

# **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Sunday, February 14, 2021 9:30 am

## **THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION**

### **PRELUDE**

### **THE RINGING OF THE BELLS**

### **HYMN OF INVOCATION** (Please Stand)

*"God Himself is Present" LSB 907*

**God Himself is present  
Let us now adore Him  
And with awe appear before Him  
God is in His temple  
All within keep silence  
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'ence  
He alone  
On His throne  
Is our God and Savior  
Praise His name forever**

**God Himself is present  
Hear the harps resounding  
See the hosts the throne surrounding  
Holy holy holy  
Hear the hymn ascending  
Songs of saints and angels blending  
Bow Your ear  
To us here  
Hear O Christ the praises  
That Your Church now raises**

**Fount of ev'ry blessing  
Purify my spirit  
Trusting only in Your merit  
Like the holy angels  
Worshiping before You  
May I ceaselessly adore You  
Let Your will  
Ever still  
Rule Your Church terrestrial  
As the hosts celestial**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of  
the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

**People:** (Sing) **Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true  
heart and confess our sins unto God our Father,  
beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Hebrews 10:22

(You are invited to kneel, or to be seated)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:** (Sing) **who made heaven and earth.** Psalm 124:8

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the  
Lord,

**People:** (Sing) **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalm 32:5

**People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor,  
miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins  
and iniquities with which I have ever offended  
Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal  
punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and  
sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy**

**boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

**People:** (Sing) **Amen.**

(Please Sit)

### **THE FIRST READING** *2 Kings 2:1-12 ESV*

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Jesus, Take us to the Mountain"

Sung by the Choir

## **THE EPISTLE** *2 Corinthians 3: 12-18 & 4:1-6 ESV*

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

(Please Stand for the Gospel)

**People:** (Sing) **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

**People:** (Sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 9:2-9 ESV*

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Reader: Here endeth the Gospel.

**People:** (Sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**HYMN FOR CONFESSION OF FAITH** (Please sit)

*"We All Believe in One True God" LSB 953*

**We all believe in one true God**

**Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

**Ever present help in need**

**Praised by all the heav'nly host**

**All He made His love enfolds  
All creation He upholds**

**We all believe in Jesus Christ  
Son of God and Mary's son  
Who descended from His throne  
And for us salvation won  
By whose cross and death are we  
Rescued from all misery**

**We all confess the Holy Ghost  
Who from both in truth proceeds  
Who sustains and comforts us  
In all trials, fears, and needs  
Blest and holy Trinity  
Praise forever be to Thee**

## **SERMON INTRODUCTION**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** (Please Sit)

*“Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here “ LSB 414*

**Tis good Lord to be here  
Thy glory fills the night  
Thy face and garments like the sun  
Shine with unborrowed light**

**Tis good Lord to be here  
Thy beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand  
Thy messengers of old**

**Fulfiller of the past  
And hope of things to be  
We hail Thy body glorified**

**And our redemption see  
Before we taste of death  
We see Thy kingdom come  
We long to hold the vision bright  
And make this hill our home**

**Tis good Lord to be here  
Yet we may not remain  
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount  
Come with us to the plain**

**+++ SERMON +++**

**“A Flash of Light”**

*Text: Mark 9:2-9 ESV (Gospel Reading)*

**Theme:** In the transfiguration, God gives us a glimpse of Jesus’ glory so that we listen to him.

**Our Goal:** That everyone present understand the transfiguration as God the Father’s work, to give a glimpse of Jesus’ glory so that they listen to him.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (Please remain seated)

Reader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen**

(Please rise for the Lord’s Prayer)

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (Spoken)

**All: 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 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

(Spoken by the Pastor)

### **THE DISTRIBUTION** (Please Sit)

(See Communion policy on the front "Welcome" page of the bulletin or on the screen.)

Before approaching The Altar: (Kneel and say)

O Lord Jesus Christ Son Of The Living God, Who according to the will of The Father and through the operation of The Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by Your Most Sacred Body and Precious Blood deliver me from all my iniquities and from every evil, and make me ever cling to Your commandments, and permit me never to part from You.

Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

After Returning to The Pew: (Kneel and say this or another prayer) O Lord Christ, I can never thank You enough for instituting this Most Blessed Sacrament of Your Most Holy Body and Blood. May it ever be for me salvation to life everlasting and strength for godly living. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*"The Church's One Foundation" LSB 644*

**The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord**

**She is His new creation**

**By water and the Word**

**From heav'n He came and sought her**

**To be His holy bride**

**With His own blood He bought her**

**And for her life He died**

**Elect from ev'ry nation**

**Yet one o'er all the earth**

**Her charter of salvation**

**One Lord, one faith, one birth**

**One holy name she blesses**

**Partakes one holy food**

**And to one hope she presses**

**With ev'ry grace endued**

**Though with a scornful wonder**

**The world sees her oppressed**

**By schisms rent asunder**

**By heresies distressed**

**Yet saints their watch are keeping**

**Their cry goes up, how long**

**And soon the night of weeping**

**Shall be the morn of song**

**Through toil and tribulation**

**And tumult of her war**

**She waits the consummation**

**Of peace forevermore**

**Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest**

**Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won  
O blessed heav'nly chorus  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we like saints before us  
May see You face to face**

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**People:** (Sing) **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve you; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (Sing) **Amen**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**People:** (Sing) **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*“Abide O Dearest Jesus” LSB 919*

**Abide O dearest Jesus  
Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place**

**Abide O dear Redeemer  
Among us with Your Word  
And thus now and here-after  
True peace and joy afford**

**Abide with heav’nly brightness  
Among us precious Light  
Your truth direct and keep us  
From error’s gloomy night**

**Abide with richest blessings  
Among us bounteous Lord  
Let us in grace and wisdom  
Grow daily through Your Word**

**Abide with Your protection  
Among us Lord our strength  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length**

**Abide O faithful Savior  
Among us with Your love  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above**

## **THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE**

Rev. Paul Pollatz, *Pastor*

Marie Brown, *Organist*

Ken Kosmalski, *Elder/Comm. Assist*

Laurie Pignanelli, *Reader*

Bill Switter, David Brown, & Kathy King, *Ushers*

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Looking for a small microwave**

The quilters are looking for a good, used small microwave for the sewing room. Please see Bev, Ruth or Pastor

### **Church Website**

[www.mthopelutheranchurch.com](http://www.mthopelutheranchurch.com)

Have you checked it out? We now have Newsletters, Bulletins, Lent service Schedule & soon Church service Videos

**Happy Valentine's Day!**



### **Cards for members & friends of others**

Everyone can sign the cards and they are in the narthex, or entry into the church sanctuary.

### **ATTENDANCE**

February 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30am 31

### **PRAYER LIST**

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

### **Anniversary**

### **Birthdays**

Cecelia Hamilton – February 15<sup>th</sup>

Donna McCall – February 16<sup>th</sup>

Morgan Hudson – February 19<sup>th</sup>

### **For the Shut-Ins**

*Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons*

*Ken Knick, at home*

*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*

*George Morton, at home*

### **For Those Who Are Sick or Healing**

**Vicki Eisenman**, friend of Gayle French,

Various Cancers - Stage 4

**Family of Juanita Haflen**, Shirley Griffin's Sister, was called to her eternal home

**Barbra Parise**, Frank Pignanelli's Sister, Hospitalized with brain tumor, undergoing Chemo

## **LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

Our Website: [www.mthopelutheranchurch.com](http://www.mthopelutheranchurch.com)

### **ASH WEDNESDAY - February 17<sup>th</sup>**

In person worship 12 Noon & 7:00 PM  
(With Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes)

### **MIDWEEK OF LENT 1--February 24<sup>th</sup>**

In person worship 12 Noon  
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website)

### **MIDWEEK OF LENT 2—March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

In person worship 12 Noon  
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

### **MIDWEEK OF LENT 3—March 10<sup>th</sup>**

In person worship 12 Noon  
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

### **MIDWEEK OF LENT 4—March 17<sup>th</sup>**

In person worship 12 Noon  
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

### **MIDWEEK OF LENT 5—March 24<sup>th</sup>**

In person worship 12 Noon  
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

### **PALM SUNDAY—March 28<sup>th</sup>**

In person worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am

### **HOLY (MAUNDY) Thursday—April 1<sup>st</sup>**

In person worship 12 Noon & 7:00 PM w/HC  
Stripping of the altar for Good Friday

### **GOOD FRIDAY—April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

In person worship 12 Noon  
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

## **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

April 4<sup>th</sup> EASTER SUNDAY

In person worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am