

# EPiPHany

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- \* Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- \* The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- \* We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- \* If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

### Epiphany Moments - Glory is hidden to be revealed

Would you look directly at the sun? Only if you wanted to burn your retinas and have permanent blind spots. Would you like to look directly at God? It sounds wonderful in theory. Yet Scripture describes God's glory as being brighter than the sun. Moreover, one component of God's glory is his holiness. Being holy doesn't just mean God loves good; he also hates evil with burning intensity. And we sin every day. No wonder the Lord once told Moses, "No one may see me and live" (Exodus 33:20). Sinners would die of fear if they saw God in all his holy glory.

So, how then can we possibly know God? How can we draw near to him without dying of terror? In our final

epiphany moment of this season, God explains. God hides his glory in order to reveal himself. To carry out his good and glorious work of salvation, Jesus hid his glory and went to the cross. To allow sinners to stare at his glory without fear or harm, God hides it in the gospel. In the gospel, we see the glory of Christ's love, power, and salvation. The reality is that when God's glory is hidden, it is most on display.

Jesus gave His disciples a glimpse of His glory before the dark days ahead. Jesus left that mountain and headed to Jerusalem where He would suffer, die and rise again for all mankind. This morning's glimpse of glory teaches us that Jesus didn't endure the cross because He was forced to. He went to the cross because He chose to! That's how much He loves you.

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

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*☞ The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD** type. ☞*

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## **HYMN 390 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain**

*Please stand.*

### **INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19*

**Amen.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

**Amen.**

### **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he  
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our  
loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his  
sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed - for your  
grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your glo - ry,  
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and ho - ly,  
might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our joy - ful  
Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the glo - ry  
ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.  
of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## FIRST READING

## Exodus 34:29-35

*The glory of God was reflected in the two-sided covenant of the law which God established through Moses. It made people afraid. Through Christ God would establish a new and greater covenant which would remove all our fears.*

**W**hen Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands,

he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw

Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai.

When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he

entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord..

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 2

*The Church sings psalm 2 at services that highlight the relationship of the Father and the Son.*

### Refrain

Great are the works of the LORD. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 lu - ia! Great are the works of the LORD.

### Tone

**Why do the nations / conspire  
 and the peoples / plot in vain?**

**The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together a- / gainst the LORD  
 and against his A- / nointed. Refrain**

**The One enthroned in / heaven laughs;  
 the Lord / scoffs at them.**

**He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, / saying,  
 "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy / mountain." Refrain**

**I will proclaim the / LORD's decree:**

**He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your / Father."**

**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. Refrain**

## SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

*Paul declares that the glory of the New Covenant of grace far surpasses the glory of the Old Covenant of law. The glory of the New Covenant is hidden in the work of Christ and revealed through the work of the Holy Spirit.*

**N**ow if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts! Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent

the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 9:7

Alleluia. A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

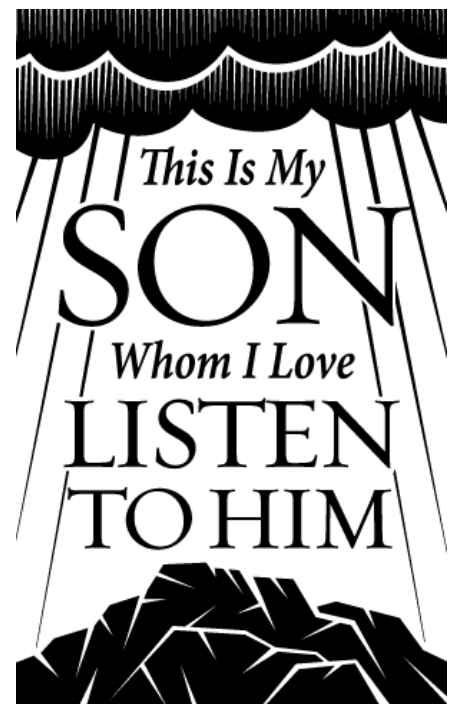
**Alleluia!**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

*The glory of God, hidden in Christ, shines through on the Mount of Transfiguration..*

**A**bout eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two



men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from

the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY 388 Down from the Mount of Glory**

### **SERMON Luke 9:28-36 Get Your Hopes Up**

*Please stand*

## **APOSTLES CREED**

**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.**

*Be seated*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Glorious Father, at Your Son's transfiguration, You called us to listen to Him. Open our reluctant ears to hear His Word, and give us faith to believe it. Guide and empower those You call to preach Your Gospel, and give to Your ministers humility, boldness and love for Your people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, Peter, James and John saw Your Son's glory on the mountain. Teach us to see His glory in the promises of Holy Baptism and Your Word and Supper, so that in the midst of this troubled world we look forward to the glory that He will share with us on the Last Day. By Your Holy Spirit, create in us repentant faith to receive Your free

forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, fix our thoughts on Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest whom we confess. Even at His Transfiguration, His eyes were focused on His departure at Jerusalem, so set our hearts on His crucifixion, resurrection and ascension for us, so that we joyfully welcome Him when He returns with the full glory that was glimpsed at His Transfiguration.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*We pray for...*

