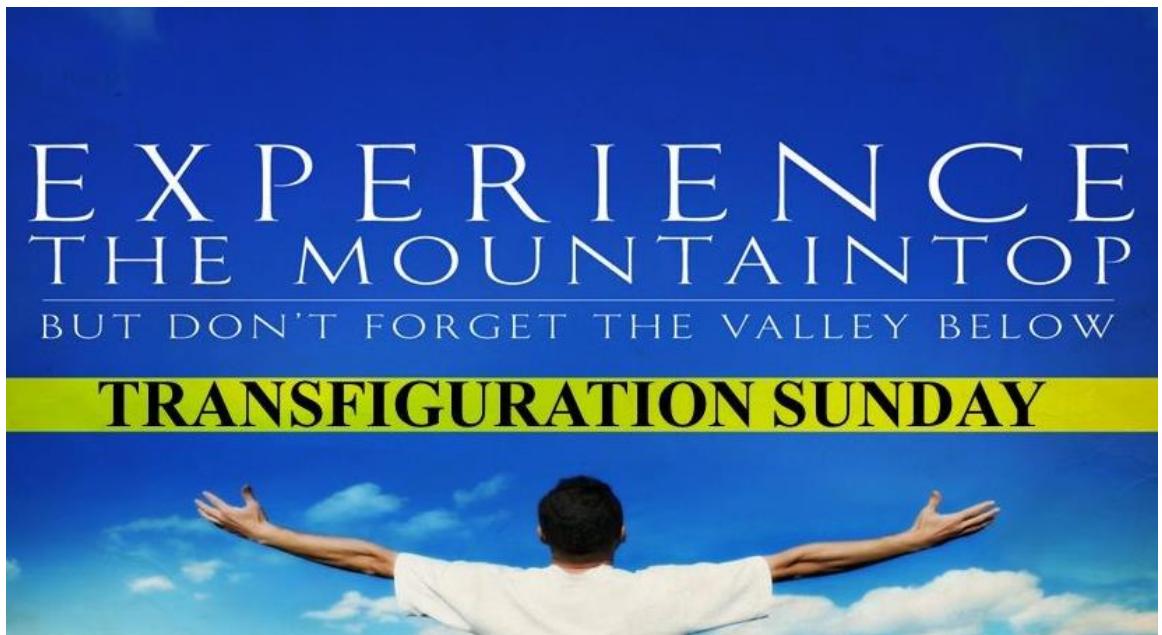


Transfiguration of Our Lord

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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP at Grace Church this morning as we gather to worship the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit in truth. As you entered the sanctuary today, you received this bulletin containing the order for worship and announcements. Please also notice the Prayer List where you will find a listing of all the known prayer concerns. You are invited to use this as a guide for your personal prayers throughout the coming week. If you need information about our congregation or if you'd like to update your information, make sure to fill out the yellow Worship Today Form and place it in the offering plate at the time of the offering. If you have a prayer concern, indicate that on your Worship Today Form at the bottom or on the reverse side. If you are seeking a Church Home or would like more information about Grace, please contact Pastor Doug (980) 234-8848.

**Stand Hymnals in Pew Rack: LBW = Green WOV = Blue TCH = Burgundy*

PRELUDE *Please observe silence for meditation and prayer.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation is invited to stand.

* BRIEF ORDER OF CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

LBW p. 56

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

***GATHERING HYMN “Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair”**

LBW 80

Alt Tune: Duke Street (I Know that My Redeemer Lives)

* GREETING

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

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: God of majesty, through Jesus' transfiguration you reveal him as your beloved Son. Keep us faithful in the promise that through the cross and the empty tomb we are joint heirs with Christ and will one day enjoy the fullness of your glory for eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

C: Amen. *The congregation may be seated.*

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.^[d] ³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³² Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵ the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 99

¹The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

² The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

⁴ The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵ Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the Lord, and he answered them.

⁷ In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.

⁸ O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹ Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the

Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son,^[i] with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

The congregation is invited to stand.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Alleluia”**

LBW p. 62

*** Gospel: Luke 9:28-36**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings {Jesus} took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah” — not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You O Christ!

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON Pastor Doug “Mountaintop Encounters with Jesus Empower Us to Follow Jesus into the Valley”

***HYMN OF THE DAY** How Good, Lord, to be Here!

LBW 89

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

LBW p. 65

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

LBW p. 65

Response at the end of each petition.

P: Lord in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

Worshipers may greet one another with “the Peace of Christ.”

The assembly may be seated.

OFFERING In response to God's blessings, we offer our tithes to the Lord

HOLY COMMUNION – MEAL OF GRACE

* OFFERTORY	Let the Vineyards	LBW p. 66
* OFFERTORY PRAYER		LBW p. 67
* DIALOGUE AND PREFACE		LBW p. 68
* HOLY, HOLY, HOLY		LBW p. 69
* WORDS OF INSTITUTION		LBW p. 70
* LORD'S PRAYER		LBW p. 71
* INVITATION TO COMMUNION		

P: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

C: Thanks be to God!

The assembly may be seated.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion

COMMUNION SONG Lamb of God LBW p. 72

COMMUNION HYMN “Beautiful Savior” LBW 518

The congregation is invited to stand.

