



**OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Southern Pines, North Carolina**

**ORDER FOR WORSHIP**  
Transfiguration of Our Lord

**February 19, 2023**

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Pastor:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Pastor:* Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin. Holy One, source of our renewal,

*People:* **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*Pastor:* Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of (+) Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG - Here I Am To Worship**

## **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

*Pastor:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

*Pastor:* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Pastor:* For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Pastor:* For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Pastor:* For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Pastor:* Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*People:* **Amen. Amen.**

### **THE HYMN OF PRAISE - ELW p. 139**

*Pastor:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

*People:* **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor:* O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **THE FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18**

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. 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 Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM: Psalm 2** (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

- 1 Why do the nations conspire,  
**and the peoples plot in vain?**
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
**against the Lord and his anointed, saying,**
- 3 'Let us burst their bonds asunder,  
**and cast their cords from us.'**
- 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
**the Lord has them in derision.**
- 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
**and terrify them in his fury, saying,**
- 6 'I have set my king on Zion, **my holy hill.'**
- 7 I will tell of the decree of the Lord:  
He said to me, '**You are my son;**  
**today I have begotten you.**
- 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
**and the ends of the earth your possession.**
- 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron,  
**and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'**
- 10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
**be warned, O rulers of the earth.**
- 11 Serve the Lord with fear,  
**with trembling**
- 12 **kiss his feet, or he will be angry,**  
**and you will perish in the way;**  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
**Happy are all who take refuge in him.**

**THE SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

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 had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the

morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE CHILDREN'S SERMON** - Heather Lussier

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** – *"God, Whose Almighty Word" ELW #673 v. 1*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SERMON:** *Witnesses: The Manifestation - Pastor Frank Waugh*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY** - *This Little Light of Mine* - ELW #677

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **THE PEACE**

### **THE OFFERING**

### **THE OFFERING RESPONSE**

### **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and  
shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore,  
through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** - ELW p. 144

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **THE PREFACE** (*Sung by Pastor*)

### **THE SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of  
your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Spoken*)

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and take the joy of God!

### **COMMUNION SONGS**

#### **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

### **THE COMMUNION PRAYER**

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **THE BLESSING**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod (+) bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

#### **THE SENDING SONG - *Everywhere I Go***

#### **THE DISMISSAL**

God in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**