THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD FEBRUARY 27, 2022 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod



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*Sunday* 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

**10:30 a.m.** Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

Holy Communion: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Website: Misionemanuel.com Office Hrs, M-F 8 am to 12 pm CCLI # 2585510 "And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem."

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#### **WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/ Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

- A Prayer Upon Entering Church 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 me. Strengthen my faith by Your Holy Spirit that I 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 me, where I shall be with You in eternal joy; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- **AS WE GATHER** On the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter blurted out that it was good the disciples were there so they could build shelters for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Our

being close to our Lord, though, is not good so that we might do something for Him; rather, it is good because we know He has done so much for us. Moses, the greatest prophet according to the reading from Deuteronomy, spoke God's Word, but Jesus is the Word, effecting our forgiveness and salvation in His sacrifice for us. His "departure," as Luke puts it in the Gospel, is literally His exodus, not from slavery in Egypt like Moses, but from sin and death through His sacrifice on the cross. Our Lord is the builder of His "house," the Church. Only because we have been forgiven is it good for us to be here, for as the psalm reminds us, "the LORD our God is holy!"

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#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

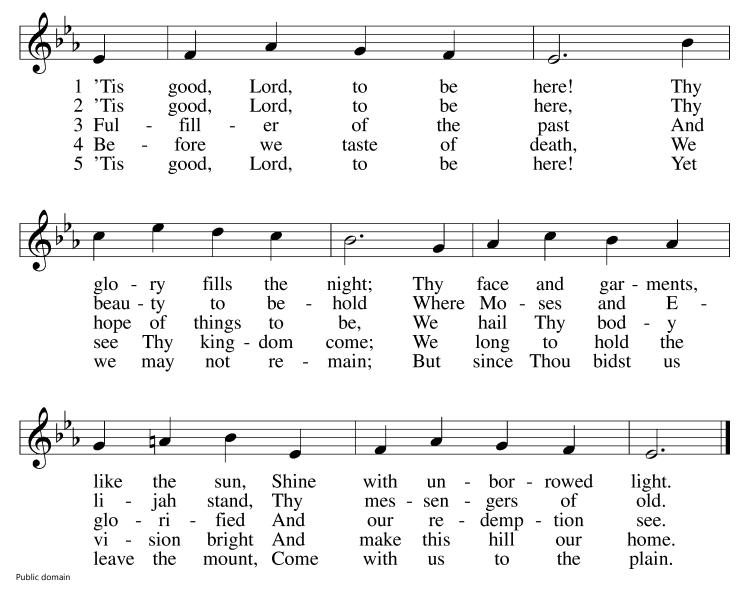
(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)



**OPENING HYMN** 

"Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

LSB 414



Please stand

# **INVOCATION**

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all

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### unrighteousness.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, 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. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)
- C Amen.

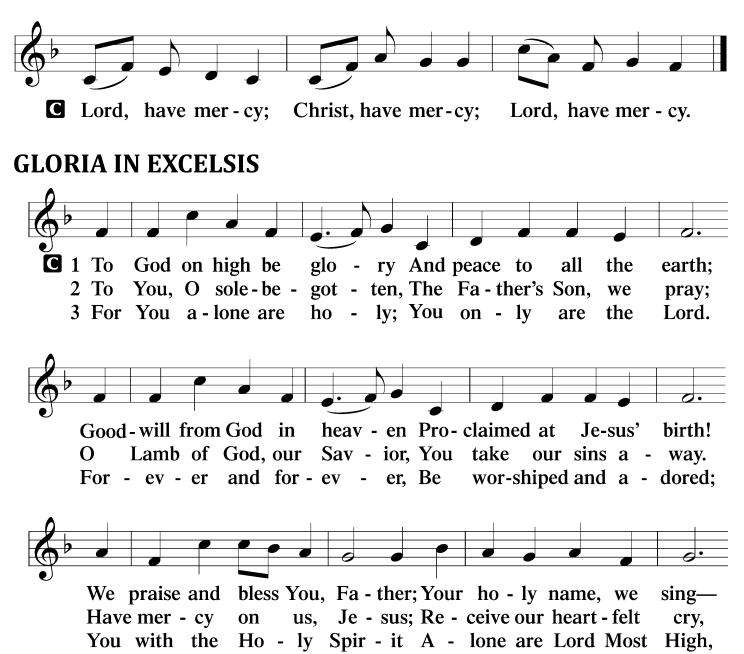
# + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

# **INTROIT** *Psalm* 99:1-5; *antiphon*,: v. 9

- P Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.
- C The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; let the earth be moved!
- P The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all the peoples.
- C Let them praise Your great and awesome name— He is holy.

