



**St. Peter Lutheran Church
422 North Pierce Street
Delphos, OH 45833**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord
Sunday, March 2, 2025 – 10:00 AM**

INTRODUCTION

Today we hear how Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on the mountain where he was transfigured in a blinding light. May Jesus help us to see who he is as the Son of God as we journey in faith.

PRELUDE

Emily Dienstberger, organist

*Congregational responses are in **bold print**. The symbol + before a section signifies that the assembly is to be standing.*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

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.**

+GATHERING SONG

#838

“Beautiful Savior”

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

+CANTICLE OF PRAISE

“Glorify thy Name”

7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

8 **They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

10 **O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please pray with me. Lord Jesus, **in blinding light you showed your disciples a hint of your power and purpose. Reveal yourself to us today. Show us what you desire of us and how to broadcast your love to the world, for the sake of the one who keeps company with the prophets Moses and Elijah, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PSALM 36:5-10

Let us pray Psalm 35 responsively.

5 Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

+GOSPEL: Luke 9:18-36

The Holy Gospel is taken from the ninth chapter of Luke verses 18-36.

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" They answered, "John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen." Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "The Messiah of God."

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

²¹ He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, ²² saying, "The Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised." ²³ Then he said to them all, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit them if they gain the whole world but lose or forfeit themselves? ²⁶ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. ²⁷ Indeed, truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God."

The Transfiguration

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent, and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Carol Pretorius

+HYMN OF THE DAY

#715

"Christ, Be Our Light"

+APOSTLES' CREED

Let us declare what we believe in the words of The Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*(... God of grace,, **hear our prayer.**)*

+PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*(The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say: **Peace be with you** or similar words.)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

ELW #186

"Create in Me"

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right

spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take

not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of

your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of grace, **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

+DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

+LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

+INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Thanks be to God.

(The assembly is seated.)

COMMUNION *(All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is Lord may share Holy Communion with us. Children who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing. Grape juice is available as an alternative for those who cannot drink wine—just ask the server for it.)*

After receiving the bread and the cup each person may respond: **Amen.**

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

1 -- "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

2 – W&P #89 "Lord, Be Glorified"

1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

+POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Nourishing God, **at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

+BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

+SENDING SONG

#671

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church! We're glad that God has brought you here today. We believe that Jesus offers his love, peace, and forgiveness to all people – and that includes you. We pray that the Holy Spirit will touch your heart today as you worship. *The mission of St. Peter Lutheran Church is to grow our faith in Jesus as we journey together and serve others.*

The radio ministry is given to the glory of God by Ed Fritz in memory of Jacquie Fritz.

Please pray for the following family and friends:

Sharon Calvelage, Robin Caudill, Carol Schooner, Jarred Liebreck, Chad Beagle, Donna Calvelage, Stacie Tackett, Rose Hager, John Sanders, Jimmy Behman, Norma Koenig, Maya Lee, Roger Calvert, Doug Butler, Dina Wreede, the family of Dave Kroeger

Servants of the Lord for Sunday, March 2

Counters – Dan Marlow | Rick Dienstberger
Altar Guild – Sue Rode | Jennifer Trentman
Acolyte – Caleb Trentman
Communion – Dave Stemen
Usher – Dan Kramer

Servants of the Lord for Sunday, March 9

Counters – Sue Kloeppel | Ryan Trentman
Altar Guild – Sue Rode | Jennifer Trentman
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Communion – Ryan Trentman
Usher – Aaron Trentman

InReach/OutReach Charity Project

MARCH Charity: Lima's Samaritan House- Since 1987, the program has been providing food, shelter, and essential services to homeless and/or abused women and children in Lima and Allen County. Women and children are referred to Lima's Samaritan House by self-referral, churches, and other public and private social service agencies.

We will be collecting the following items on their **Wish List:**

- Coffee
- Coffee creamer (individual or pourable powder)
- Tall Kitchen trash bags
- Ziploc Bags (any size)
- Women's Deodorant
- Diapers- Size 4 & Pull-ups size 5 & 6
- Over-the-counter meds for Adults, Kids & infants (pain reliever/fever reducer/Allergy/Cold & Cough)



Wednesday and Lenten Soup Suppers & Fellowship:

Wednesday evening Lenten soup suppers and services in the Parish Hall from 6:15-7:45 PM during Lent.

- If you would like to provide a soup or a dessert for one of the Wednesdays, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.
- These Wednesday's evenings will be more informal with opportunities to look at the scriptures together in the Parish Hall.

Thrivent

Upcoming Events at St. Peter Lutheran Church		
Sunday, Mar. 2	Worship Service	10:00 AM
Tuesday, Mar. 4	Paint & Praise in the Parish Hall	6:00 PM
Wednesday, Mar. 5	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 PM
Sunday, Mar. 9	Sunday School	9:00 AM
Sunday, Mar. 9	Worship Service	10:00 AM
Monday, Mar. 10	WELCA Meeting	6:00 PM
Wednesday, Mar. 12	Lenten Soup Supper & Service	7:00 PM
Saturday, Mar. 15	Coffee Cup Bible Study	9:00 PM
Sunday, Mar. 16	Sunday School	9:00 AM
Sunday, Mar. 16	Worship Service	10:00 AM
Wednesday, Mar. 19	Lenten Soup Supper & Service	7:00 PM
Sunday, Mar. 23	Sunday School	9:00 AM
Sunday, Mar. 23	Worship Service	10:00 AM
Wednesday, Mar. 26	Lenten Soup Supper & Service	7:00 PM
Sunday, Mar. 30	Sunday School	9:00 AM
Sunday, Mar. 30	Worship Service	10:00 AM