



# CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

**A community praising God,  
Growing in Christ, and  
Joyfully serving others.**



*Welcome. We are so happy to have you with us!  
If you are visiting us for the first time, please fill out a  
visitor's card and put it in the offering plate.*

*In Thanksgiving for Jeff Otto, 14 Years being Music Director  
For all my blessings*

**Processional**

*Thou whose almighty Word*

H 371

Celebrant *Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**People** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant and people

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Glory to God**

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,  
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. \_\_\_\_\_ A - - - - - men.

## The Collect

Celebrant *The Lord be with you.*

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant *Let us pray.*

*Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## First Reading

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

*A reading from the book of Proverbs.*

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

for the Lord pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Psalm 125**

*1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.*

*2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.*

*3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the  
just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.*

*4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.*

*5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.*

## The Epistle

James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

*A reading from the letter of James.*

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[ For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***Thanks be to God.***

# Sequence

## In Christ Alone

Shawn Craig  
Don Koch

G/B C G/B

In Christ a - lone I place my trust and find my

3 Am<sup>7</sup> C/D G Em<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup>/D

glo - ry in the pow - er of the cross. In ev' - ry

5 Cmaj<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup>

vic - to - ry, let it be said of me, my

7 Am<sup>7</sup> C/D G

source of strength, my source of hope is Christ a - lone.

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*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark*

***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***



## **The Nicene Creed**

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from Heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We are humbled by the good you can do through us when we give ourselves over to you. Keep us close to you that we may be unafraid to speak your truth. Make your church quick to listen for your voice as we move forward as doers of the word. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for those who support your mission of mercy in the world; those who teach; and those who take your word into their hearts.

Pray for the Church.

We are living on a vast and diverse planet. Guide those who guide others, that they may genuinely be concerned about the welfare of their people. Open our ears to the cries of your people who suffer in dark corners of this world, and

open our hands to reach out to them with generous spirits. We pray for those in the military and first responders, especially Alex, Anthony, Frank, Edilio, Sam, Michael, Alexander, Jacob, Will and their families. Are there others?

Pray for the world.

We are burdened by illnesses, anxieties, addictions, and broken relationships. Cover us with your grace and compassion. Drive far from us the fear which keeps us from trusting your goodness. We ask you to heal those who suffer: especially Chelsea, Marilyn, Chuck, Pam, Bill, Ed, Steven, Michael, Rich, Patrick, Annette, Christopher, Lorna, Pura, Cathy, Pam, Joe, Laura, Michael, Jude, Lois, Jack, Wayne, Chris, Tom, Derek, Barb, Sherrill, Kathleen, Tom E., Dory and his family, Rachel, Dawn, MaryAnne, Mary F., Tom, Claire, Debbie, Luann, Bill M, Shirleen & Jim. Are there others?

Pray for those who are suffering.

We are grieved by the loss of those who have died. Give us confidence in your promise of endless life with you, surrounded by your glory and accompanied by your saints and angels.

Pray for those who have died.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Laura Dawson, Joe Rossi, Rob Carr, Marie Sundin, Alex Anderson, Evangeline Anderson, Laura Wells and Dan Wahlen and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Mike Evans and Helen Fitch. Are there others?

We are astounded beyond measure by your creative powers, O God, and celebrate the mystery of all your creation. But most of all we celebrate the mystery of your love and care for us, for the gift of your Son, and the encouragement of your Holy Spirit.

*Celebrant:* Holy and Wondrous God, by your never-failing providence you set in order all creation: Put away from us all hurtful things and give us those things which are profitable for us, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

***Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant *The Peace of the Lord be always with you.*  
People *And also with you.*

## **Announcements**

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

#### **Birthday Prayer**

*Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

#### **Anniversary Prayer**

*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

#### **Offertory Sentence**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

#### **Offertory Hymn**

*Have thine own way, Lord*

L 145

Celebrant *All things come of thee, O Lord.*

People *And of thine own have we given thee*

## The Holy Communion

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:



The people stand or kneel

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

*We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

*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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **The Invitation to Communion**

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little. You who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time or ever before.

You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you. It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.



**Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant Let us pray.*

*Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER FOR SEARCH OF NEW RECTOR**

*Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before  
we ask and ignorance in asking: teach us to know that our lives and futures  
are in your loving hands, and guide us in the calling of the next rector of the  
Church of the Transfiguration; grant that we may rely on your loving  
providence and not trust in our own cleverness, and that we might cast aside  
our anxieties and follow where you lead as you carry out in tranquility the  
plan of salvation; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. Amen.*

## **Sending of the Eucharistic Visitors**

*In the name of Christ, and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing the body and blood of Christ to those who cannot be with us today.....Take God's holy Word, the prayers of this congregation, and this holy food for holy people.*

**People:** *We who are many are one Body because we share one bread, one cup.*

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**      *O, for a thousand tongues to sing*      H 493,vs.1-3, 6

**Celebrant**      *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

**People**      *Thanks be to God.*

## **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

***THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE:***

Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Natasha, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia, Anita.

### **This week at Transfiguration:**

Today	Outreach Meeting	Leach Hall	8:45 am
	Holy Eucharist	Church/FB	10:00am
	Coffee Hour hosted by The Dawodu's	Leach Hall	11:15am
9/15	Adult Formation	Leach Hall	9:00am
	Holy Eucharist	Church/FB	10:00am
	Coffee Hour	Leach Hall	11:15am

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- On Sunday, September 15, right after the 10 am service, CYMC is sponsoring a **Transfiguration Family Reunion Celebration** - a great time to reconnect with one another now that summer is winding down. Before we leave the sanctuary and head into Leach Hall for a walking taco lunch, we're going to assemble up at the altar for a family photo (thanks to our resident photographer, Dan Higgins!). Please sign up on the foyer bulletin board. But even if you're not able to stay for lunch - plan on being a part of the family pic!
- **Also, A QUICK REMINDER**-Please sign up for coffee hour. The nursery girls make the coffee, and simple instructions are emailed every week when you sign up. **THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE FOR DOING SO!!!!**
- Our Beds Plus Outreach program volunteers continue to pack lunch bags for the homeless shelters every other weekend. If you would like to make a contribution toward purchasing food items for this ministry plus make your check out to the church and write "Beds Plus" in the memo line.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Zack Ottinger at [zottinger@gmail.com](mailto:zottinger@gmail.com) Please remember the other ministries we support; including the area Food Pantries and Shower the Shelter.

**Note: You may continue to submit your pledges and offerings by mail or use the credit card payment option [Transfigpalos.breezechms.com](https://Transfigpalos.breezechms.com), or use the text giving option by texting your \$amount plus the word “pledge” to 708-394-7474.**

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Migrating Families Ministry minutes 8/4/24

Present: Jason, Bryan, Pat, Erin, Kathrine, Gabe, Cheryl

### **Announcement for website and Facebook:**

After discussion, the following announcement will be put on our website and Facebook, after approval from Elias.

**Transfiguration is proud to be the recipient of a grant from Episcopal charities resulting in:**  
*(this needs work—suggestions?)*

**Migrating Families Ministry:** Welcoming and supporting families who have recently migrated to the south and/or southwest suburbs of Chicago, in partnership with the Episcopal Charities.

### **Activities planned for August and September**

August 18<sup>th</sup>:

- Bryan preaching, introducing the theology of Migrants and Refugees
- Sue will introduce Gabriel to the congregation during announcements and announce our first workshop if things are falling into place.

September 29<sup>th</sup>:

- First speaker workshop after services on possible topics of ways to counter White Christian Nationalist rhetoric against migrants and refugees and/or the history of American Churches and Refugees.
- Committee will host coffee hour

### **Other topics discussed:**

- Cooking classes lead by our families (Sue will bring up with Parish Life)
- Book study of Luis Alberto Urrea book **Into the Beautiful North** with a possible Q and A and book signing with the author. Katherine will look into this.
- Begin working of ESL classes including assessing need (Cheryl), finding a convenient location (Pat), looking for materials (Gabe). Next meeting, further discussion using information gathered.
- Start a list of resources for referral of services, speakers, etc.

Next meeting: **Sunday, September 8th**