* **COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER** LBW p. 74

* **SENDING HYMN** “Shine, Jesus, Shine” WOV 651

* **DISMISSAL**

P: Encountering the Light and Love of God's Beloved Son Our Lord, we are transformed and empowered to follow Jesus in the valley. Let us now go in peace, joy, and love to serve the Lord and our neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Grace Prayer List

In the Grace Church Family: Herb Travis is at April's home with palliative care- please keep Herb and Libby and family in your prayers. Jeffry Bivens, Rick & Cindy Bivens, Glenda Childers, Pat Dietz, Allen and Kay Hatchett, Larry Heavner, Lorene Heavner, Larry & Brenda Jarrett, Martha Johnson, Faye Lane, Harvey Leatherman, Phil & Malinda Leatherman, Tim Leatherman, Betty Matheson, Joe Momier, Jane Moss, Christine Norman, Tricia and Dan Panek, Michael, Debi & Stephen Pisko, Helen Smith, Ethan Starnes, Sandi Tallant, Herb Travis, Libby Travis, Shirley Warlick, Scott, Carolyn Whisnant, Nancy Willis, and Jack Wilfong who is home from the hospital.

Nursing Home: Juanita Haas (Trinity Village), Ted Whisnant (Trinity Village)

Friends and Relatives in our Prayers: Pray for Peace in Israel and the World, New Covenant Lutheran Mission Church, Randy Neill (Shelia Drum's brother), Bobby Aderholdt, Jimmy Aderholdt, LeAnn Buckwell, Caleb Bumgarner & Family, Becky Cartee, Jessica Cassels & Family, Evelyn Childers, Dennis D'Alessio, Guy Franzen, Stormy Geter, Wendy Hannah, J.C., Lily Rose, Alyssa McCary, Katie Patton, Sgt. Ryan McMullen and shift, Randy Neill, Angela Oursler, Angela Sanford, Anita Sabino, Jeffry Smith, Scott Speagle, Zachary Speagle and Amber, Nathan Starnes, Ed Tanzman, Monica Thomas, United States of America, and especially the families of those who have given their lives in the service of our country and those who continue to protect our freedoms and for all members of our Armed Forces.

ASHURE MINISTRY We are doing great things at Grace in helping feed the hungry in our own community. So far we this year we have donated 166 pounds. Let's try to donate 2,000 in 2025! That would be around 170 pounds per month. We can do it! Let's come together to help reach this goal! Ashure has not requested a specific item for the month of March so any item will be appreciated.

ADDRESS FOR HERB & LIBBY TRAVIS:

If you would like to send a card of encouragement to Herb and Libby they are staying with Libby's daughter at 1926 45th Ave. Place NE Hickory, NC 28601

As Friends of Jesus Called to be Disciples Please Respond Using Pink Form:

Please choose at least 1 (no more than 2) of the 4 ministry teams that we are trying to build up. These ministry teams are:

1. Worship/Christian Education/ Youth Ministry
2. Witness and Outreach
3. Fellowship and Stephen's Ministry
4. Property (inside and outside) and Cemetery.

COMING UP AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Today: Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:15am – Sunday School

10:30am - Worship Celebration

Tuesday:

6:30 pm – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wednesday:

12 noon – Ash Wednesday Service

6:30pm – Ash Wednesday Service

Saturday:

9:00am – Grace Prayer Breakfast at Four Peas in a Pod

Special Dates and Events Coming Soon

Sun, March 2, Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday Read Luke 9:28-36

Tuesday, March 4, 6:30pm Shrove Tuesday; Come enjoy pancakes

Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday Two Services 12noon and 6:30pm

Sun., March 9, First Sunday in Lent

Wednesday Vespers Service During Lent: March 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9

We will have a short worship service with first person monologues presented by Pastor Doug. The theme will be “Friend of Sinners – Dinner with Jesus!”

Sun, April 13, Palm/Passion Sunday Procession of Palms /Reading of Luke’s Passion

Thurs., April 17, 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service

Fri., April 18, 6:30pm Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 20 Resurrection of our Lord! Sunrise Service at 6:45am followed by Easter Breakfast. Sunday School at 9:15am, and Easter Service at 10:30am.

Welcome to our new Administrative Assistant! Effective on Monday 2/24/25, Todd Childers has taken on the role of administrative assistant here at Grace. Please feel free to reach out to him with anything you may need from the office. His hours will be Mondays and Wednesday 9am to 1pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays Noon to 4pm.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – The tentative dates for the Armor of God VBS will be Sunday June 1st through Thursday June 5th.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – Mark the beginning of Lent with our Ash Wednesday services featuring the imposition of ashes, a reflection on our mortality, and a call to repentance. Join us for worship in the Main Sanctuary on Wednesday at 12 noon. A second service will be offered at 6:30pm.

DIRECTORY UPDATE – Copies of the current church directory will be made available today for your review. Please check to make sure that we have your current address, phone, and email information. Note any changes on the back of your yellow worship form and return them in the offering plate. Thank you for your assistance.

LENOIR-RHYNE A CAPPELLA CHOIR – Daniels Lutheran Church will host the L-R A Cappella Choir in concert on Sunday March 16th at 3:00 pm.

Ministers of Grace: All the People of Grace

Pastor: Rev. Doug Hefner

Organist: Sandi Tallant

Leadership Board President: Tim Eckard

Ushers: Jason Yoder / Jeff Scronce

Altar Preparation and Communion Assistants: Rick and Cindy Bivens

Lector: Todd Childers

Youth Leader: Stormy Shull

Custodian: Chris Abernathy

Administrative Assistant: Todd Childers

Offering Counters: Todd Childers and Tim Gary Leatherman