- P The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- C Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool— He is holy.
- P Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.

**KYRIE** 





Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high— In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

### **SALUTATION**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.

# **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P 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.
- C Amen.

Please sit

# **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Deuteronomy 34:1–12 (Moses was the greatest prophet.)

1 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, 2 all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, 3 the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. 4 Then the Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but *Continued on next page*  you shall not cross over there."

5 So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. 6 And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day. 7 Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished. 8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. So the days of weeping and mourning for Moses ended.

9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses.

10 But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, 11 in all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, 12 and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM***Psalm 99; antiphon: v. 9*(The Lord is holy!)

- P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;
- C for the LORD our God is holy!
- P The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
- C He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- P The LORD is great in Zion;
- C He is exalted over all the peoples.
- P Let them praise Your great and awesome name!
- C Holy is He!
- P The King in His might loves justice. You have established equity;
- C You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
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- P Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool!
- C Holy is He!
- P Moses and Aaron were among His priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon His name.
- C They called to the LORD, and He answered them. In the pillar of the cloud He spoke to them;
- P they kept His testimonies and the statute that He gave them.
- C O LORD our God, You answered them; You were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrong doings.
- P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;
- C for the LORD our God is holy!

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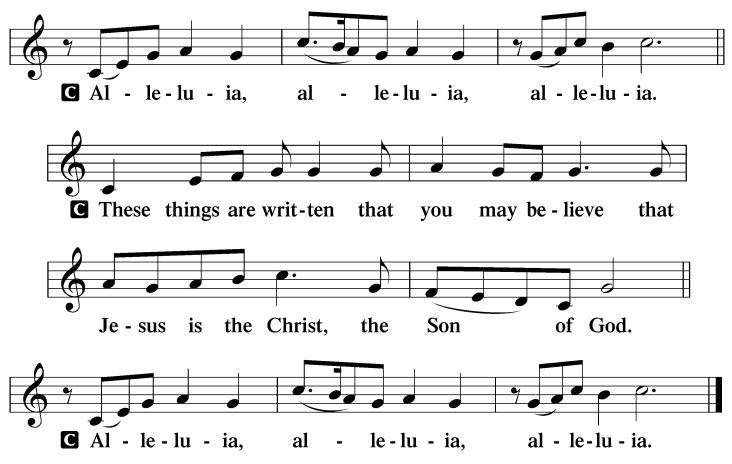
# Hebrews 3:1–6

(Moses served in God's house, but Jesus is the Son of God, its builder.)

1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, 2 who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house. 3 For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. 4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. 5 And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, 6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand
ALLELUIA and VERSE



# HOLY GOSPELLuke 9:28-36

(Jesus is transfigured, and the voice tells the disciples to listen to Him.)

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

#### C Glory to You , O Lord.

28 Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. 30 And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. 33 Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said.

34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" 36 When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

### **APOSTLES CREED**

All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

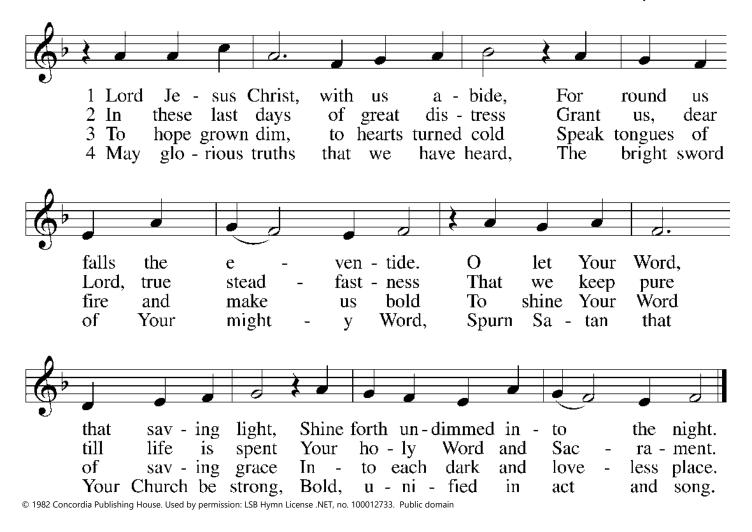
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide LSB 585, vs. 1-4



