

Orthodox icon depicting the Transfiguration of Christ

# The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Divine Service 3

February 11, 2024 9:30am

## Scripture of the Day

Exodus 34:29–35 2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6 Mark 9:2–9

## A Prayer before Worship

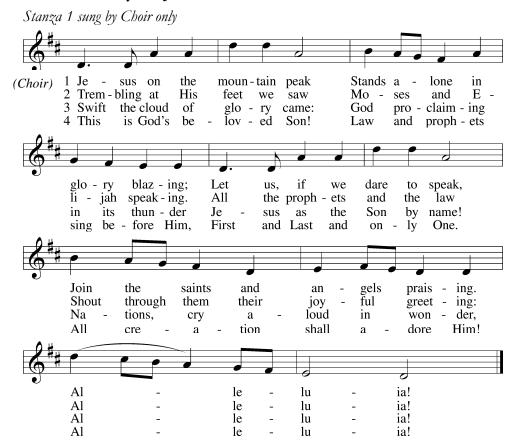
O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Prelude: SEWARD ("Jesus on the Mountain Peak"), J. Marriott

Please stand and face the Processional Cross.

#### Processional Hymn: Jesus on the Mountain Peak

LSB 415



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#### Confession and Absolution

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

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]
- 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.

  [Hebrews 10:22]
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

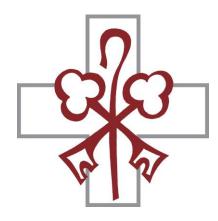
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and 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 H Son and of the Holy Spirit.

  [John 20:19-23]
- C Amen.



#### + Service of the Word +

Introit Psalm 99:1-3; antiphon: v. 9



- Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;\* for the LORD our God is | holy!
- The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!\*

  He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!
- The LORD is great in | Zion;\*
  he is exalted over all the | peoples.
- Let them praise your great and | awesome name!\*

  Ho- | ly is he!
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*
  and to the Holy | Spirit;
  as it was in the be- | ginning,\*
  is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;\* for the LORD our God is | holy!

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

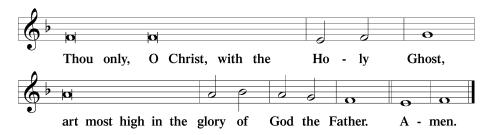


Mark 10:47

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29





#### Salutation and Collect of the Day



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

2 Timothy 4:22



Sit

#### The Old Testament Reading Exodus 34:29–35

with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

<sup>29</sup>When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and

Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup>Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, <sup>35</sup>the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## The Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6

<sup>12</sup>Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup>Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup>But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁵For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### Alleluia



#### The Holy Gospel Mark 9:2–9

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



<sup>2</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." <sup>8</sup>And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.





## Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,	Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 44:6
the Father Almighty,	Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3
maker of heaven and earth	Genesis 1:1; John 1:1
and of all things visible and invisible.	Colossians 1:16
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,	Romans 10:9
the only-begotten Son of God,	John 3:16; Matthew 16:16
begotten of His Father before all worlds,	John 1:2
God of God, Light of Light	John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1
very God of very God,	Colossians 2:9
begotten, not made,	John 1:2
being of one substance with the Father,	John 10:30
by whom all things were made;	Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3
Who for us men and for our salvation	Matthew 20:28; Galatians 4:4-5
came down from heaven	John 3:13, John 6:38
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary	Luke 1:34-35
and was made man;	John 1:14
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.	Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18
He suffered and was buried.	John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures	1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6
and ascended into heaven	Acts 1:9
and sits at the right hand of the Father.	Acts 7:55
And He will come again with glory	Matthew 26:64
to judge both the living and the dead,	Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12
Whose kingdom will have no end.	2 Peter 1:11
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,	John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38
the Lord and giver of life,	Titus 3:5; 1 Corinthians 12:3
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,	John 15:26
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and	<b>glorified,</b> Mt. 3:16-17; Lk. 2:14
Who spoke by the prophets.	Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,	1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,	Ephesians 4:5, Acts 2:38
	ns 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
and the life $+$ of the world to come.	Isaiah 65:17-19; Revelation 21:1-4
Amen.	Psalm 106:48

Please remain standing for the Hymn of the Day.

Stanza 2 sung by Men only, stanza 4 sung by Women and Children only



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#### Sermon Rev. Seth Clemmer

#### Stand

#### Prayer of the Church

- **P** Lord, in your mercy.
- C Hear our prayer.

