

# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 19, 2023 ~ 8:30am

**Welcome to God's house!** Here we meet Jesus, right where He promises to be, in Word and Sacrament. We are so glad you came!

**We love children at Christ Our Savior.** Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so that young children can see what is happening during worship. A staffed nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off of the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

**We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes,** from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Sunday School	Lead by	
<i>Opening Pre3-6<sup>th</sup> grade</i>		Rooms 8 & 9*
<i>Pre3-K</i>	Dawn Cipa, Susan Weak, Michelle Linderman	Room 15*
<i>1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade</i>	Susan Magner, Kirsten Galka, Nikki Shingledecker	Rooms 8 & 9*
<i>4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade</i>	Laurie Candela, Jim Edwards, Tom Brunner	Rooms 10-12*
<i>Catechism – 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade</i>	Pastor Davenport	Rooms 5 & 6**
<i>Sr. High (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)</i>	Nathan Troike	Youth Room
<b>Adult Bible Study</b>		
<i>Bethel Bible Series</i>	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel
<i>Read Through the Whole Bible</i>	Fritz Quitmeyer, Marie Schlosser, & Phil Krauss	Gym
* = <b>Youth Education Hallway</b> ** = <b>Adult Education Hallway</b>		

**The Lord's Supper.** When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we confess our common belief that Christ offers His Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, for our forgiveness, life and salvation! We truly believe God's Word when He says, "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" *1 Corinthians 11:27*. We want you to receive the Lord's Supper as God intended it – for your blessing – so those who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are asked to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing, the assurance that God loves you, or you may remain in your seat and use the time for prayer and meditation. **For those desiring to receive the Lord's Supper but are unable to come forward, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant as they come out into the congregation during distribution. They will commune you at your seat.**

God bless your worship!

## AS WE GATHER

In one sense, the Transfiguration of Our Lord provides a sort of climax to the first part of the story of Jesus in the liturgical year. In the glorious vision, Moses and Elijah appear as if to prove that everything written in the Bible in the Law and the Prophets has come true in the advent and appearance of Jesus, "true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary" (explanation of the Second Article). Yet this climactic event is not yet the true and complete climax of the story, but a transition now into the season of Lent and the road to the true climax: the cross of Good Friday, the resurrection of Easter, His ascension into heaven, and the sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. There is so much more to tell. This brief glimpse of glory and Peter's eyewitness account is to give us the strength and encouragement now to bring the story to completion in us, that we become witnesses in possession of the glorious hope of eternal life through the forgiveness of our sins.

## Order of Worship

*Divine Service, Setting Three with Holy Communion*

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*"Salvation is Created"*

*arr. David Giardiniere*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ✠ Preparation ✠

### OPENING HYMN

*"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"*

*LSB 395*

1. **O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light,  
Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's race, King David's son, Our Lord and master, You have won  
Our hearts to serve You only!  
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, All victorious, Rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!**
2. **Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine, And deep within our hearts now shine;  
There light a flame undying!  
In Your one body let us be As living branches of a tree,  
Your life our lives supplying.  
Now, though daily Earth's deep sadness May perplex us And distress us,  
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.**
5. **O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!**

## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalms 117:1–2a; 96:8*

- P** Praise the LORD, all nations!  
**C** **Extol Him, all peoples!**  
**P** For great is His steadfast love toward us,  
**C** **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**  
**P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;  
**C** **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*2 Peter 1:19*

- P** That we may enter into the holy presence of Christ, let us confess our sins that we may be made the righteousness of God.  
**C** **We confess to You, almighty God, our blindness to Your glory and our reluctance to seek Your grace. We have sinned against You and our neighbors by our own fault in both our thoughtless actions as well as the good we have failed to do. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, forgive us. Renew our hearts, enliven us in spirit, and let us see Your glorious mercy.**  
**P** "We have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### KYRIE (*sung*)

*LSB 186*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*LSB 187*

- P** Glory be to God on high:  
**C** **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**  
**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,**  
**we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**  
**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**  
**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And with thy spirit.** *(sung)*

**P** Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.** *(sung)*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *(The covenant that the Lord made is confirmed.)* Exodus 24:8–18

<sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." <sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. <sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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**C** Thanks be to God.

## CHORAL ANTHEM

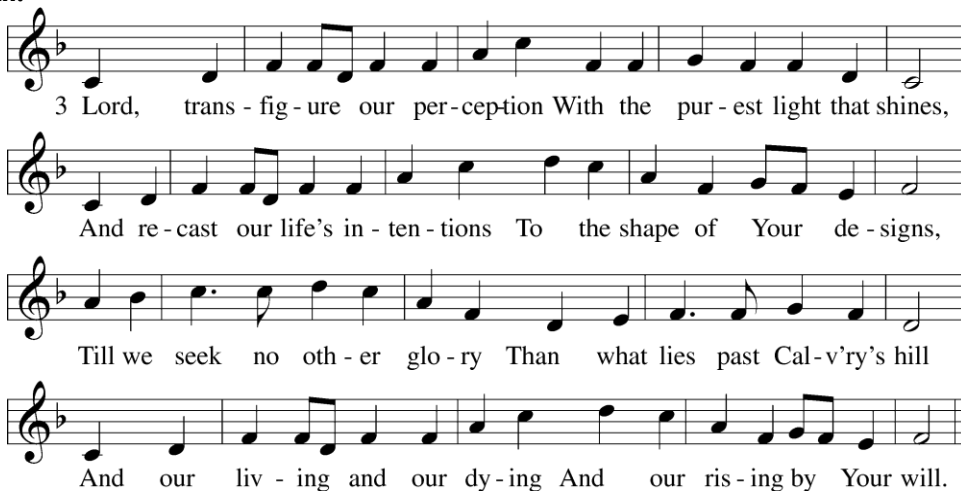
"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