*Harry (Nancy Brandt's brother-in-law with serious health struggles), Frankie (Robyn's young friend with cancer), Tim (Paul and Emma Porter's brother-in-law with cancer), Chaunc*

*(Krystal's son), Nathan (Zahn's nephew on military deployment), JoElla (recovering from radiation treatment), Craig (chronic back issues), Janice and Julia (cancer diagnosis), Paul (Pam Farrel's nephew with serious health issues), Angie (Mert and Francine's daughter with health issues), Mona (health issues) and Crissy (cancer), Amy Biedenbender (Divine Call to Madison, WI), Ali Wiedeman (accepted Divine Call to teach at PoP)*

Into Your hands, dear Father, we place ourselves and all those for whom we pray, trusting that You are merciful because of Your Son who was transfigured, died and rose to life for us, who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## OFFERING



*Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.*

*There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.*

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## THE SACRAMENT

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*Stand*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is good and right so to do.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,  
your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."  
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!  
Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:  
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!  
in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.  
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with

repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**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 JESUS

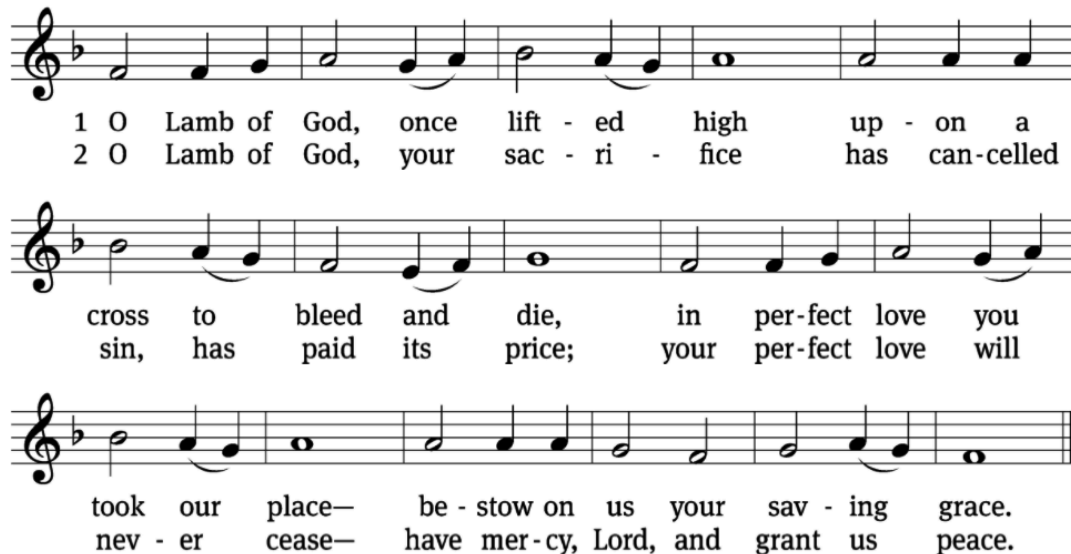
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ☩ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ☩ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a  
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled

cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you  
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will

took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.  
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

*Be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS** *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

**HYMN 522 Beautiful Savior**

**HYMN 385 Christ Begins**

*After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Your ✝ sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

*Stand*

## PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**His mercy endures forever.**

*Psalm 118:1*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

*Lent begins this Wednesday. We give up Alleluia today as part of our custom, with centuries of Christians, as a reflection of a journey that is serious. We don't want to pretend that we don't know the end, we do and it is good and we'll sing alleluia after alleluia on a Sunday morning seven weeks from now. But we want to walk with Jesus in the sort of way that those disciples did, taking it all in, staring in wonder and amazement at the pains that He will endure. While we don't need to be sad, we aren't here for a party in Lent, we're here for grace and repentance and a new way of life. We're here to see how far He will go, what He'll give up. We're here to be shocked by the love of God and changed by His glory.*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word alleluia, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to alleluia. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The alleluias will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that  
2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while  
4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing— hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
pure ac - cord, with Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,  
here be - low; al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions  
Trin - i - ty— as we look to your blest East - er,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; saints a - dorned in  
jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, and with all his  
make us for a while for - go. For the sol - emn  
here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, when we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.  
faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.  
time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.  
more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!



*Thank you to Neil Woller for using his gifts to serve us and our Savior with music this morning!*

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - 6:30 pm this Wednesday**

No service on Thursday this week