

# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 27, 2022

## THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

#### THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: The reading from Deuteronomy extols Moses as the greatest prophet. He led God's people toward the Promised Land, but the Epistle draws a contrast between him and our Lord.

***“Consider Jesus,”*** the Epistle encourages us today, not because He is a great servant with us in the “house,” or Church, the people of God, but because He is over it as the builder. When Jesus was baptized, the voice from heaven declared Him to be pleasing to His Father in heaven. The voice from the cloud on the Mount of Transfiguration adds a command not only to the three disciples, but to us as well: ***“Listen to Him!”*** From that mount to Mount Calvary, He, the Word Incarnate, tells us of God's great love; He goes to the cross willingly so that we may graciously follow Him through death to our eternal promised land of heaven.

### PREPARATION ✠

(Please stand)

## **HYMN**

**“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’rence  
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**

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*Hebrews 3:6a; Luke 9:35; Psalm 99:9*

Pastor: Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.

**People:** (spoken) **And we are His house.**

Pastor: "This is My Son, My Chosen One;

**People:** (spoken) **listen to Him!"**

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God,  
and worship at His holy mountain;

**People:** (spoken) **for the LORD our God is holy!**

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession and absolution)

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *1 John 1:8-9*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful  
and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from  
all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us for our spiritual blindness, and renew our faith in You alone.**

Pastor: Jesus came down from the Mount of Transfiguration, even though He knew His disciples would forsake and deny Him. He went to the cross so that He could offer us all full and free forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: (spoken) Amen.**

(Please stand)

**✠ WORD ✠**

## **INTROIT HYMN**

*“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” LSB 901 vs 1-2*

**Open now Thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty  
Waits for Him, who answers prayer,  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
Filled with solace, light, and grace.**

**Gracious God, I come before Thee;  
Come Thou also unto me;  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,  
There a heav'n on earth must be,  
To my heart, oh, enter Thou,  
Let it be Thy temple now!**

## **KYRIE**

Pastor: For peace, despite our past mistakes,

**People:** (spoken) **O Lord, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: For peace to hear God speaking to us in this time  
of worship,

**People:** (spoken) **O Lord, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: For peace that we may be living stones in God's  
house,

**People:** (spoken) **O Lord, have mercy on us, and grant us  
Your peace today and always. Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*"O Bless the Lord, My Soul" LSB 814 vs 1, 2, 6*

**O bless the Lord, my soul!**

**Let all in me join**

**And aid my tongue to bless His name**

**Whose favors are divine.**

**O bless the Lord, my soul,**

**Nor let His mercies lie**

**Forgotten in unthankfulness**

**And without praises die.**

**His wondrous works and ways  
He made by Moses known  
But sent the world His truth and grace  
By His beloved Son**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, in times past You spoke through  
Your servants, the prophets, who proclaimed Your  
Word of promise until Your Son would come to  
save us.

**People:** (spoken) **Strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit  
that we may listen to our Savior, who in these  
last days has fulfilled all Your promises and by  
whose death and resurrection the heavenly  
promised land awaits us, where we shall be with  
You in eternal joy;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 ESV*

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Jesus, take us to the Mountain”

Sung by Choir

**PSALM** *Psalm 99; antiphon: v.9*

(The Lord is holy!)

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

**People:** (spoken) **for the LORD our God is holy!**

Pastor: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**People:** (spoken) **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

Pastor: The LORD is great in Zion;

**People:** (spoken) **He is exalted over all the peoples.**

Pastor: Let them praise Your great and awesome name!

**People:** (spoken) **Holy is He!**

Pastor: The King in His might loves justice.

You have established equity;

**People:** (spoken) **You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool!

**People:** (spoken) **Holy is He!**

Pastor: Moses and Aaron were among His priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called upon  
His name.



**People:** (spoken) **They called to the LORD, and He answered them. In the pillar of the cloud He spoke to them;**

Pastor: they kept His testimonies and the statute that He gave them.

**People:** (spoken) **O LORD our God, You answered them; You were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

**People:** (spoken) **for the LORD our God is holy!**

**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 3:1-6 ESV*

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

## **THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH** (sung)

**People:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

**People:** (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 9:28-36 ESV*

Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CATECHISM** *The Fourth Article*

**People:** 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People:** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

(please be seated)

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Beautiful Savior” LSB 537*

**Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky**

**Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

**+ SERMON +**

“Consider Jesus”

**Text:** Hebrews 3:1-6 ESV (The Epistle Reading)

**Theme:** Jesus is greater than Moses, who was pretty great himself.

**Goal:** that each of us listening, in understanding how much greater the Suffering Servant Jesus is than Moses, would be strengthened for their journey.

**Outline**

Jesus is Greater than Moses, who was pretty great himself

1. Peter, James and John come to the moment of transfiguration formed by hushed stories about Moses.
2. But consider how much greater Jesus is than Moses.
3. The real difference is that Jesus, as God’s Son, sets us free forever.

