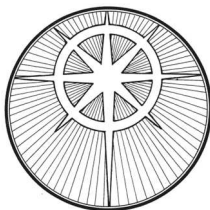


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

O God, you have called and gathered a people from the ends of the earth to serve you. Grant the increase of your reign among us and give us your Holy Spirit, that your name may be glorified to all who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Transfiguratio + January 21, 2024 + 9:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. "He was bright as the lightning on the mountain and became more luminous than the sun, initiating us into the mystery of the future" (Gregory of Nazianzus, 329-390 A.D.). So an ancient preacher described the transfiguration that we celebrate today, in which Jesus reveals more than the glory of God: He shows the future glory of mankind, when all who believe in Him are resurrected in the flesh to inherit a new creation. With this vision in mind, we prepare for the celebration of His suffering and death in the coming season of Lent.

Sharing God's Blessings Today

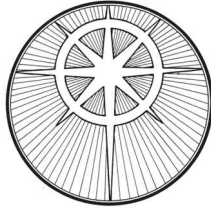
- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Paul, Kathy and Andrew Fandrey in memory of Russell & Regina Mulvey and Grover Fandrey.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored in by Rick & Chris Hovda and family in thanksgiving for Zion's Pastors and ministry.
- The sponsor charts for 2024 Radio Broadcasts, Flowers and Bulletins are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry.

A Welcome for Those With Young Children

This house is your children's home, too. Relax and enjoy your time here:

- Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please consider sitting towards the front where your children can easily see the worship leaders, hear the words, note the colors, wonder about some of the images up there, and embrace the action at the altar.
- As we go along, softly explain the liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in with their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And also with you! I believe! Our Father!* All of that belongs to them, too.
- Be sure to sing and pray your parts as you stand and kneel and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. There is a nursery downstairs for those who would like to use it, but like Jesus, we want your children in the liturgy, not out. *Let the little children come unto me.* (Luke 18:16).

If you need help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend a hand.



PRELUDE

"Brightest and Best of the Stars in the Morning"

... Benjamin Kolodziej, Charles W. Ore, Robert Hobby

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Brightest and Best of the Stars in the Morning" ... LSB #400

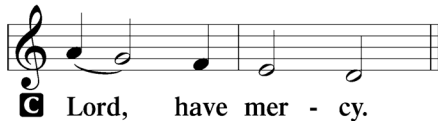
GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



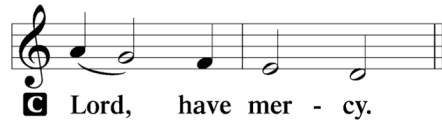
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

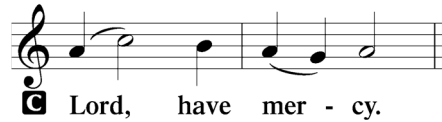
But when you host an elaborate meal, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.
~ Luke 14:14-15

Where have
your love,
your mercy,
your compas-
sion shone
out more lu-
minously
than in your
wounds.
~ Bernard of
Clairvaux
(1090-1150
A.D.)



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



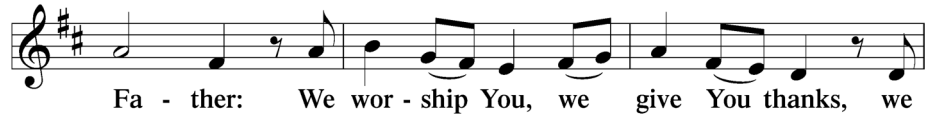
A - men.

GLORIA

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the

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

lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

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.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

*Only grace
can change
us, and grace
is the pres-
ence of
Christ.
~ Dom Hugh
Gilbert*

*In this way the Lord shows us the proper method of interpreting Moses and all the prophets. He teaches us that Moses points and refers to Christ in all his stories and illustrations. His purpose is to show that Christ is the point at the center of a circle, with all eyes inside the circle focused on Him. Whoever turns his eyes on Him finds his proper place in the circle of which Christ is the center. All the stories of Holy Writ, if viewed aright, point to Christ.
~ Martin Luther*

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 2

L: Why do the | nations rage*
and the peoples | plot in vain?

**C: The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel to- | gether,*
against the LORD and against his anointed, | saying,**

L: "Let us burst their | bonds apart*
and cast away their | cords from us."

**C: He who sits in the | heavens laughs;*
the Lord holds them in de- | rision.**

L: Then he will speak to them | in his wrath,*
and terrify them in his fury, | saying,

**C: "As for me, I have | set my King*
on Zion, my | holy hill."**

L: I will tell of | the decree:*
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have be- | gotten you.

**C: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,*
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.**

L: You shall break them with a | rod of iron*
and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."

**C: Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.**

L: Serve the | LORD with fear,*
and rejoice with | trembling.

**C: Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly | kindled.*
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

EPISTLE 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷For 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," ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have some-

In the Gospels, the transfiguration story is introduced with the apparently innocent words, "after six days" (in Matthew and Mark), or "after about eight days" (in Luke). From early times, commentators have said that this is an allusion to the days of creation: the transfiguration is the climax of the creative work of God, either the entrance into the joy and repose of the seventh day or the beginning of the new creation, the eighth day . . .

thing 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, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

VERSE



GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.



¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And 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." ⁵He 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." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And 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: The Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

**C: I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation
 came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven**

... When Jesus is transfigured, it is as if there is a brief glimpse of the end of all things - the world aflame with God's light . . . We see that every act and suffering of Jesus is an act of God, embraced freely in God's journey towards us out of his depths. We can also think of how the shape of our own lives is finally going to be in God's hands, not ours: like Moses and Elijah, we don't know yet (in St John's words) what we shall be.
 ~ Rowan Williams,
The Dwelling of the Light

The tabernacles or tents that Peter wanted to build for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah are now built for us by God when this church becomes God's temple in which ordinary bread and wine are transformed into the sacrificed body and blood of Christ . . .

**and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”

... LSB #413

The Choir will sing Stanza 4

SERMON

“The Veil Gets Torn”

Please kneel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ, the everlasting God and Son of Mary, let us pray.

P: . . . O King of Kings,

C: **receive 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**

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY "Beautiful Savior"

... LSB #537

Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for the priceless gift of your Son, sent into our flesh to redeem the creation. Grant that we may now so eat of his flesh and drink of his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us.

C: **Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

And al-so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you and saying:

. . . The elements of the Holy Communion become for us and all God's people that heavenly manna to sustain us in our exodus as we pass with Moses through the sea and with Jesus through His death into Canaan and the promised land of the resurrection, so that we are transformed and transfigured into the likeness of His glory.

~ Pr. David P. Scaer, In Christ

The *Sanctus*, which derives its name from the Latin word for "holy" is . . . a solemn act of adoration and thanksgiving in the spirit of holy awe. It has been called 'the most ancient, the most celebrated, and the most universal of Christian hymns.' The *Sanctus* opens with the seraphims' dramatic acclamation of the divine majesty from Isaiah 6: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord" and sets the stage as we prepare to stand in the presence of the almighty and eternal God who deigns to come to us in Holy Communion . . .

SANCTUS ("Holy")

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 the 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 of it, in remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

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

ACCLAMATION

P: The Word was made flesh

C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion

... The remainder of the Sanctus picks up the joyful greeting of the crowds hailing Christ's entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (Matthew 21:9). The people hailed Jesus as their Savior, the promised King of David's line. "Hosanna in the highest!" they cried, repeating the refrain of Psalm 118. "Hosanna" is a Hebrew word which means "Save now, we pray." We join these joyful pilgrims in spirit as we greet the Savior who comes to us in the Sacrament!
~ Larry White, Life with God

As soon as Christ says: "This is my body," His body is there through the words and by the power of the Holy Ghost. If there is no word, then there is merely bread; but when the words come to it, they bring with them that of which they speak.
~ Martin Luther

brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His Body and Blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| "Down from the Mount of Glory" | ... Jonathan Kohrs |
| "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" | ... LSB #395 |
| "'Tis Good Lord, to Be Here" | ... LSB #414 |
| "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" | ... LSB #680 |

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. O God of wonder, we have tasted your goodness, and beheld your presence in the Word made flesh. Shine forth his light in all we say and do, and fill the earth with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



♩ A - 14 men.

Please turn toward the cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Alleluia! Song of Gladness"

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.

FAREWELL TO THE ALLELUIA

- P: By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.
- C: **There on the trees we hung our harps—how can we sing the songs of the Lord in a foreign land?**
- P: O Lord, by the resurrection of your Son, you have filled us with songs of alleluia and prepared for us a heavenly Jerusalem to which no earthly city can compare. In remembrance of all that your Son has borne for our sake, we now leave the joyful songs of your worship to prepare for the renewing path of Lent. Bless our journey, that we may at last join all your saints in celebrating the Day of resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: **Amen**

At this end of Epiphany, we say farewell to the "Alleluia," the song of resurrection, as we prepare to walk the way of the Cross in Lent. For the next three Sundays, we prepare for the disciplines and repentant path of Lent, including the Burning of the Palms on Quinquagesima Sunday, February 11. Those ashes are then used on Ash Wednesday, February 14. If you have palms from last Palm Sunday in your home, you may return them to any of the baskets by Zion's entrances.

**A Prayer
As You Go**
Hail, Victim
of salvation,
offered for
me and all
mankind up-
on the Altar
of the cross!

Hail, noble
and precious
Blood, flow-
ing from the
wounds of
my Crucified
Lord Jesus
Christ, and
washing
away the sins
of the whole
world!


Remember,
O Lord, Your
creatures
whom You
have re-
deemed with
Your own
Blood.

~ *Ambrose of
Milan
(339-397
A.D.)*


P: The mountains and the hills will rejoice at your returning,
O Alleluia!

C: **Go, glorious Song, and may your way be blessed, until you
shall return to us with joy.**


Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.



3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“Alleluia! Song of Gladness”

... Kenneth T. Kosche

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

<u>Presiding:</u>	The Rev. Christopher S. Johnson
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<u>Organist:</u>	Kantor Irene Beethe
<u>Horn:</u>	Meagan Cihlar
<u>Choir:</u>	The Zion Kantorei
<u>Radio:</u>	Paul Fandrey
<u>Lector:</u>	Jan Gaugush
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Wyatt Kulesa; Piper Kulesa, Tyler Pagel
<u>Communion:</u>	The Rev. Ted Gulhaugen, Rob Kittel
<u>Elder:</u>	Ken Rodemeier
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which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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