

From the cloud came a



*"This is my Son,
the Beloved;
listen to him!"*

MARK 9:7, NRSV



“This is My Dearly Loved Son: Listen, Honor and Trust in Him!”

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Christian Education: 11:00 am

OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Wisconsin Synod

To All our Worshippers

The transfiguration of Jesus is a significant event in his life and work. It marks the culmination of his earthly ministry of preaching the Gospel, and begins the special work to secure our rescue from sin and death. We can have every confidence what we see and receive is the truth, because God the Father’s testimony confirms Jesus is his Son and our only Savior.

For Parents with Small Children . . .

There are age appropriate “activity bags” available in the back of the church with a children’s bulletin, books, and other items for use during the worship service. Please pick one up as you enter, or ask one of the ushers for assistance. There is also a “cry room” and rest rooms in the fellowship hall.

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music

Call to Worship

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD is dawning upon you. Look, darkness covers the earth, and deep darkness covers the peoples, but the LORD will dawn upon you, and his glory will be seen over you.

Opening Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Christian Worship 370

The Invocation

P: Grace to you and peace from him who is, who was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his own blood, and made us a kingdom and priests to God his Father—to him be glory and the power forever. Amen.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, the one who is, and who was and who is coming, the Almighty—God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.



C: A - - men!

The Confession of Sins

1 John 1:5-10

P: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

C: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his Word has no place in our lives.

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the light of God has come into the world. Through Jesus Christ, God has revealed his glory to us, and by the power of the Spirit, we have been claimed by God to be his children. Yet we have not lived as God's children ought to live. All of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Therefore, we need to confess our sins and plead for his mercy.

C: Most merciful God we are not worthy to be called your children. Too often we have chosen to live in the darkness of sin rather than in the glory of your light. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved others as you desire. We have sinned against you with our thoughts, our words, and our actions. Therefore we must humbly plead: O Lord, have mercy on us.

The Assurance of Forgiveness

P: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven; whose sin is pardoned by the Lord. In his love, God sent his one and only Son into this world made dark by sin. He came among us to rescue us. He lived a perfect, sin-free life in our place. He died on the cross that we deserved. By his death the penalty for our sin was paid, and in his glorious resurrection we are assured of the gift of new life. Therefore, on the basis of Jesus' atoning work, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A — men!

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



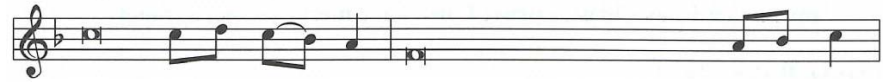
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King,



God the Fa-ther al-mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer for the Day

P: O dearest Jesus, our precious Savior, on the mountain top you allowed your unveiled glory to shine for a brief moment. This display was to convince your disciples you were the one whom the Scriptures proclaimed you to be. It was also to prepare them for your crucifixion and death. As we witness the same display of

glory, send us your Holy Spirit to help us believe the witness of this wonderful sight. You are the one God the Father promised through the prophets. You are the one perfectly equipped to fulfill the righteous requirements of the Law. You are the one whom God has provided as Savior. Fill us with the confidence your transfiguration provides. Then, give us the strength of faith to trust all you do as our Savior, our Redeemer, and the Son of God, who lives and rules with the Father and the Spirit—throughout endless ages;



C: A - - men!

The Lessons from God's Word

*“Come and see the salvation of our God—revealed
for us in Christ Jesus our Savior!”*

Old Testament

Exodus 24:9–18

⁹Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up. ¹⁰They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet they saw what looked like a pavement of sapphire as clear as the sky. ¹¹The LORD did not lay his hand on the dignitaries of the people of Israel. They gazed at God, and they ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain. Wait there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commands that I have written, so that you can teach them.”

¹³Moses set out with his assistant Joshua and went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴He said to the elders, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, here are Aaron and Hur. They will be with you. Whoever is involved in a dispute can go to them.”

¹⁵Moses went up onto the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The Glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered the mountain for six days. On the seventh day the LORD called to Moses out of the middle of the cloud. ¹⁷The appearance of the Glory of the LORD looked like a devouring fire

on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.
¹⁸Moses entered into the middle of the cloud and climbed up the mountain. Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 148

P: Praise the LORD from the heavens. Praise him in the heights. Praise him, all his angels. Praise him, all his armies. Praise him, you highest heavens. Let them praise the name of the LORD, because he commanded, and they were created. He caused them to stand forever and ever. He gave a decree, and it will not pass away. Let the people praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted. His splendor is above the earth and the heavens. He has raised up a horn for his people—the praise of his favored ones—for the children of Israel, the people close to him. Praise the Lord.

Congregations sings

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
Christian Worship 234 st. 1 & 5

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
Oh, my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
 joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
 gladly forever adore him!

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice

came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”¹⁸We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts,²⁰since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone’s own interpretation.²¹In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Verse of the Day

P: Why do the nations rage? Why do the peoples grumble in vain? The kings of the earth take a stand, and the rulers join together against the LORD and against his Anointed one.

The one who is seated in heaven laughs. The Lord scoffs at them. Then he speaks to them in his anger, and in his wrath he terrifies them. “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy mountain.”

How blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Alleluia by Congregation

The Word be - came flesh and lived a - mong us.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel is recorded in the seventeenth chapter of Matthew, reading from the first verse.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James; and he led them up onto a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured in front of them. His face was shining like the sun. His clothing became as white as the light. ³Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Just then, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.”