(Please stand)

**OFFERTORY** *LSB pages 192-193 (we sing)*

**All:**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church around the world and for all people in their various needs.

Moses was the leader of God's people as they sojourned from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. O Holy Spirit, raise up people to govern their nation freely and justly. Give them courage to enact laws that protect all who live within their borders. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: The Israelites had to deal with the tribes already in the Promised Land. Around the world today, good Lord, guide and protect firefighters, first responders, and all those who go in harm's way in their communities. Accompany and protect armed forces deployed across the globe wherever nations are in conflict. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: The three disciples on the mountain "were heavy with sleep." Surround people who are tired, poor, sick, or lonely with faith-filled medical personnel, friends, and family who seek to meet their needs. We pray especially for those near and dear to us, . . . Use us as part of Your answers to their prayers, heavenly Father, to bring about strength, health, security, and companionship. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You accompanied the disciples as they returned to the others. Be among Your Church as it gathers anywhere around Word and Sacrament. Bless Your Church and give Your people courage and opportunity to spread the news of Your death for our sins and Your resurrection on the third day for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your gracious hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

the annual observance of the history and accomplishments of African Americans

### **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

#### **PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**People:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*

**People:** (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

**People:** (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for during His time on earth He hid His glory within human flesh that He might die in our place, and He rose victorious over death that we might join Him in the courts of heaven. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **SANCTUS** (Sing) *LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

**Hosanna Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna, Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You not only sent Your prophets to speak Your word of judgment and grace, but in these last days You also have sent Your only-begotten Son to fulfill all Your promises and take on Himself the punishment for our sins.



We give thanks for the faith the Holy Spirit has put in our hearts that we may acknowledge our Savior, who not only has served in Your house but is in fact one with You as Lord over it. Gathered in His name, we ask that we may receive the forgiveness, life, and salvation that come through this Sacrament.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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  $\times$ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”***

In the same way also He took the cup after 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  $\times$ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”***

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

**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.**

**PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of  
the world have mercy upon us**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, have mercy upon us**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*“’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**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing  
followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

## **THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**Pastor:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to  
life everlasting.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**THE NUNC DIMITTIS** (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant  
depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people, a light to lighten the  
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God the Father, pleased with Your Son on the Mount of Transfiguration, we give thanks for the pardon and peace You have given us for His sake in this Sacrament. As He descended to the plain with His disciples, accompany us now on our journey with Your Holy Spirit that we 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:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty the Father, who created us; the ✠ Son, who redeemed us; and the Holy Spirit, who has bestowed faith on us be with You, today and always.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA *Luke 9:36*

Pastor: Luke writes that after the transfiguration, the three disciples ***“kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.”*** Because we know about our Lord’s resurrection, we cannot keep silent, but during the season of Lent, which begins this Wednesday (March 2, 2022), we shall mute our liturgical praises and refrain from singing our alleluias until our Easter celebration. Let us sing our farewell to that song of gladness now.

## **HYMN**

“From All That Swell Below the Skies” *LSB 816*

**From all that dwell below the skies**

**Let the Creator's praise arise**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Let the Redeemer's name be sung**

**Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

**Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord**

**Eternal truth attends Thy Word**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore**

**Till suns shall rise and set no more**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

**All praise to God the Father be**

**All praise eternal Son to Thee**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Whom with the Spirit we adore**

**Forever and forevermore**

**Alleluia alleluia**

**Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

## THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Bill Switter, Elder

Jim Bumgarner, Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### No Wednesday Bible Study

This week, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Are you in need of

Snow Removal

Spring Clean Up

Grass Cutting

Small Landscaping jobs

Please call **Ryan Ladach Jr** @ 947-252-0363

Serving our local area

### Prayer Requests:

Please hand them to the Ushers or  
Elder on Duty.

### Attendance

Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am 44

### 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

Frank Pignanelli – March 3<sup>rd</sup>

### For the Shut-Ins

*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*

*George Morton, at home*

*Mack Mayfield, at home*

*Carmell Faulk, at home*

*Phyllis Witte, at home*

*Melvin Kimbrough, at home*

*Lynn Mayfield, at home*

### For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

**Derick Kimbrough**, Carolyn Kimbrough's Son, radiation treatments

**Chris Sloan**, Nephew of Glenn Cairns

**Gail LaFave**, Cheryl Tom's Sister, at home now, healing from surgery to repair injuries from fall.

**Mark Greenaway**, Amy, Frank's Daughter, Amy's father in law, hospitalized, biopsy;

**Meghan McHenry**, prayers for healing of her illness.

**Kathy Crosby**, Glenn Cairns sister-in-law, down with covid

**Shirley Ripke**, prayers of thanksgiving for a successful surgery and is at home, but needs our continued prayers

**Lynn Mayfield**, daughter of Mack Mayfield, with ruptured cervical discs, confined to a neck brace for another four weeks;