

The Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 14, 2021 10:30 a.m. Service

From the cloud came a



*"This is my Son,
the Beloved;
listen to him!"*

Mark 9:7

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As We Gather

Transfiguration Sunday is the celebration at the end of Epiphany before Lent, remembering that Jesus descended the Mount of Glory and set his face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51). On Transfiguration Sunday, the Church says “farewell” to alleluias. The Church refrains from using her most jubilant words of praise during the muted celebration of Lent.

During Lent, the Church's worship assumes a more penitential character. The color for the season is purple, a color often associated with penitence. The "Hymn of Praise" is omitted from the liturgy. And again, the word "Alleluia" is usually (though not totally) omitted throughout the service and hymns as well.

By not using the alleluia — a joyful expression meaning "Praise the Lord" — until Easter, the Lenten season is clearly set apart as a distinct time from the rest of the year. Additionally, it forms a powerful contrast with the festive celebration of Jesus' resurrection when our alleluias again ring loud and clear!

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Divine Service – Setting Two
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Welcome & Announcements

+ INVOCATION + *LSB 167*

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

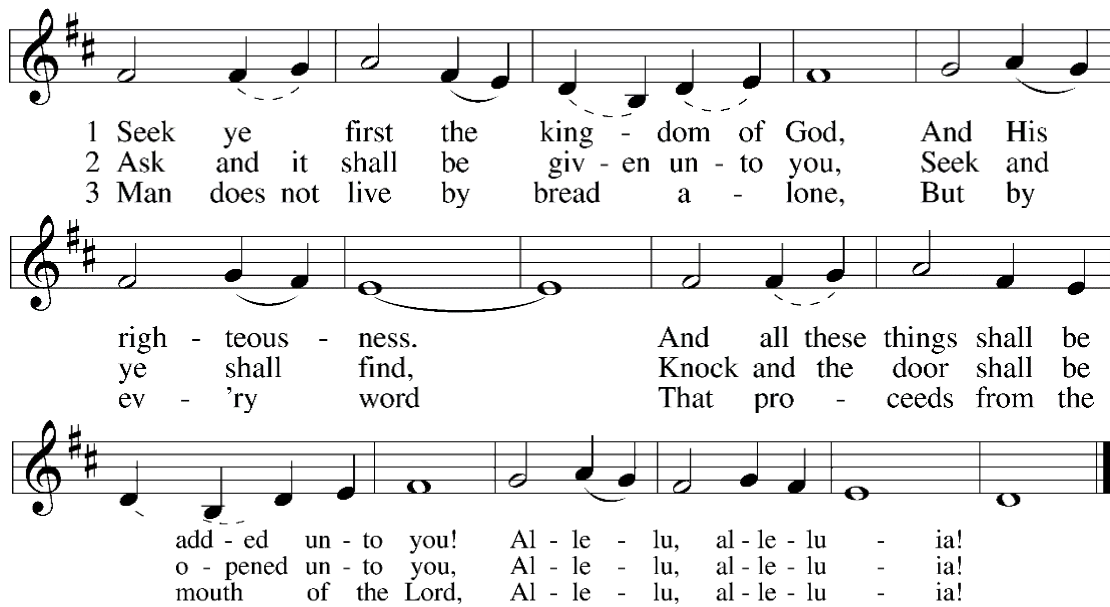
C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b

Opening Hymn

LSB 712 sts. 1-3

“Seek Ye First”



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by
righ - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the
add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + LSB 167

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 unrighteousness.

(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word.)

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] God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. *LSB 292*

[C] Amen.

[P] Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

[C] Yes. *LSB 293*

[P] Let it be done for you as you believe.

[P] Almighty God in His *LSB 167*
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.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + *LSB 168*

Introit *Ps. 99:1-5 antiphon: Ps. 99:9*

P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship
at his holy mountain; for the LORD our
God is holy!

C The LORD reigns; let the peoples
tremble! He sits enthroned upon the
cherubim; let the earth quake!

P The LORD is great in Zion; he is
exalted over all the peoples.

C Let them praise your great and
awesome name! Holy is he!

P The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity; you have
executed justice and righteousness in
Jacob.

