

Epiphany | Transfiguration

8:30 am & 10:45 am February 11, 2024

New to COS?

If this is your first time at COS, please sign our guestbook:



Kids Church

Rooms 100-104 after the children's message until the end of the 10:45 am service. Preschool-4th grade.

Nursery

Room 101. Drop off either before the start of 10:45 am worship or after the children's message. Children are welcome to stay in the service too.

Hearing Assistance

The sanctuary is equipped with Williams Hearing Assist technology. Personal receivers are at the AV console.

Hymn 389:1-4 How Good, Lord, to Be Here

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

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.

Silence for meditation and reflection

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn Response 389:5-6

But you, Lord, do not stay. With mercy resolute you leave this glorious hill to die our perfect substitute.

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.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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.

Be seated

First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12a

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

³The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet."

⁴Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

⁵The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

⁷Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?"

"Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

¹⁰"You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not."

"As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹²Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!"

Second Reading

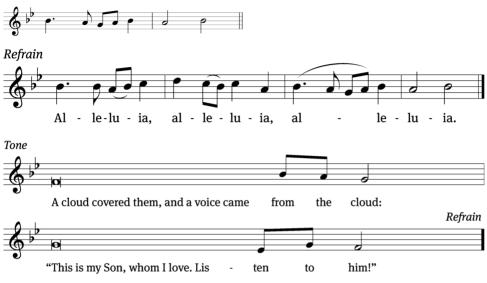
2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:7



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Gospel Mark 9:2–9

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

The children in the 10:45 am service are invited to the chancel steps for a message.

Hymn 713 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offerings may be given via the QR code (cosrock.org/donate) or the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Stand



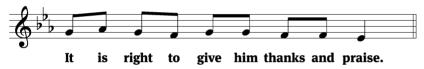
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.

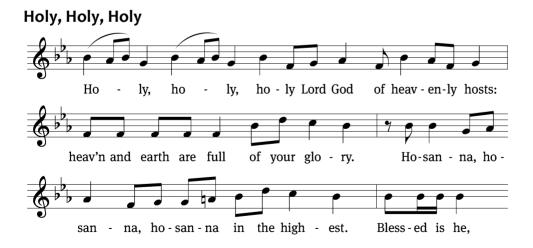


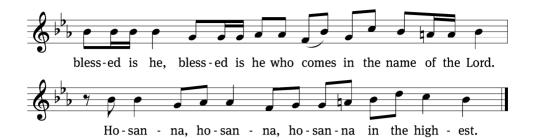
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Proper Preface

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace.

As we remember his death and resurrection, we thank you for gathering us together to receive his body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

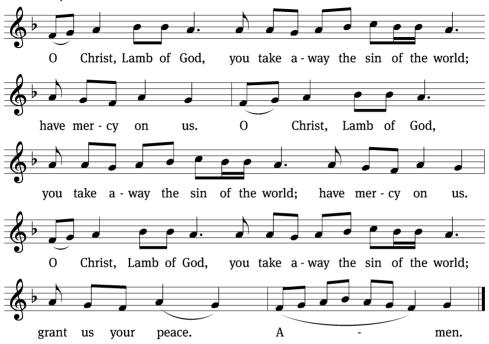
Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

O Christ, Lamb of God



Be seated

While the Sacrament is being distributed, the organ will occasionally cue the seated congregation to sing verses of the following hymn.

Hymn 663 Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Distribution

Reception of the Sacrament at COS is reserved for those who share our confession of the doctrines of Holy Scripture. We ask those who do not hold membership in this or another WELS congregation to give us the chance to teach those doctrines to you via our New Life in Christ Course prior to communing. Speak with one of our pastors for more or about the enrolling in the next course.

Center purple cups of each tray are reserved for those who have requested alcohol free wine for medical reasons.

Stand

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Proclamation

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Post-Communion Prayer

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn 522 Beautiful Savior





TIZED Lenten Vespers

6:30 pm Wednesdays, February 21-March 20, 2024 (March 6 is led by the Martin Luther College Choir)

Announcements

Adult Forum Topics

9:45 am Sundays

Adult Forum meets in the fellowship hall. It is discussion based. The topic is the listing of the "Heroes of Faith" in Hebrews 11. Today we discuss what it says about Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.

Men's Class

8:00 am Mondays

Preview and discuss the scheduled Scriptures for the coming weekend over a cup of coffee and a bite to eat with your brothers in the faith.

