

Epiphany Moments: Glory is Hidden in Order to be Revealed

Last Sunday after Epiphany-Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 2, 2025



Trinity Lutheran Church is a *family* because God welcomed us into his *family*. Our mission is to grow closer to God, to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to share this sense of belonging with the surrounding community, welcoming more souls into the *family* of God.

Last Sunday after Epiphany

Would you look directly at the sun? Only if you wanted to burn your retinas and have permanent blind spots. Would you like to look directly at God? It sounds wonderful in theory. Yet Scripture describes God's glory as being brighter than the sun. Moreover, one component of God's glory is his holiness. Being holy doesn't just mean God loves good; he also hates evil with burning intensity. And we sin every day. No wonder the Lord once told Moses, "No one may see me and live" (Exodus 33:20). Sinners would die of fear if they saw God in all his holy glory.

So, how then can we possibly know God? How can we draw near to him without dying of terror? In our final epiphany moment of this season, God explains. God hides his glory in order to reveal himself. To carry out his good and glorious work of salvation, Jesus hid his glory and went to the cross. To allow sinners to stare at his glory without fear or harm, God hides it in the gospel. In the gospel, we see the glory of Christ's love, power, and salvation. The reality is that when God's glory is hidden, it is most on display.

May God bless your worship.

Serving in Worship

Preacher
Organist

Pastor Matthew Langebartels
Hannah Langebartels

Hymn

385, *Christ Begins*

v. 1 -3

**1 We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.
Water runs and all heaven opens wide,
and a voice like thunder replies. (Refrain)**

**Ref- Here's my Prophet, my Priest, my King,
a light in the dark, Christ steps in;
here's my Savior, my God, my King,
the time has come, Christ begins.**

**2 Mary's whispering, but it's not the time.
Yet six jars are filled with the finest wine.
Tell me, who is this by our side? (Refrain)**

**3 See the sun outshined on the hill and hide.
Clothes like lightning white, heaven opens wide,
and a voice like thunder replies. (Refrain)**

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Please stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

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If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

Gloria

- 1 Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those he loves so well.
On the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's King;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.
- 2 Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with him in triumph seated—
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Savior, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit, Three in One!

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

Children's Devotion

The children's devotion is a shortened version of the sermon intended to communicate God's truths in a simplified way. Children 12 and under are encouraged to come forward and participate in the devotion.

First Reading

Exodus 34:29–35

The glory of God was reflected in the two-sided covenant of the law which God established through Moses. It made people afraid. Through Christ God would establish a new and greater covenant which would remove all our fears.

²⁹When 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. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴But 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, ³⁵they 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

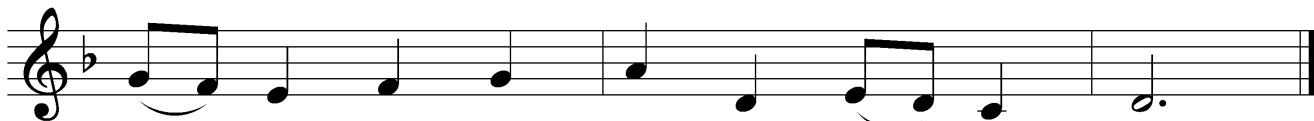
82B *The Lords of Earth Are in the Hands* Cong. sings in unison



1 The lords of earth are in the hands of
2 "How long will you be - tray the cause of
3 "De - fend the poor from those who place no
4 Though mind - less and cor - rupt they prove, and
5 They proud - ly boast a god - like birth; in



God who reigns on high; with - in their coun - cils
jus - tice in the land? You let the wick - ed
lim - it on their greed; sup - port the weak and
tread the peo - ple down, though earth's foun - da - tions
death, like men, they fall. A - rise, O God, and



there he stands with ev - er - watch - ful eye.
flout the laws and pros - per by your hand.
fa - ther - less and res - cue those in need."
all re - move, still God is on his throne.
judge the earth and rule the na - tions all!

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Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:7–18

Paul declares that the glory of the New Covenant of grace far surpasses the glory of the Old Covenant of law. The glory of the New Covenant is hidden in the work of Christ and revealed through the work of the Holy Spirit.