C Exalt the LORD our God; worship
at his footstool! Holy is he!

P C Glory be to the Father and to the
Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in
the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.

P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship
at his holy mountain; for the LORD our
God is holy!

Kyrie

LSB 168

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise/Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 170



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
 praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
 take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 172*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *2 Kings 2:1-12*

1 When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

2 Elijah 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.

3 The 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, “but do not speak of it.”

4 Then 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.

5 The 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, “but do not speak of it.”

6 Then 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.

7 Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. 8 Elijah 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. 9 When 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 not.” 11 As 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.

12 Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of

Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8

A C Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Reading *2 Corinthians 3:12-18*

12 Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. 13 We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face

to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. 14 But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. 15 Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. 16 But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise

LSB 670 sts. 1-4

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -



ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: “Al - le - lu - ia,
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: “Al - le - lu - ia,



“Al - le - lu - ia!” Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 “Al - le - lu - ia!” Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 al - le - lu - ia!” Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 al - le - lu - ia!” To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow’rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels’
 Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
 strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in



choirs: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 Lord: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 song: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 One: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

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Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Goodbye to “Alleluia”

P When Jesus came down from the Mount of Transfiguration, he began to tell his disciples that he would be betrayed and crucified.

C Sometimes we lose sight of alleluia.

P Jesus did not return to glory before he stretched out his arms on the hardwood of the cross.

C Sometimes in sorrow we lose sight of alleluia.

P Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”
(Matthew 16:24)

C Sometimes we must let go of alleluia.

P For the days of Lent, we discontinue singing and saying "Alleluia."

C Sometimes, for a time, we forego alleluia.

(The children put their eggs in the bag and place the bag behind the altar)

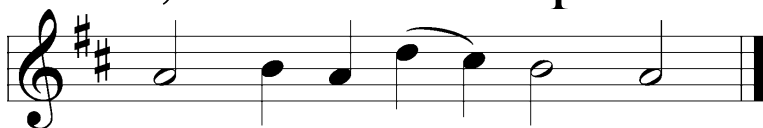
P At Easter, we will again celebrate the Resurrection and say "Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

C In God's time, we proclaim Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

2 After 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.

3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.

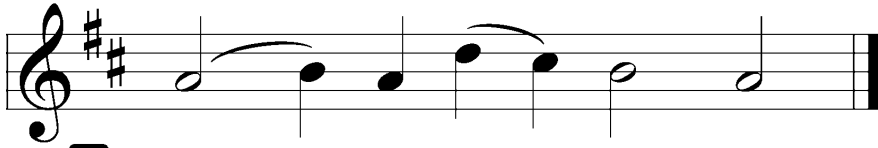
4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

5 Peter 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.)

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

8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. 9 As 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

LSB 416 sts. 1-3

(to the tune of LSB 423)

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, Heav - en's voice, the
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, They shall gain and
3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - cep - tion With the pur - est



daz - zling light; Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a -
keep its truth, Not by build - ing on the moun - tain An - y
light that shines, And re - cast our life's in - ten - tions To the



lone com - mands the height! Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent,
shrine or sa - cred booth, But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior
shape of Your de - signs, Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry



Turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise Down - ward toward the
Through the val - ley to the cross And by test - ing
Than what lies past Cal - v'ry's hill And our liv - ing



shad - owed val - ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
faith's re - sil - ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

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Sermon

Pastor Tom Rhodes

“Behind the Curtain”

Stand

Apostles' Creed

LSB 175

**[P] [C] 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.**

Prayer of the Church

LSB 175

Offering

LSB 176

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19;

LSB 176



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 179*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom
and teach us to pray:

C 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.

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 183*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you

and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.

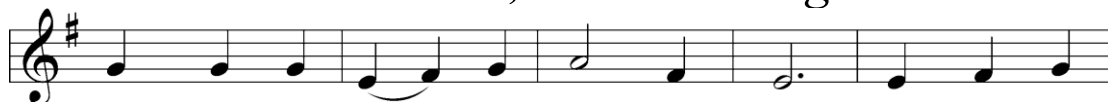
C Amen.

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Closing Hymn

LSB 704 sts. 1-4

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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