#### SERMON

"Hear Him!"

(Luke 9:35)

#### **OFFERING**

Please stand

**OFFERTORY** 

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light LSB 411, vs. 1-2





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SHARING OF THE PEACE"Peace be with you"(John 20:21)[using ASL (American Sign Language)]

# **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P 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,

### C hear our prayer.

P 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,

# C hear our prayer.

P 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, [including . . .]. Use us as part of Your answers to their prayers, heavenly Father, to bring about strength, health, security, and companionship. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

P 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,

#### С hear our prayer.

- Ρ 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.
- C Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew* 6:9–13)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy All 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.

# **BENEDICAMUS**

- Let us bless the Lord. Ρ
- C Thanks be to God.

# **BENEDICTION**

#### Ρ 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.

**C**. Amen.

# Please sit

# **FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA**

Luke writes that after the transfiguration, the three disci-Ρ ples "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, we shall mute our

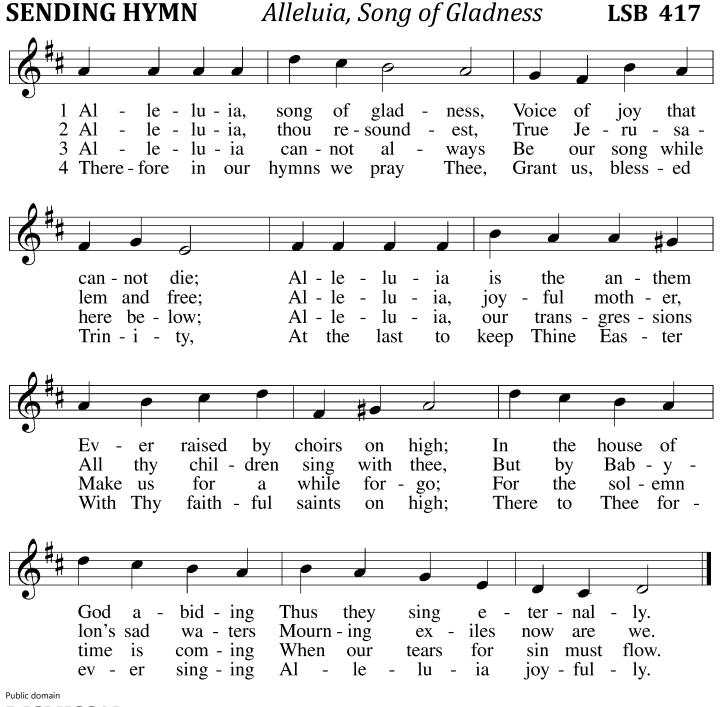
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Luke 9:36

Numbers 6:24-26

liturgical praises and refrain from singing our alleluias until our Easter celebration. Let us sing our farewell to that song of gladness now.

[You may lower an Alleluia banner into a large box during the singing of the hymn.]



#### DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God!

#### POSTLUDE

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Sermon Notes:		
	2/20/2022	
First Sunday in Lent	Sunday Worship	65
Readings:	Plate:	\$ 495.00
	Envelopes:	\$ 1,460.00
Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Donation:	
Psalm 91:1-13	Cemetery	\$ 600.00
Romans 10:8b-13	Total:	\$ 2,555.00
Luke 4:1-13		
	Bible Class: 27	\$ 22.00



*Come and join the fun and Christian fellowship on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 12 p.m.* 

Immanuel Lutheran Church (Corner of Washington Ave. and 3rd St.) Mercedes, TX There will for your enjoyment: Music Drinks

*Food (* bratwurst, sauerkraut, and hot dogs**)** 

We are asking our Winter Texans to bring a German side dish they wish to share such as potato salad or dessert.

