



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!

From the River to the Mountain - A Glimpse of His True Glory

We began this series in the Jordan River. At his baptism, Jesus heard his Father's glorious voice: "You are my Son, whom I love" (Mark 1:11). From that day, in word and deed, Jesus began to reveal more about himself. He demonstrated the extent of his authority and power and love. Jesus looked so normal, like an ordinary carpenter or your average rabbi or just another prophet. Until today. We have traveled from the river to the mountain. Today, on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus gives us a glimpse of his true glory. As we see him in his dazzling brilliance, the Father speaks again, this time to us: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

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

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

Hymn 385 Christ Begins

The congregation sings this hymn, led by the choir.

Please stand.

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.

Glory to God in the Highest

The choir and congregation sing this new setting of the Glory to God as indicated:

Congregation:



Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the



high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his



peo-ple on earth.

Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Congregation:



Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the



high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his



peo-ple on earth.

Choir: 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, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer, receive our prayer.

Congregation:



Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the



high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his



peo-ple on earth.

Choir: 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.

Congregation:

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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

2 Kings 2:1-12a

The prophet Elijah never tasted death but instead was taken directly to heaven. On the Mount of Transfiguration Elijah appeared with the glorious Son of God who would taste death.

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

³The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet."

⁴Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

⁵The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

⁷Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

¹⁰“You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.”

¹¹As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses

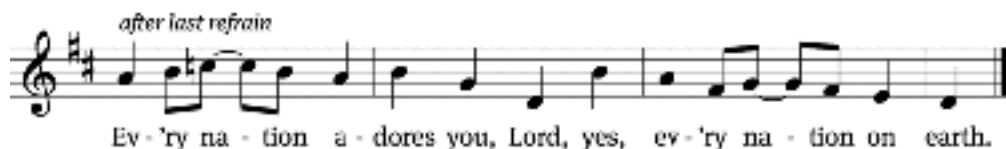
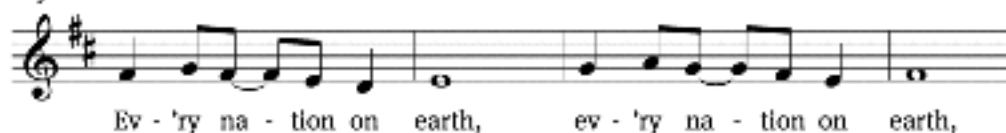
of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹²Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day | Psalm 72 Every Nation on Earth

The congregation sings the refrains:

Refrain



The choir sings the verses

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son.
This one shall be the hope of the needy,
the hope of the poor and oppressed.

Refrain

He shall answer the poor when they call
and shall hear the ones with no voice;
mercy and help to the ones who are weak
and freedom to all those enslaved.

Refrain

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The glory of Christ is hidden, as behind a veil, to the natural mind. In the preaching the Gospel, in hearing the voice of Jesus, the veil is pulled away so that we see how delightful and glorious it is to live in and with Him, the Light, the beautiful Savior. This lesson will be the basis of the sermon this morning.

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for

Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:7

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

Mark 1:29-39

Jesus pulls back the curtain for a moment so that His disciples see what glory is hidden in the Savior who chose to set aside His glory to live and die in a lowly way. It is a glimpse, a preview, of their own future glory.

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.

⁴And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

⁶(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ!

8:00 am - Apostles' Creed

10:15 am - Affirmation of the Christian Baptism of Henry Hawes

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.

Hymn of the Day | 388 Down From the Mount of Glory

Sermon 1 Corinthians 4:3-6 Listen! You Can See Christ's Light Shining

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.

Special intercessions may be inserted here.

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

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 *The congregation sings:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he,
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 *The congregation sings:*

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

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

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

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. 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!***

A Personal Prayer before receiving Holy Communion Dear Savior, we come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Personal Prayer after receiving Holy Communion Dear Lord Jesus, we thank and praise You that You have again refreshed us with the gift of Your holy body and blood in this comforting sacrament. Bless our participation that we may depart from Your presence with peace and joy in the knowledge that we are reconciled to God. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

Hymn 390 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Hymn 522 Beautiful Savior

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

The Song of Simeon

Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,



Prayer

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His mercy endures forever.

Psalms 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

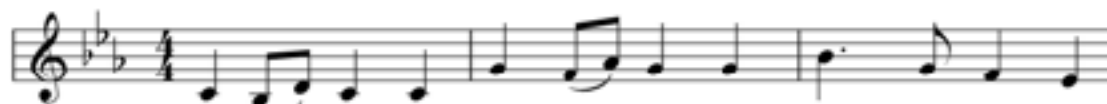
Farewell to Alleluia

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.

The congregation sings stanzas 1, 2 and 4. The choir sings stanza 3.



st. 3 choir only:

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 Eas - ter,



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 fore - 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 our musicians this morning, Amy Sehloff (accompanist), Chandra Lange (choir), Sophie Leng (choir), Zach Brandt (choir), Tom Bruce (choir and trumpet), Christopher Watanabe (choir), Sarah Boettcher (flute), Michael Paulsen (percussion) for using their 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