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Psalm 51:10-12

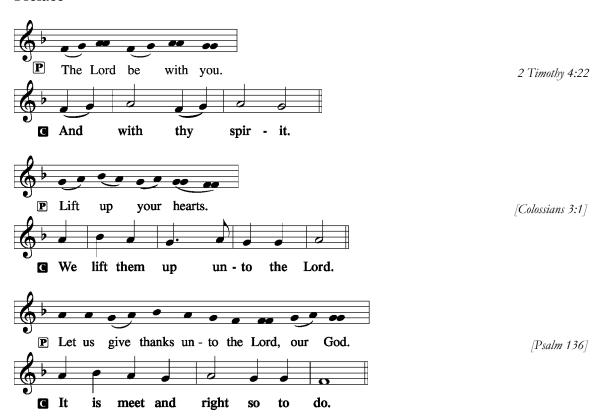


## 부 Service of the Sacrament 부

#### About Receiving the Lord's Supper at Bethany

As we receive the Lord's Holy Supper according to His institution, we receive the salvation, forgiveness, and life eternal won for us on the cross. Also, we believe that when a person communes at an altar, one confesses unity with the teachings of that church. Therefore, if you are not in fellowship with the teaching of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we ask that you refrain from communion until you have had opportunity to speak with one of the pastors about Christ's bodily presence and the forgiveness of sins given in this meal. However, all are welcome to receive a blessing, for the forgiveness of Jesus is still yours. Please indicate this as your intention by crossing your arms over your chest when the pastor comes by.

#### **Preface**



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



■ Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.



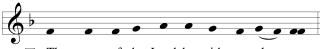
#### The Words of Our Lord

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

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 +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 H blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei John 1:29



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## A Prayer for Right Reception of the Lord's Supper

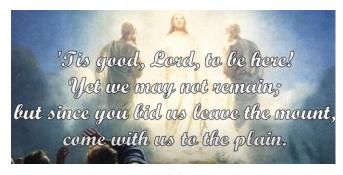
Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Distribution Hymn: 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

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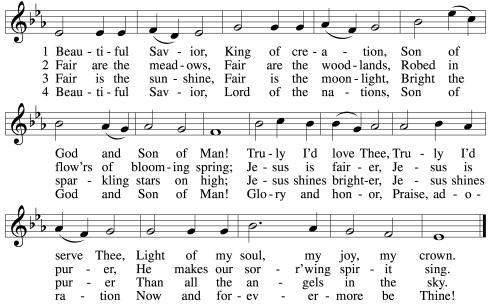
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#### Anthem during Distribution: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light", W. Brusick

#### Distribution Hymn: Beautiful Savior

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#### Stand



## Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

#### **Dismissal**

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

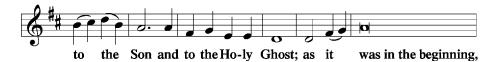
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac







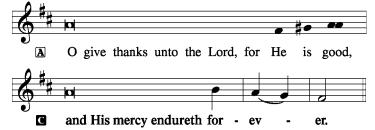






Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



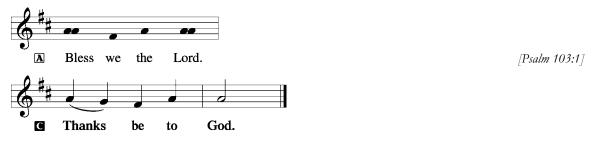
#### Salutation and Benedicamus



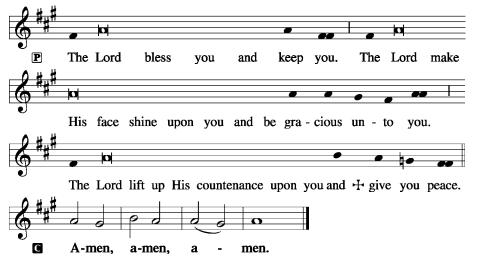
**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22





Benediction Numbers 6:24-26



Sit

#### Burying of the Alleluias

On this day, alleluias are sung for the last time in the Church until the Great Vigil of Easter. They are not heard during Lent as we focus our devotion on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though every Sunday is a "little Easter," we restrain our praise at this time until the Feast of the Resurrection when all of Christendom joins in singing alleluias to our King.

As we sing the Closing Hymn, we invite the children of the congregation to bring forward the alleluia butterflies they have made that will be buried in this chest until Easter. We anticipate not only our coming Easter celebration but that ultimate Feast of Victory where we shall all sing "alleluia" with saints and angels, cherubim and seraphim, Moses and Elijah, apostles, martyrs, prophets, and all the company of heaven before the Lamb on his throne.

#### Closing Hymn: Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Stanza 2 sung by Choir only



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Postlude: LAUDA ANIMA ("Alleluia, Song of Gladness"), J. Behnke



## A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## Those Serving You Today

**Preacher and Celebrant:** Rev. Seth Clemmer

Assisting Pastors: Rev. Stephen Schumacher, Rev. Emmett Bartens

Organist: Kantor Jonathan Swett Musical Ensemble: Schola Cantorum Live Stream Tech: James Blasius Acolytes: Henry Fox, Jackson Locy

**Sacristans:** Marty Franken, Keith Luhrs, Tom Mueller, Doug Splitt **Ushers:** Frank Arford, John Campbell, Andy Crouse, Pete Locy

**Communion Care:** Pam Splitt

The flowers adorning our Lord's altar today are placed to the glory of our Triune God by the Wyang family in honor of Valentine's Day and the Lunar New Year.