> Bring a friend! See ya'll there!



Sign-up Sheet placed in the Narthex!

# <u>From Pastor's Desk</u>

**Portals of Prayer** October to December 2021 are available in the Narthex or office.

Adult Bíble Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Goetz is leading the class.

Direct your *Thrivent Choice Dollars* today! Please consider directing your dollars to Immanuel Lutheran School. More info to follow in the next few weeks.

The LCMS invites everyone to join together in memorizing a verse each week.

This week's memory verse: Psalm 37:23–24

The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand.



#### "Lesser Known Participants at Jesus' Passion and Resurrection"

Wed., Mar. 2nd: Soup Supper 5:00 p.m.

- Mid-Wk. 2, Wed., Mar. 9th: Soup Supper 5:00 p.m.
- Mid-Wk. 3, Wed., Mar. 16th: Soup Supper 5:00 p.m.
- Mid-Wk. 4, Wed., Mar.23rd: Soup Supper 5:00 p.m.

Mid-Wk.5, Wed., Mar. 30th: Soup Supper 5:00 p.m.

Mid-Wk. 6, Wed., April 6th: Soup Supper 5:00 p.m. "Owner of the Upper Room" (Luke 22:7-13) Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 p.m.

- "Mob Member at Gethsemane" (John 18:1-9) Mid-Week Service 6:00 p.m.
- "Sanhedrin False Witnesses" (Mark 14:55–64) Mid-Week Service 6:00 p.m.
- "Judas and the High Priests" (Matthew 27:3–10) Mid-Week Service 6:00 p.m.
- "Crowd Shouting Crucify Him" (Matthew 27:15-26) Mid-Week Service 6:00 p.m.
- "Mockers at Calvary" (Mark 15:29–32) Mid-Week Service 6:00 p.m.

Holy Week Services

Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) Service 9:00 a.m. by Rev. Weber

Maundy Thursday, April 14th Holy Communion Service-6:00 p.m. "Leaner on Jesus at the Supper" (John 13:21-25) by Rev. Goetz

Good Friday, April 15thGood Friday Service 6:00 p.m."Soldiers Guarding the Tomb" (Matthew 27:62-66) by Rev. Weber

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 17th, 2022

Sunrise Service: 7:30 a.m. "Mary Magdalene" (John 20:1–18) by Rev. Goetz followed by breakfast @ 8:00 a.m.

Easter Festival Service: 9:00 a.m. "Why?" (Luke 24:5-7) by Rev. Weber

# The Glory of God Is Manifested in the Body of Christ

"Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant," but Christ Jesus "has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses" (Heb. 3:3, 5). A beloved and well-pleasing Son, faithful even to the point of death, Jesus' own body was raised up on the third day as the house of God, and He has brought us into that house through the waters of Holy Baptism (Heb. 3:6). Thus, it was not Moses, the lawgiver, but his successor, Joshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus), who led the people into the Promised Land (Deut. 34:1–4, 9). Now, on the Mount of Transfiguration, the New Testament Joshua appears in the glory that He is about to manifest by His "departure" (exodus) in Jerusalem (Luke 9:31). Having entered the waters of the Jordan in His Baptism, He passed through those waters and entered into glory by His cross and Passion. What He thereby accomplished in His own flesh and blood, crucified and risen, He reveals and gives to His Body, the Church, by the means of His Word. Therefore, the Father declares from heaven, "Listen to him!" (Luke 9:35).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	Feb. Sunday Servants:	March Sunday Servants	
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus	Dan Wehling	
Altar Guild:	Suzanne Wehling	D. Jackson & L. Marchan	
Music:	Doris Pickering		
This Week	The Transfiguration of Our Lord		
Usher:	Dan Wehling		
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult H	Bible Study 10:30 am	
Next Week	First Sunday in Lent		
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worsh	nip Service 9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult H	Bible Study 10:30 am	