



"In Humble Reverence, See the Glory of the Lord!"

February 11, 2024 Transfiguration of Jesus

Sunday Worship 9:30 am Christian Education 11:00 AM

Lord's Supper: First Sunday of the Month

Welcome to Our Redeemer —

The transfiguration is a pivotal point in Jesus' earthly ministry. It reveals how Jesus perfectly fulfilled every command and prophecy set forth in the Law and the Prophets. It also reveals that Jesus is the all-powerful Son of God and the Savior God the Father provided. In the sights and sounds of the transfiguration we receive the evidence we need to give us faith to believe, in addition to the truth needed to sustain it. How blessed we are to be on the mountain top to see and hear what our Lord proclaims.

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music

Opening Hymn

"O Savior, Precious Savior" Christian Worship 368 st. 1-3

The Invocation

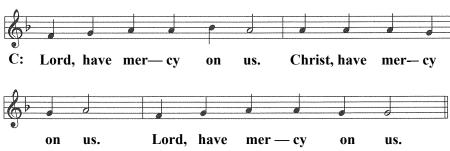
P: In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.



The Confession of Sins

P: Dearly loved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness;

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



Absolution

God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.



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







Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al—so with you.

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 God has provided as the Savior of all. Fill us with the confidence your transfiguration provides. 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;



The Lessons from God's Word

Old Testament

2 Kings 2:1-12a

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah was traveling with Elisha from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Bethel."

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

³The sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?"

Then he said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet."

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

But he said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

⁵Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?"

He said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet."

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

But he said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

⁷Then fifty men from the sons of the prophets came and stood and watched them from a distance, while the two of them were standing at the Jordan. ⁸Elijah took his cloak, folded it together, and struck the water. The water divided to the right and to the left. Then the two of them crossed on dry land.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask me for whatever I can do for you before I am taken from you."

Then Elisha said, "Let there be a double portion of your spirit on me."

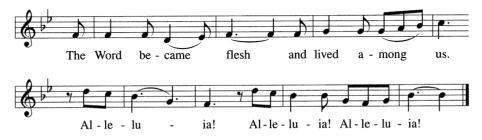
¹⁰He said, "You have asked for a difficult thing. If you see me being taken from you, it will surely be yours. But if not, then it will not."

¹¹While they were walking and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire, and horses of fire came and separated them. So Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹²Elisha was watching and crying out, "My father! My father! Israel's chariot and its charioteers!" Then he did not see him anymore.

Psalm and Response

P: Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD as long as I live. I will make music to my God as long as I exist. Do not trust in human helpers, in a mortal man who cannot save you. His spirit departs to the ground he came from. On that day, his plans have perished.

Blessed is everyone who has the God of Jacob as his help. His hope is in the LORD his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything which is in them. He is the one who stays faithful forever.



Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

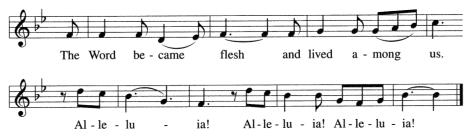
boldness. ¹³We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the Israelites could not continue to look at the end of the radiance, as it was fading away. ¹⁴In spite of this, their minds were hardened. Yes, up to the present day, the same veil remains when the Old Testament is read. It has not been removed because it is taken away only in Christ. ¹⁵Instead, to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸But all of us who reflect the Lord's glory with an unveiled face are being transformed into his own image, from one degree of glory to another. This too is from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since we have this ministry as a result of the mercy shown us, we are not discouraged. ²On the contrary, we have renounced shameful, underhanded methods. We do not operate in a deceitful way, and we do not distort the word of God. Instead, by proclaiming the truth clearly, we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

Psalm and Response

P: Blessed is everyone who has the God of Jacob as his help. His hope is in the LORD his God.

He obtains justice for the oppressed. He gives food to the hungry. The LORD releases prisoners. The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down. The LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the aliens. The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but turns aside the way of the wicked. The LORD reigns forever. Your God, O Zion, rules for all generations.



