Lift high God, our God; let us worship at his holy mountain.

**C: Holy. Yes, holy is God our God.**

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21 *The apostle's message confirmed on the mount of transfiguration*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9 *Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son*

*Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

Pastor Rod

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"He Touched Me"** William J. Gaither

Shackled by a heavy burden, 'neath a load of guilt and shame.

Then the hand of Jesus touched me and now I am no longer the same.

*He touched me oh, He touched me. And oh, the joy that floods my soul.*

*Something happened and now I know, He touched me and made me whole.*

Since I met this blessed Savior, since he cleansed and made me whole.

I will never cease to praise Him I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you showered us again with the water of life.**

**We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.**

L: Holy God, voice from heaven, as you spoke words affirming Jesus as your begotten and beloved, so reclaim us today in the living waters of baptism. Help each one to hear your voice from heaven saying, you are mine, begotten of my hand and beloved of my heart. Anchor us in your truth and grace. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *L: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.*

**Ruby Sue** Albertsen  
**Liam** Bartleson  
**Hazel** Barloon  
**Hayden** Despenas  
**Clara** Eisenmann  
**Christa** Frank

**Sonja** Johnson  
**Ron** Kvale  
**Jill** (Lewison) Nedved  
**Stross** Newcom  
**Lisa** Overlie  
**Carolyn** Price

**Ashley** Rayhons  
**Tim** Schmidt  
**Marge** Solberg  
**Jennie** Spencer  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes**  
**Missionary Karen** Anderson

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" Choir & Children's Choir

OFFERTORY: "**Be Thou My Vision**" #793 (vs. 3,4)

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION: "**Now We Join in Celebration**" #462  
"**By Your Hand You Feed Your People**" #469  
"**Holy, Holy, Holy**" #473

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: "**Shine, Jesus, Shine**" #671

BLESSING

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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**Worship Participants:**

Assisting Minister: Kathy McEnelly  
Greeter: Shirley Rollefson  
Ushers: Jim Lund, Gary McCarthy, Tina Berg  
Piano/Organ: Amy Thorson  
Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby  
Choir Director: Linda Ferjak  
Promiseland Kids: Marla Betz

Altar Care: Julie Damm  
Scripture Reader: John Tibodeau  
Sound/Video Techs: Geno Lopes/Ken Ferjak  
Song Leaders: Renae Hopp, Jaci Thorson  
February Coffee: Do Day Group  
Bell Choir Director: Ruth Melby  
Communion Servers: Laura Winter, Melanie Westerberg

**Today's worship is broadcast** at 11:00am over KIOW 107.3 FM. Broadcast is given in memory of Michael Gernetzke (Feb. 25 b'day) from family Gary, Ruth, Maren, and David Gernetzke.