## What is "The Transfiguration of our Lord"?

Have you ever wondered what Jesus might look like in His glory? The Bible

gives us a glimpse in the story of Jesus' transfiguration (pronounced trans-fig-yer-A-shun) in Matthew 17. The word "transfigure" means "to change form or appearance." Scripture tells us that Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain. When they got up there, Jesus' appearance changed right before their eyes. His face became as bright as the sun, and His clothes became as white as light.

# Why didn't Jesus always appear like this while He was on earth?

If Jesus would have been on earth in His state of glory, He wouldn't have been able to take our place under the Law and then they wouldn't have crucified Him. It was very important for Jesus to die on the cross as a man to pay for our sins. We too will see Jesus as He is in glory on the Last Day! Until then, we see Him: as our crucified and risen Savior revealed to us in the Word and Sacraments!



Parents: Read the story of Jesus' transfiguration in Matt. 17:1–13 with your children. Remind them that we will see Him in glory when we die just as the disciples saw Him on the mountain!



## **Prayers**

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- Aiden Goldbeck, infant heart and neurological issues
- Brent Hawley, complete healing from surgery
- Sheri Luhrs, severe anemia
- Kathy Olsted, cancer, and her family for strength and peace
- Carol Donnelly, mother-in-law to Jennifer Staffeldt, pneumonia
- Joe Dragoo, uncle to Mike Dragoo, stage 4 colon cancer
- Kathie Franklin, mother to Tim Koopman, healing and clarity
- Ruth Leff, sister to Linda Landry, starting radiation for breast cancer
- Doug Ollie, friend to the Koopmans, terminally ill
- Lexie Scott, friend to Sophia Teske, challenging times
- Andy Vickers, friend to the Koopmans, leukemia, spread to the brain
- Margaret Webber, cousin to Jennifer Staffeldt, stroke
- Lyn Wischmeyer, wife to former Bethany principal, hospitalized and on ventilator
- The family to John Coniglio, who was called to glory on February 6

Those who serve in the Armed Forces and their families:

Quinn Parlier, Jacob Wilson, Andrew Bear (nephew to Beth Hawley), Matthew and Michael Hinze (sons to Don Hinze), Peter Johnson (son to Dennis and Ina Johnson), Savanna Lugay (daughter to Joe and Bethany Lugay), Conor L. McGavern (nephew to Becky McBroom), Aaron Mock (nephew to Debbie Kokaska), Kyle G. Schmidt (nephew to Becky McBroom), Scott Slown (husband to Jennifer Slown), Nicholas Camm-Williams (friend to Nada Salvino)

Those who are shut in or in need of ongoing care:

Roger and Charlene Fiene, Marilyn Groth, Bruce Janken, Solomon Robert, Nancy Skibinski, Chuck and Monika Werner, David and Ann Zielke

#### Mothers with child:

Jaimie Bartens, Emily French, Susan Keller, Sarah Lieb, Hannah Baker (daughter to Dennis and Ina Johnson), Brittany Linnemeyer (daughter-in-law to Donna Linnemeyer), Kelli Lynch (niece to Sue Sreniawski), Brooke Schmidt (niece to Becky McBroom)

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries this month: Joe and Ann Galfano

## This Week at Bethany

- February 11, 11:00am Bible Study, Sunday School, and Confirmation Class
- February 12, 7:00pm Organ Committee
- February 13, 1:00pm Bible Reading Group
- February 13, 3:40pm Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
- February 13, 7:00pm Board of Finance
- February 14, 9:00am Women's LifeLight
- February 14, 11:00am Ash Wednesday Divine Service
- February 14, 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper
- February 14, 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Divine Service
- February 14, 7:45pm NO Praises Ring! Rehearsal
- February 15, 7:00pm 20something
- February 15, 7:00pm Evening LifeLight
- February 15, 7:00pm Proclaim Rehearsal
- February 16, 12:00pm Knitters and Crafts Group
- February 17, 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast

## **Looking Further Ahead**

- February 18, 8:30am and 11:00am Divine Service
- February 18, 10:00am Bible Study, Sunday School, and Confirmation Class
- February 20, 6:45pm Board of Elders
- February 21, 11:00am Midweek Divine Service
- February 21, 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper
- February 21, 7:00pm Lenten Vespers
- February 21, 7:45pm Theology on Tap
- February 22, 6:00pm Praises Ring! Rehearsal

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