

LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: Transfiguration Sunday
February 18, 2007 *8:30 and 11:00 a.m.*

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE Let Us Exalt His Name Together Lester Groom

VOTUM

SENTENCES (*responsively*)

Great is the Lord—
exalted among the nations.
Mighty is the Lord—
King of heaven and earth.
Holy is the Lord—
beyond our understanding.
Let us worship our God and King!

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 8
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates Tune: TRURO

*PRAYER (*in unison*)

**Holy God, mighty and immortal,
you are beyond our knowing,
yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ,
whose compassion illumines the world.
Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ,
who renewed our humanity
through his life, death and resurrection—
the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(congregation may exchange the Peace)

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

silent confession

**Most amazing God,
the mystery of your radiance surrounds us.
Like the disciples of Jesus,
we confess our unease with transcendent mystery.
Faced with your splendor, we do not take time
for attentive silence as Jesus did,
but we evade the holy with stammering and busyness—
anything to avoid your power.
We also confess those times when we are at ease with holiness,
absorbed in prayer and thought but so in love with your love
that we neglect those in need.
As Jesus descended into the valley
to work among the poor of the earth,
so direct us to our responsibilities.
Such is the mystery of your love, O God,
which both overwhelms and attracts us.
Have mercy upon us and forgive us.**

Free us to love and serve in equal measure. Amen.

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 188
Anytime and Anywhere

Tune: DON'NA TOKIDEMO

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*responsively*)

Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

**And all of us, with unveiled faces,
seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror,
are being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another,
for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed!
Praise be to God!**

—based on II Corinthians 3:17-18, NRSV

RESPONSE *Sing! A New Creation* 38 (refrain only)

Come, Praise God! Sing Hallelujah

Tune: HALELUYA! PUJILAH

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR WORSHIP CENTER

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 34:29-35

p. 81

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM (11:00)

Felix Mendelssohn

And then shall your light break forth as the light of morning breaketh,
and your health shall speedily spring forth then;
And the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you.

Lord our Creator, how excellent Thy Name is in all the nations! Amen.

Thou fillest heaven with glory. Amen.

—from "Elijah"

EPISTLE LESSON: II Corinthians 3:12-18

p. 180

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 9:28-36

p. 69

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION (*see insert*)

Transform Us As You, Transfigured

Tune: PICARDY

SERMON

"Invitation to a Spiritual Life"

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 54

(*responsively*)

What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

**I believe that the Son of God
through his Spirit and Word,
out of the entire human race,
from the beginning of the world to its end,
gathers, protects, and preserves for himself
a community chose for eternal life
and united in true faith.
And of this community I am and always will be
a living member.**

*HYMN *Sing! A New Creation* 179

We Are One in Christ Jesus

Tune: SOMOS UNO

SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Over the Distant Mountains Breaking* Flor Peeters

ANTHEM (8:30)

Maxim Berezovsky

Praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise the Lord.

Sing ye unto God, sing His mercy.

Sing of His kindness and mercy. Alleluia.

*DOXOLOGY *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 592

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(in unison)*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Sing! A New Creation* 145

There Is a Redeemer

* B L E S S I N G

POSTLUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name* arr. by Diane Bish

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Dr. Richard Bates, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius Zuidema, Joe Mosterd, Charlie Mosterd, liturgists; Ron Hartgerink, prayer for illumination; Matins Choir; Sanctuary

Choir; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

TODAY

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another.

