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**KIDS IN THE
 DIVINE SERVICE**
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What is “The Transfiguration of our Lord”?

Have you ever wondered what Jesus might look like in His glory? The Bible gives us a glimpse in the story of Jesus’ transfiguration (pronounced trans-fig-yer-A-shun) in Matthew 17. The word “transfigure” means “to change form or appearance.” Scripture tells us that Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain. When they got up there, Jesus’ appearance changed right before their eyes. His face became as bright as the sun, and His clothes became as white as light.

Why didn’t Jesus always appear like this while He was on earth?

If Jesus would have been on earth in His state of glory, He wouldn’t have been able to take our place under the Law and then they wouldn’t have crucified Him. It was very important for Jesus to die on the cross as a man to pay for our sins. We too will see Jesus as He is in glory on the Last Day! Until then, we see Him: as our crucified and risen Savior revealed to us in the Word and Sacraments!



Parents: Read the story of Jesus’ transfiguration in Matt. 17:1–13 with your children. Remind them that we will see Him in glory when we die just as the disciples saw Him on the mountain!

This Week at Grace

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Coffee & Fall Festival Bake Goods to follow
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	4:30 PM	Confirmation Class
Saturday	5:00 PM	Thibodaux Worship Service
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Coffee & Youth Biscuits to follow
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages

**For the week January 28-February 3, 2018
 BIRTHDAY**

February	2	Wanda Williams
	3	Lorie Moreau-LaPlume

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

January	28	Jerrie Fitzgerald
February	1	Donna Boger Lisa Giroir

Dear friends at Grace, I wish everyone a Happy New Year, and I thank you for all the wonderful gifts I have received this Christmas season! You make me feel so special and appreciated! I hope you continue to enjoy my playing. I do that for the Love of God who gives me guidance, encouragement and ability to perform. I pray for all of you to have a successful year, and together give thanks to our living Savior-God, His many blessings upon this church and most importantly, upon his faithful children. Love, Mila.

Youth Group Talent Show & Dinner

We will be hosting a talent show on February 24th at 5pm. Dinner will be available to purchase at \$10.00 a person. Chicken & sausage gumbo, potato salad, bread & cake will be on the menu. Please come out and support your Youth Group as we spend the evening entertaining you. All funds will go to help our Sr. Youth attend the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in July 2019.

Grace’s Mission

**Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness,
 Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Fellowship**

Epiphany IV

Mark 1:22

– “And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.” Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don't like to hear. But that's just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus' authority is something we need. We need him to show us what to believe and how to live – for Jesus' authority is always connected to his love.

Mission Outreach

Grace is seeking volunteers who would be willing to give rides to church to people with no vehicle or who can't drive at night. Pastor Rich often comes across folks who don't come worship due to lack of transportation.

If you're willing to help out, please drop a note or email to Pastor so he can add you to the driver list. Men are needed to give rides to men, and women for rides to women. You are not obligating yourself by being on the list. Pastor will contact you if a need arises in your area and ask if you are available.

Saving the Oak Trees

It's January again and time to fertilize the ailing oak trees in front of the church. If you are interested in helping drill holes in the dirt and fill them with fertilizer, please contact Pastor Rich at pastor@gracehouma.org.

Biscuit Makers

February 4 - Brandon & Jacob Cinnater
18 - Victoria Thalheim & Adriana Vitrano

ECC Registration

Summer and Fall Early Registration for GLC members and returning ECC families will be January 29 through February 9. Regular registration will begin February 19, 2018. The ECC will be closed February 12 & 13 for the Mardi Gras Holidays. The new paperwork can be found on our website. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please give them our information.

FALL FESTIVAL

Time to start thinking...Fall Festival! Our first Fall Festival meeting was held on January 4 at 6:00 p.m. We are looking for possible charities that our festival could benefit this year. Our 19th Annual Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 2018. We are also looking to add more prizes to our raffle. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15, at 6pm. We look forward to another wonderful festival! God bless, Lisa Giroir, 2018 Fall Festival chairperson.

The promise of heaven is our eternal hope.

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Ann Perryman, Connie Oswalt, Denise Reaves, Hanna Byers, Janice Johansen, Jerrie Fitzgerald, Jerry & Lola Ledet, John Lewis, Joy Stegall, Mark Dunn, Randy Wiemer, Richard LaCour, Susan Duet & Tad Doolittle.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Allen & Betty Carpenter, Edna Marie Sevin, Iva Kohls, Laura Naquin, Linda Meyer, Myra Thalheim, Nelda Comeaux, Paul Gerken & Ruble Pitre,

EXPECTANT/NEW MOTHERS & BABIES: Katie & Allison Von Burgsdorff

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Billy McDonald, Judy Landry, Mike Strauser, Myrtle Dupre, & Norman Falgout.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Allen Trahan, Chandler Crawford, Dave McClellan, Doug Mandel, Heather Darce, Jack Hansen, Kyle Turcott, Leo Lampinen, Matthew Spolarich, Nigel Koorie, Ronnie Joe Ojeda, Timothy DeSoto, Todd Mueller, Tom Hemminger, & Victoria Shroyer

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alec Cunningham, Connor Cuneo, Hannah Cuneo, Jacob Cinnater, Jared Moise, Kara Kraus, Karly Kyzar, Matthew Gros, Michael Thalheim, Ross Reaves, & Satin Urserly



Lenten, Holy Week & Easter Sunday Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Potluck supper in fellowship hall 6:00 p.m.
Worship Service 6:45 p.m.

Wednesdays, February 21 through March 21

Potluck suppers in fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m.
followed by service in sanctuary at 6:45 p.m.

Holy Wednesday, March 28

No services planned

Maundy Thursday, March 29

Holy Communion service in sanctuary at 7 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30

Tenebrae Service in sanctuary at 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 31

Easter Brunch Set Up 10am in fellowship hall

Easter Sunday, April 1

Worship 9:00 a.m.
followed by Easter Brunch in fellowship hall
hosted by our LWML/Mission Guild
No Sunday School scheduled

*Never measure God's unlimited power
by your limited expectations.*