LSB 416

*Choir: 1. Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, Heaven's voice, the dazzling light;  
Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height!  
Peter, James, and John fall silent, Turning from the summit's rise  
Downward toward the shadowed valley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.*

*2. Glimpsed and gone the revelation, They shall gain and keep its truth,  
Not by building on the mountain Any shrine or sacred booth,  
But by following the Savior Through the valley to the cross  
And by testing faith's resilience Through betrayal, pain, and loss.*

**All:**



3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - ception With the pur - est light that shines,  
And re - cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,  
Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - v'ry's hill  
And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

## HOLY GOSPEL

(The transfiguration)

Matthew 17:1–9

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** (*sung*)

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** (*sung*)

## THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

Nicene Creed

(Please refer to the screens or the back of the hymnal for text.)

## SERMON HYMN

"O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"

LSB 413

1. **O wondrous type! O vision fair Of glory that the Church may share,  
Which Christ upon the mountain shows, Where brighter than the sun He glows!**
2. **With Moses and Elijah nigh The incarnate Lord holds converse high;  
And from the cloud the Holy One Bears record to the only Son.**

*Choir: 3. With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today  
What glory shall be theirs above Who joy in God with perfect love.*

4. **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.**
- △ 5. **O Father, with the eternal Son And Holy Spirit ever one,  
We praise Thee, bring us by Thy grace To see Thy glory face to face.**

## SERMON

"When We See the Awesomeness of God"

Matthew 17:1–9

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P** Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give You thanks for revealing to the world Your goodness and mercy in the gift of Your beloved Son. Being of one substance with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, He has revealed Your glory chiefly in His sacrifice on the cross for the life of the world. Make us certain that because He died and lives again, we and all who trust in Him are now given eternal life in the forgiveness of our sin. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** By Your Word and Spirit, rule and govern Your holy Church throughout the world and her pastors and ministers in order that we may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word and may be strengthened in faith and love. Send forth laborers into Your harvest that Your kingdom be extended to all nations. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant Your help and protection to all who are in the authority of government, bless our country that righteousness and peace abound that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Comfort with Your Holy Spirit all who are in trouble, want, sickness, or any adversity, that they may receive healing of body and mind and peace in their souls. Bless all medical professionals and emergency workers and all who supply the needy in any way. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We give thanks for all Your prophets and apostles who have faithfully delivered Your Word through the ages, and for all Your witnesses who have gone before us and are now with You in Your divine presence. Keep us in the sure faith and hope of Your Word that we may one day look upon our Savior face-to-face in the glory of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

# ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

*We ask that all visitors carefully read our communion statement found in the front of this service bulletin before approaching the communion table.*

## PREFACE *(sung)*

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

## PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and for our salvation that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS *(sung)*

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

LSB 195

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,  
**C** **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."



In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**PAX DOMINI** (*sung*)

*The Peace of the Lord*

*John 20:19*

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

**C** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

*Lamb of God*

*LSB 198*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*The ushers will direct the congregation to the communion rail via the side aisles. When at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel, as you are able, or remain standing. If you have come to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. As the pastor/elder offers you the bread (host) please hold out your hand to receive it. If you require a gluten-free host, please signal to the pastor/elder and take a gluten-free host from the center of the plate. Similarly, if you require an alcohol-free alternative to the wine, please take one of the individual cups from the center of the tray. After receiving the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the center aisle. **If you are communing at your seat, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant, and they will commune you there.***

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

*LSB 414*

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past And hope of things to be,  
We hail Thy body glorified And our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death, We see Thy kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.
5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;  
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

*LSB 415*

1. Jesus on the mountain peak Stands alone in glory blazing;  
Let us, if we dare to speak, Join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia!

2. Trembling at His feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the law Shout through them their joyful greeting: Alleluia!
3. Swift the cloud of glory came: God proclaiming in its thunder  
Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder, Alleluia!
4. This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before Him,  
First and Last and only One. All creation shall adore Him! Alleluia!

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**NUNC DIMITTIS** (*sung*)

*Song of Simeon*

*LSB 199*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*
- C** **Amen.**

## **FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA**

- P** On this day, alleluias are sung for the last time in the Church until the resurrection of our Lord. Alleluia is not heard during Lent as we turn in penitence to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ to be renewed in our baptismal faith. Though every Sunday is a "little Easter," we restrain our praise until Easter Sunday, when all of Christendom joins in singing alleluias to our King. Let us now raise our voices in song as we anticipate not only our coming Easter celebration, but that ultimate feast of victory when we shall all sing "alleluia" with saints and angels, cherubim and seraphim, Moses and Elijah, apostles, martyrs, prophets, and all the company of heaven before the Lamb on His throne.

## CLOSING HYMN

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

LSB 417

- 1. Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die;  
Alleluia is the anthem Ever raised by choirs on high;  
In the house of God abiding Thus they sing eternally.**
- 2. Alleluia, thou resoundest, True Jerusalem and free;  
Alleluia, joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee,  
But by Babylon's sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.**

*Choir: 3. Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below;  
Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while forgo;  
For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.*

- 4. Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, blessed Trinity,  
At the last to keep Thine Easter With Thy faithful saints on high;  
There to Thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.**

## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune and Ayre"

arr. Walter Barnes



## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS –

Leading Worship: Pastor Davenport  
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Acolyte: Lucas Shingledecker  
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