Today is Fellowship Sunday. Please wear a nametag throughout the morning, so we are able to get to know one another better. Nametags can be found in the pew near the Friendship Folder.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for **Third Sunday Pizza Lunch** following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

The flowers at the chancel today are given by Al and Jane Osman.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Dee Bechtel and Lee Ten Brink will be available to pray with you following today's worship services. Please make your way to the east conference room following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters – (8:30) Mary Amell, Anna, Josey, Eliza, and Owen Beird; (11:00) Rich and Marcia Bishop, John and Linda Dykstra, Anna Ritsema, Kathy Van Tubbergen; Ushers – Tom and Marilyn Norman; Deacons – (8:30) Jeff Beird, John Amell; (11:00) Jon Van Duinen, Linda Jacobs, Nancy Nordstrom, Jay Mosterd; Refreshment Servers – Joe and Heather Stam.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Elly Muiderman, Peg Van Grouw.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:40-10:40 a.m. Nursery care available.

3 years olds	nursery	4 and 5 year olds	room 15
Kindergarten	room 8	First Grade	room 6
Second Grade	room 9	Third Grade	room 10
4 th and 5 th Grades	room 7	6 th , 7 th , & 8 th Grade	room 11

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS, 9:40-10:40 a.m. *The Da Vinci Code Phenomenon* led by Jeffrey Tyler in the chapel. Next Week: The Lenten series with the theme "Practicing the Christian Disciplines" will begin. Sharon Arendshorst will lead the first session "Meditation and Prayer."

LITTLE LAMBS: 3 year olds are invited to meet in room 14 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please bring your children to room 14 before the service and pick them up following the service.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2nd grade will be ushered from the sanctuary during the worship service to continue worship in the Worship Center on the lower level.

VESPER SERVICE
6:00 p.m. in the chapel

"A Taste of Kenya"

Worship Leader: Mark Reynoso

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.	Matins Choir
9:15 a.m.	Youth Choir
9:40 a.m.	Sunday School
9:40 a.m.	L.I.F.T. Group for Parents – room 17
10:30 a.m.	Children's Choir
12:15 p.m.	Third Sunday Pizza Lunch
3:00 p.m.	Japanese Worship – WTS
4:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir

6:00 p.m. Vesper Service
MONDAY
7:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Program

TUESDAY
10:30 a.m. Staff
5:45 p.m. Parish Elders
7:00 p.m. Consistory
8:15 p.m. Deacons

WEDNESDAY
6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
12:10 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
6:00 p.m. TASC Dinner
6:45 p.m. TASC Classes
6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly

PERSONAL

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found in the Friendship Folders. Place the requests in the offering plate or prayer box at the back of the sanctuary. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

CONGRATULATIONS to Barbara Lampen whose 91st birthday is Tuesday; to Lillian Tazelaar whose 107th birthday is Friday; and to Lois Van Oosterhout whose 95th birthday is Saturday.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: U of M Hospital – Huang Ihrman. Pray for Mary Lynne Mount. Heritage – Lillian Tazelaar; Oak Crest Manors – Alma Kuiper; Laurels of Hudsonville – John De Kraker. In the Military – Tom Piaget, German Moran, Patrick Muir, David Mummert.

MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

Jaime Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico
Martha Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico
Roger De Young, Mission Stewardship and Coordinator
for Mexico and Venezuela
Lance and Elizabeth Edwards, Mozambique
James and Sharon Heneveld, Chiapas, Mexico
Wayne and Miho Jansen, Japan
Rowland, Jr. and Jane Van Es, Kenya
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GENERAL ITEMS

BLIZZARD POLICY: In the event of a major storm in which travel is hazardous or impossible, the 8:30 a.m. service and Sunday School will be cancelled, but there **will be** a walk-in service at 11:00 a.m. The church will inform WHTC and WJQ as early in the morning as possible of such a change in our schedule.

THIRD SUNDAY FOR HUNGER: Non-perishable food and other necessities will be collected today for our monthly food drive. Donated items can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering place.

The congregation is invited to attend the Women's Ministries Program on Monday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. Vincent Morton and Janet Ewing will present "The Ministry of the Holland Rescue Mission." Blessing Boxes will be collected at the meeting.