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. ⁷Jesus approached and as he touched them, he said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.” ⁸When they opened their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Do not tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

P: This is the Word of our God!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”
Christian Worship: Supplement 712
The Hymn is printed on pages 15 & 16

Theme “Readied for What Lay Ahead”

To see Jesus’ glory despite his humiliation
To hear the Father’s acceptance despite rejection
To know we have Savior without exception

The Confession of our Christian Faith

**C: 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!**

Thanksgiving and Prayer

Prayer for the Lord’s Blessing:

(the congregation will read responsively)

P: Heavenly Father, on the mountain you revealed Jesus Christ in his unveiled divine majesty, and by a wonderful testimony out of the cloud you declared him your Son whom you love, help us always believe and confess that Jesus is true God and true Man.

In commanding us to hear your Son you have placed your divine blessing on all he has spoken. Give us the faith we need to hear, and rejoice in his wonderful words of rescue.

**C: Oh, wondrous type! Oh, vision fair
Of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,
Where brighter than the sun he glows!**

P: Jesus Christ, though glorified on the mountain before witnesses, you nevertheless humbled yourself even to death on the cross for our transgressions. Make us willing to forsake all for you, to give up all that we have—even our lives—in order that we might boldly confess your name in this world, and receive eternal life in the world to come.

**C: With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above
Who trust in his atoning love.**

P: Precious Savior, your appearing in glory in the company of Moses and Elijah, and speaking to them of your approaching death, proves the prophets' words foretelling a Savior from sin are fulfilled in you. The apostles too were eyewitnesses of your glory and have declared the same before the world. Oh, teach us to faithfully trust the testimony of the prophets and apostles given in Holy Scripture, so that we never fail to worship you as Savior of sinners and Lord of all.

**C: And faithful hearts are raised on high
By this great vision's mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.**

P: Those on the mountain rejoiced to see your glory for even a passing moment. How blessed all of us will be to spend eternity with you in heaven. Graciously give us the faith we need to hold

on to your promise of eternal life. Forgive our sins. Erase our doubts. Destroy all confidence in our own merit. Increase and sustain our trust through your Word of Truth. Comfort us with the bright hope of your coming. Care for our needs and preserve us from all things—physical and spiritual—that may bring us harm. Of your rich grace and endless mercy, we ask it.

**C: O Father, with the eternal Son
And Holy Spirit ever one,
We pray you, bring us by your grace
To see your glory face to face.**

P: O gracious Savior, your transfiguration fills us with awe and wonder. You are the Son of God, and the glory you revealed on the mountain top proves it. You are also true Man, and your humiliation and crucifixion proves your unselfish and undeserved love. Bless us through that love, and by your divine power, hear and answer all our prayers. Strengthen and preserve us as we faithfully follow you and proclaim your glory. It is because of your undeserved love we can also pray:

The Lord's Prayer: *(spoken with the pastor)*

**C: 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!**

Hymn

“Down from the Mount of Glory”
Christian Worship 97

Closing Prayer

P: O dearest Lord, our heavenly Father, we know you love us. We can especially see this in what you have done for us through your Son. In Jesus, we have the assurance of your never-failing mercy. In Jesus, we also have the certainty of our forgiveness and life in heaven. As we recall the wonderful sight of his transfiguration, remind us of the importance of his appearance with Moses and Elijah—that all of your promises and commands have been fulfilled. Then, if any doubt does remain regarding your love for us, draw us to the precious work of Jesus at the cross. Bless us with this assurance now and always. Then, use it as our motivation to proclaim the power and love of our Savior to people throughout the world. In heaven, receive our praise given in love to you—Father, Son and Spirit, and given in thanks for your mercy, your rescue and your faithfulness.



C: A - - - men!

The Benediction:

P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God's Word, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and be will be with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine upon you

and be gracious to you;

The Lord look on you with favor, and give you peace.



C: A - men, A - men, A — men!

Closing Hymn

“How Good, Lord, to be Here”

Christian Worship 95

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today - *Welcome in our Savior's Name!* May the blessing of our faithful God, our glorified Savior, and his never-failing love be with you always. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign our guest book, and visit us again—soon!

- Between the worship service and Bible Class there will be coffee. Come and enjoy a cup and the gift of friendship in the Lord.
- Christian Education will begin at 11:00 am. We will take time to study the epistle lesson from 2 Peter, and the importance of eyewitness testimony together with the fulfillment of prophecy.
- Pizza and a Movie at 5:30 pm. We will begin with dinner. Please bring salads and desserts.

Monday—Handbell practice at 7:00 pm

Wednesday—*Ash Wednesday worship and mid-week Lenten worship begins at 7:00 pm. Information is on the next page.*

Friday—Office hours: 10:30—2:30 pm

Saturday—Clean: Brown

- Mowing beginning the week of February 19th—Florez

Sunday, February 26th—**In person worship and live-stream at 9:30 am.** Through the next six Sundays we will turn our attention to the Psalms. These are precious songs offers by Old Testament believers who looked to the Lord. This Sunday we will hear how David will teach us: “There is Strength for Our Weakness.

- Christian Education will follow the service and will consider the Temptation of Jesus, and the blessings we receive because he was faithful.

Thank You

To Al Todd, our pianist and Hymnsoft operator; to Josh Schueler and Jim Everson for monitoring the audio and video of the live-stream; to Sue Proeber for placing flowers on the altar—to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for his many blessings;



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