

**The Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 27, 2022 10:30 a.m. Service**



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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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Welcome & Announcements

+ INVOCATION + *LSB 203*

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; [18:20]*

Opening Hymn

LSB 918 sts. 1-3

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + *LSB 203*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,
O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness;
therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

(Silence for self-examination and confession to God. Reflect on His Word and consider your life according to the Ten Commandments: This and whatever comes to mind, confess now, and receive God's total absolution.)

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *Luke 18:13*

☐ God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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

☐ 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 203*
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 204*

Introit *Ps. 84:1-2, 9, 11; antiphon Ps. 84:4*

P Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

C How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

P My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

C Behold our shield, O God; look upon the face of your anointed!

P For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

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 Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Kyrie

Mark 10:47, LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise/Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*

Luke 2:14, John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



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 and Collect of the Day *LSB 205*

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

34 Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land – from Gilead to Dan, 2 all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, 3 the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. 4 Then the Lord said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.”

5 And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. 6 He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. 7 Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. 8 The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. 9 Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses. 10 Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, 11 who did all

those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt – to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. 12 For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 117:1–2a; 96:8

P 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

Hebrews 3:1-6

3 Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. 2 He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. 3 Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. 4 For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. 5 "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. 6 But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if

indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise

LSB 414 sts. 1-5

“’Tis Good, Lord, to be Here”



1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy
2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy
3 Ful - fill - er of the past And
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We
5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,
beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -
hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y
see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the
we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.
glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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.

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!

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *John 20:31, LSB 205*



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

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

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

28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray.

29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. 30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in

glorious splendor, talking with Jesus.

31 They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at

Jerusalem. 32 Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became

fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. 33 As the

men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to

him, “Master, it is good for us to be here.

Let us put up three shelters – one for you,

one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He

did not know what he was saying.)

34 While he was speaking, a cloud

appeared and covered them, and they

were afraid as they entered the cloud.

35 A voice came from the cloud, saying,

“This is my Son, whom I have chosen;

listen to him.” 36 When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

LSB 415 sts. 1-4

“Jesus on the Mountain Peak”



1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak Stands a - lone in
2 Trem-bling at His feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came: God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; Let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
sing be - fore Him, First and Last and on - ly One.



Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
 Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der,
 All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!



Al - le - lu - ia!
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Sermon “Seeing” Pastor Tom Rhodes

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Apostle’s Creed

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**☐ ☐ 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.**

Offering

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 (no intro)

LSB 781 sts. 1-2

We Give Thee But Thine Own



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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Prayer of the Church

LSB 207

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For seeing the peace of God, for seeing the renewal of our faith, for seeing the salvation of our souls, and that we may join with the apostles to see Jesus through their words, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For peace in the world, for the church to bear faithful witness in the world to the revelation of Jesus, who is the Son of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our country, the president and all those in public office; for this parish and

city; for favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth and for all honorable vocations, businesses and industries, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For travelers, that they may be kept safe; for those who suffer for the sake of Christ; for those who defend our nation, those who labor for lawful order and those who work on behalf of the poor and the oppressed, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who suffer from illnesses of body or mind; for those who mourn and those who suffer that they may know God's strength, comfort, and peace in their

grief and afflictions, especially those on our prayer list and cards, and for the mercy of God to provide for all according to their need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the fellowship of God's people gathered around the Word of the Lord; for the lonely, that they may rejoice in the community of faith; and for the homebound, that they be kept in prayer and sustained through the gracious visitation of God's people and their pastor, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Lord, Your power is beyond compare and Your glory beyond understanding.

Open our hearts to know You and to see You through the glory of Your Son, whose saving will and purpose have rescued us from sin and death and made us Your own people by Baptism and faith. For to You, O Lord, belongs all honor and glory, worship and praise, blessed and eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and to the end of the ages.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 209*

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.**

Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB 212*

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn

LSB 814 sts. 1-4, 6

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

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

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