Preschool 4's Classroom Assistant Position

Would you like to work part-time (mornings, M-F, during the school year) at COS Preschool beginning in the Fall? Contact Linda Gauger (lindagauger@live.com, 616.866.0611) for more info.

Preschool Enrollment for 2024/25

Now enrolling at cosrock.org/preschool

Next school year COS Preschool will again be offering preschool for 3s and 4s, as well as Toddler Time. For more information visit cosrock.org/preschool or contact Linda Gauger (lindagauger@live.com, 616.866.0611).

Camp Lor-Ray

Jn 30-Ju 2 , 1st-3rd grs Jn 7-12, 4th-6th grs Jn 14-19, 7th-9th grs

Kids Camp is coming at our WELS-ELS Camp Lor-Ray located near Michigan's Adventure, just north of Muskegon. Check out the registration info and volunteer staffing info at CampLor-Ray.org. Questions Camplorray@gmail.com.

Member Access Portal

COS members, have you updated your member access portal information lately? Now is a great time to upload a new photo and make sure all your information is correct. You can access your account at cosrock.org/member. If you have not logged in previously and need an invitation to set up your account, please contact Heather Hahm (cosrock_staffminister@hotmail.com). The member access portal is also the place where you can print off your yearly giving statement for tax purposes.

Announcements

Lent

February 14-March 30

Lent is fast approaching. COS again adds a series of 6:30 pm midweek services to the worship schedule called Lenten Vespers. The first one is Ash Wednesday with the optional imposition of ashes prior to the start of worship, special music, Holy Communion. Four of the remaining five Wednesdays of Lent will delve into the theme "Baptized into His Death." These services will be about forty minutes in length. The middle Wednesday service on March 6 will be led by the Martin Luther College Choir. It will last over an hour.

Lenten Suppers

5:30 - 6:20 pm Wednesdays, Feb 14-March 20

Prior to each of the Lenten Vespers is a Lenten Supper,. While not having to make supper on a night you are also coming to church is a convenience, the real purpose of the Lenten Suppers is fellowship. Eat when you arrive. Eat with your COS sisters and brothers. Different menu each week. Different church groups cooking each week. Free. Freewill donations accepted to defray cost.

Feb 14 - Pancake Supper (Proceeds go to COS Youth Group's summer CO trip)

Feb 21- Jambalaya

Feb 28 - Tacos

Mar 6 - Lasagna (MLC Choir)

Mar 13 - Brats & Burgers

Mar 20 - Soup & Sandwich

Offering Statements

If you would like your 2023 offering statement for tax purposes or for your own records, you can access it via the COS member access portal . You can also email Heather Hahm (cosrock_staffminister@hotmail.com) in the office and she will send you a copy.

Flower Sign Up for Easter Chancel Garden

Wednesday, March 6

Now is the time to sign up for providing lilies, tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, etc for the chancel garden on Easter Sunday. As in year's past, 1. you order the plants you want via the sign up sheet and remit the amount in the same way you do your offerings; 2. the florist delivers them to COS; 3. plants are arranged in chancel for Easter Sunday; 4. you take your plants home after the worship services on Easter Sunday. The sign up sheet is on the counter in the lobby.

this week @ COS

birthdays & anniversaries

Jennifer Duyck

Sunday, February 11

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/Little Lambs/

Adult Forum

10:45 am Worship

5:00 pm Youth Group Game Night

Monday, February 12

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

9:00 am Preschool 4's 9:15 am Preschool 3's

Tuesday, February 13 Bo Glanzman

9:00 am Preschool 4's 9:15 am Preschool 3's

Wednesday, February 14Stacy DeWeerd9:00 amPreschool 4'sKaren Fuelleman9:15 amPreschool 3'sBetty Hoeppner

5:30 pm Lenten Supper 5:30 pm Catechism Classes

6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 159:00 am Preschool 4's Ralph Budde
Dick Hawkins

9:15 am Preschool 3's 6:30 pm Worship

Friday, February 16 Giulianna McGillicuddy

9:00am Preschool 4's 9:15 am Toddler Time

Saturday, February 17 Logan Sullivan
Sunday, February 18 Tim Erickson

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/Little Lambs/

Adult Forum

10:45 am Worship

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Cleve Kasper

Communion

Cleve Kasper Dave Perry

Usher

Tom Marten Preston Schmitzer

Coffee Set Up

Cleve Kasper Kathy Kasper

10:45 am

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