ASH WEDNESDAY: There will be a community Ash Wednesday Service this week on February 21 at Third Reformed Church at 12:10 p.m. Father Charlie Brown, of St. Francis, will give the meditation.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT at Timberwolf Lake Camp – March 2-4. Your response has been great and we are excited about the weekend. The adult guest lodge is full, however, we have many great rooms left for families and other members who want comfort and privacy. In order to make the best arrangements and plans, we encourage you to sign up today. Your **last chance** to sign up will be next Sunday, January 25. Cost is \$75.00/adult, \$37.50/child 4-12, 3 and under free, or maximum cost of \$225.00. Come enjoy this weekend with family and friends. We've planned a great mix of fun, food, music, worship and relaxation for all ages.

L.I.F.T. at Third Reformed Church stands for Living in Faith Together. The Spiritual Formation groups, meeting at the church or in homes on Sunday evenings during Lent are intended to provide L.I.F.T. opportunities for all members. These groups will begin meeting Sunday evening, February 25. Sign up today in the Gathering Place. Group leaders will contact you with information regarding time and place for each meeting.

YOUTH L.I.F.T. GROUP: Attention 2nd through 7th graders there will be a special L.I.F.T. group just for you. We will be meeting during the last three Lent L.I.F.T. groups (March 11, 18, and 25 at 6:00 p.m.) in the youth room. Come and experience three spiritual disciplines together. There will be nursery provided for your younger brothers and sisters and adult L.I.F.T. groups for your parents. Sign up at the L.I.F.T. group table in the Gathering Place.

SPECIAL FOOD APPEAL: The Deacons have identified a diabetic person in the congregation who needs help with food. The following foods are needed: vegetables: **LOW SALT** mixed vegetables, peas, beans, carrots, corn, beets, sweet potatoes, tomatoes; fruits: **LOW SUGAR** pineapple, pears, peaches, mandarin oranges, applesauce; pasta: **WHOLE WHEAT** pasta, wild rice (low salt), brown rice; meats/proteins: (canned) chicken, tuna fish, kidney beans; desserts: **SUGAR-FREE** jello, **SUGAR FREE** puddings (especially likes pistachio, chocolate, or butterscotch); **WHOLE WHEAT** crackers; creamy peanut butter and **LOW SUGAR** jelly (likes strawberry, raspberry), **LOW SUGAR** orange marmalade; **LOW SALT** soups; flour; Splenda. Please bring your food items to the food basket in the Gathering Place.

Holland Friend of Art will be holding its Tuesday, February 20 meeting in our Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. and would like to invite anyone to interested to join them. Guest speaker will be Harold Harris who will demonstrate his creative use and decoration of gourds.

THE CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor
Minister of Congregational Life
Calling Pastor
Coordinator of Congregational Care

Richard Bates
Kama Jongerius Zuidema
William Unzicker*
Delores Bechtel*

Minister of Music
Director of Children's Ministries
Youth Director
Young Disciples Director
Seminary Intern
Children's Choir Director
Secretaries
Custodian
Kitchen Coordinator
Treasurer/Interim Administrator
Recording Treasurer
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THE CONSISTORY

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Irwin Brink
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Mark Hiskes

John Nordstrom
Ed Stielstra
Dale Van Lente
Doug Walvoord

PARISH ELDERS

Carol Segrist (1)
Renske Karsen (2)
Charles Hunt (3)
Marilyn Norman (4)
Sarah Unzicker (5)
Gay Hunsberger (6)
Anna Ritsema (7)
Sherrill Ball (8)
Jan Benningfield (9)
Mike Van Doornik (10)
Roger Rietberg (11)
Wayne Westenbroek (12)

Steve Van Grouw (13)
Milly Ten Brink (14)
Bill Doezema (15)
Scott Millen (16)
Jeff Maatman (17)
John Hoekstra (18)
Elaine Tanis (19)
Janet Rund (20)
Phyllis Brown (21)
Doug Kamphuis (22)
Lucille Schroeder (23)
Betty Balk (24)

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John Amell
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