The Gospel

P: The "Good News" about our Savior is recorded in the ninth chapter of Mark, reading from the second verse.



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

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain where they were alone by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. ³His clothes became radiant, dazzling white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. ⁴And Elijah appeared to them together with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

⁵Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say because they were terrified.

⁷A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him."

⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they no longer saw any-

one with them except Jesus alone.

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

P: This is the Word of our God!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith

(We unite in the words of the Apostles Creed)

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.

Hymn of the Day

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

Christian Worship: Supplement 712 st. 1-4

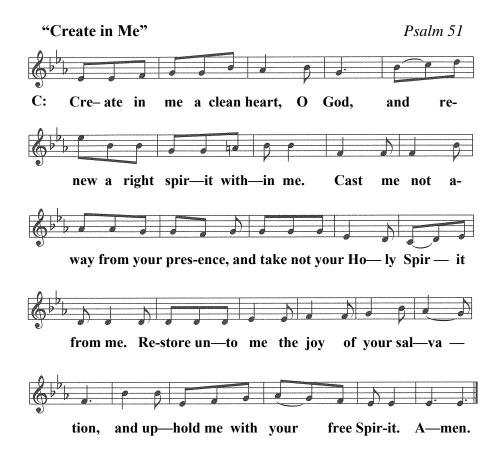
Hymn 712 is on pages 17 & 18

Sermon Mark 9:2-9

Theme

"Speechless!"

Before the heavenly display Before the powerful testimony



Thanksgiving and Prayer

Prayer for the Lord's Blessing

Special Prayers and Requests

The Lord's Prayer

(congregation joins 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 st. 1-3, 5*

Closing Prayer

P: O dearest Lord, our heavenly Father, we know you love us. We 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 have been fulfilled. Remind us as well, of your own powerful testimony—this is my Son! If any doubt does remain regarding your love for us, draw us to the precious work of our Savior at the cross. Bless us with this assurance now and always, and by it prepare us for live in your eternal kingdom. 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.



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 compassion 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 blessed name. May the testimony of God the Father regarding his Son work in us, leading us to the assurance that Jesus is truly the Son of God and our only Savior. If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book or a visitor card, and come us again—soon!

- Following the service there will be snacks served by the ladies of the congregation. Everyone is welcome!
- Bible Study will begin around 11:00 am.

Monday—Handbell choir practice at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday—Mid-Week Lenten Worship and Streaming begins at 7:00 pm.

Thursday—Pastor Proeber will leave for Phoenix in the morning. If there is an emergency, please use his cell number, or call one of the elders.

Saturday—Church Cleaning: Pettus

Mowing / property beginning February 18th—Todd
 Sunday, February 18th—Worship and Streaming at 9:30 am.
 Pastor Steve Degner will lead us in worship.

Thank You

To Al Todd our Hymnsoft operator; to Sam Chu for playing the flute during the service; to Jim Everson and Josh Schueler for monitoring the sound system and the live-stream video; and to Sue Proeber for placing flowers on the altar—to the glory of God and in thanks for his undeserved love and blessing; and to Karolyn Hanna and Jan Scheffler for serving snacks after the service.

Movie and a Pizza

On **February 25th at 5:30 pm** we will gather for a fellowship and education activity. The evening will begin with pizza, salad, and soft drinks. A sign up sheet is on the table in the back so we can plan accordingly. The movie for the evening will be "John Wycliffe." He lived 150 years before Martin Luther and was one of the most influential Christians of the medieval world. One of his better known accomplishments was the first English translation of the Bible.

LWMS Spring Rally

On March 9th, Calvary Lutheran Church, Canyon Country, will host their first spring rally. Registration starts at 8:30 am and it concludes at 2:30 pm. The speaker will be Pastor Barton Cox. He was assigned to the congregation from the Seminary to do a "mission restart." His presentation will focus on the "Andrew Plan—Come and See!"

The Mission Box remains on the table outside. You may place your gift in it, or you may speak with Sonja Todd for more information.

Come and learn more about sharing Jesus Christ as you also support our sister congregation of the Los Angeles Circuit.



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