⁷Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰For what was glorious has no glory now in

comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

¹²Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:7

Alleluia

A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud:

“This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 9:28–36

The glory of God, hidden in Christ, shines through on the Mount of Transfiguration.

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

³⁴While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” ³⁶When 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

388, Down from the Mount of Glory

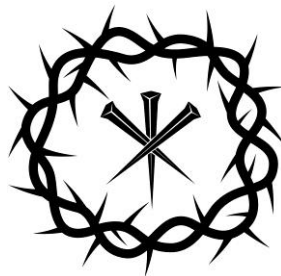
**1 Down from the mount of glory
came Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Recall the wondrous story,
rich gem in sacred Word.**

**Again your faith will view him
in double glory here;
the greater homage due him
will in your life appear.**

**2 Transfigured, Christ, the lowly,
stood radiant in the light,
light found in Godhead solely,
for human eyes too bright.**

**Then came a voice from heaven,
confirmed what here we see;
the words “my Son” were given
to seal his deity.**



**3 Yet mark this glory hidden!
See him the mount descend
and, by the Father bidden,
his willing footsteps bend
to seek humiliation
in deepest depths of woe,
to suffer degradation
no mind can probe or know.**

**4 Strange how his journey ended!
In love that is his fame
our Lord again ascended
a mount—the hill of shame.
Upon the cross he proffered
himself to agony;
his holy soul he offered
to set the guilty free.**

**5 Then hail the double glory
of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
and let the wondrous story
full peace and joy afford!
The holy mount acclaims him
the majesty divine;
Mount Calvary proclaims him
Redeemer—yours and mine.**

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Sermon

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

The Glory of the Lord: Veiled and Revealed

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated

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Hymn

389, How Good, Lord, to Be Here

- 1 How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.**
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here
your beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.**
- 3 Fulfiller of the past,
and hope of things to be,
we hail your body glorified
and our redemption see.**
- 4 Before we taste of death,
we see your kingdom come;
we long to hold the vision bright
and make this hill our home.**
- 5 But you, Lord, do not stay.
With mercy resolute
you leave this glorious hill to die—
our perfect substitute.**

**6 How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.**

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Please stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Please be seated

Hymn

522, Beautiful Savior

**1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;**

**Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

**4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
now and forevermore be thine!**

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Farewell to Alleluia

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, 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.

Announcements

The flowers on the altar are given in memory of Delima Maedke by her family.

March's Church Newsletter and Forward in Christ are in the back of the church.

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| Attendance 2/23: | 117 |
| Offering 2/23: | \$ 3,964.04 |
| General Fund Balance as of 2/23: | \$59,886.15 |



Lent is Coming! Ash Wednesday is March 5th. Our Lenten meals start on Wednesdays at 5 pm, before worship and will be served by congregational groups/families starting on March 5th through April 9th. Worship service to follow at 6 pm.

Ash Wednesday, March 5th- Maedke Family - Chicken and Potatoes

March 12: Teens-Venison Stew

March 19: Terry Reed Family- Sloppy Joes

March 26: Pre School Families-

April 2: Char Meir, Sharon Grosse-

April 9: Dale & Audrey Fredrick, Bill and Tom Prue-

March 15, 2025 Trinity will be hosting The Christian Family Seminar from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., with lunch provided. Our guest speaker Dr. Lawrence Olson, an MLC Professor, will lead us in study of the biblical teachings on marriage, the roles of husband and wives, and the roles of parents and children. This lecture is for adults only, and childcare will not be provided. Seminar registration fee is \$10 per person, and the deadline is Thursday March 13th. To pre-register contact Pastor David Mielke, revdavidmielke@gmail.com

Zion Lutheran Church, 221 S. Ellis Ave., Peshtigo will be and a Teen Lock in night on March 28th from 8 pm- 8 a.m. Open to all teens 8th grade and up. the cost is \$10. The night will be filled with fun, food and fellowship! Scan the QR code to register, or call (715)-733-0899 or email Youthministerzion@gmail.com for any



question.

This week at Trintiy...

| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Ash Wednesday | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| 8:15 am Sunday School & Bible Study 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Sunday School Teacher's Meeting | | | 5 pm Lenten Meal 6 pm Lenten Service | 6 pm BIC Part 1 Class & When Christ Walked Among Us | | |

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