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The Transfiguration of Our Lord March 2, 2025



Because Crosses Will Be Taken Up

As We Gather

Daily, as believers, we endeavor to follow Jesus. Also daily, we are consumed by the crosses, burdens, disease, fear, and anxiety of this sinful world, and we feel as if we are drowning. But God's Word keeps us buoyant as we cling to our Baptism, where we are claimed as God's beloved children. Transfiguration is a moment of incomparable glory. Surely, we too, would want to sequester that divine moment in time. But wait! We cannot delay or halt the gruesome journey to the cross yet to take place. Jesus knows this. He claims the journey to the cross as His own. Momentary glory cannot and will not impede God's will. Jesus' cross will be taken up! It is a cross of death for the Son of God, and the cross of life for all who follow Jesus—and believe.

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

3/7 Zeke Croucher

♪ **Thanks for our friends who celebrate
And God's rich blessings contemplate.
Praise for another year on earth.
Praise to the Lord who gives us birth. Amen.**

HYMN "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair" #413

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,

People: **we are dazzled by Your glory, light as blinding as the sun.**

Pastor: There prepare us for the night

People: **by the vision of that sight.**

Pastor: What do You want us to hear there, that Your dear disciples heard?

People: **Once again the Voice from heaven says of the Incarnate**

Word:

Pastor: "Listen, listen, everyone,

People: **This is My beloved Son!"**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: ♪ **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. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: ♪ **who made heaven and earth.**

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

People: ♪ **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent bitter sufferings and death of Your 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 an 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 your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ **A---men.**

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT

♪ **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 without end. Amen**

KYRIE

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

♪ **Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heavenly King. God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou
that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou
that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us.**

**For Thou only are holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the
glory of God the Father. A-men.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: ♪ **A--men.**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 34:1-12

(The Promised Land is seen as an incomparable inheritance—sworn to the lineage of faithful prophets and their sons. By God’s design, however, Moses is denied entrance and is laid to rest.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Hebrews 3:1-6

(As Moses was faithful, we witness and inherit all the revealed truths of Jesus, the very Son of God, who is the hope of our house, here in this place.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

ALLELUIA

♪ **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36

(Revered prophets and famed disciples witness the vision of Jesus’ glory.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 9th chapter.

People: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED *(found on the last page of the pew hymnal)*

Please be seated.

HYMN “Beautiful Savior” #537

SERMON Pr. Mark Croucher

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

♪ **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. A-men.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ and for all who bear crosses and yet seek to follow Jesus.

As the people of God, let us remember and treasure the saints of old, who struggled to guide and admonish God's people, trusting in His plan. Encourage us by their unwavering witness, determined leadership, and inordinate sacrifice.

People: As living saints, give us courage to immerse ourselves into the redemption story of Jesus, sharing not only in His glory but also in His suffering.

Pastor: As the people of God, let us unite ourselves into a common and earnest confession that we are both sinners and saints, baptized into the glory of knowing and being known by Jesus.

People: As living saints, give us courage to immerse ourselves into the redemption story of Jesus, transfigured, glorified, punished, and crucified.

Pastor: As the people of God, let us support one another amid so many crosses that are hard to understand and difficult to bear. Safeguard us from harsh, unrelenting judgment of one another. Let us seek to uphold one another in the mercy and grace of God generously given to each one of us. Especially we lift up Liz, Myron, Betty, Karla and Pastor Koenig who will be having heart surgery in a few weeks. Be with the doctors and care givers and we pray for a successful surgery and recovery.

People: As living saints, give us courage to immerse ourselves into the redemption story of Jesus, generous in forgiveness, patience, understanding, and kindness. Help us to see the light of fellow believers, understanding that the crosses they bear are both visible and invisible to us.

Pastor: We commend to You, O Lord, the lives of all the witnesses of Your glory and heirs of Your eternal promises. In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People: ♪ It is meet and right so to do.

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, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

♪ **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!**

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: 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.

People: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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

People: ♪ **A---men.**

AGNUS DEI

♪ **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. A---men.**

Please be seated.

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NUNC DIMITTIS

♪ **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has 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 without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

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

People: ♪ **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: O God the Father, source of divine nourishment, through Your Holy Word, body, and blood, You increase our faith and courage to bear our crosses in the name of Jesus, glorified and crucified. At this Table, You unite us with the myriad of saints who have preceded us. Together, past, present, and future, we are believing heirs of Your eternal promises. We are witnesses of Christ's life, suffering, death, and resurrection. Prepare us for our eternal glory, where we will reside with You in Jerusalem, our eternal home.

People: ♪ **A--men.**

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: 🎵 **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

People: 🎵 **Amen, amen, a--men.**

HYMN "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" #427

POSTLUDE

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THE MESSENGER

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WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and "Like" us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

SERVING US TODAY: Rev. Mark Croucher
Linda Rayburn, Organist

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, and Pastor Cliff Koenig

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE: 23 total: 3 guests, 3 children

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, March 9 is "**Unless a Grain of Wheat Dies**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Do you want a life that amounts to more than a hill o' beans? Hear how Christ's death and resurrection gives us life with God that can't be measured. (John 12:24) Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.