

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

### The Greater Glory

February 9 & 10, 2013

5:00pm & 10:00am

#### AS WE GATHER

The Day of the Transfiguration of our Lord serves as a transition time from the general ministry of Jesus to the very focused latter part of His life on earth and to the one-way journey to Jerusalem that brings Him to the cross. There is a sense of urgency at the time of the Transfiguration--- something initially missed by Peter the disciple, who wanted to set up tents on the high mountain for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. In dramatic fashion, Jesus reminded His disciples that staying in the glory on the mountain was not an option. The fulfillment of Christ's mission was down on the plain, among the people for whom He had come to sacrifice Himself. There is an ongoing urgency in the mission of Christ as we continue to be His consecrated stewards among people for whom He died.

#### WELCOME

*“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.”* 2 Corinthians 9:8

#### + PREPARATION +

#### OPENING HYMN #414 “Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”

‘Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with un-borrowed light.  
“Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.  
Fulfiller of the past And hope of things to be,  
We hail Thy body glorified And our redemption see.  
Before we taste of death, We see Thy kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.  
‘Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;  
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

(Rise)

#### INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

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#### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,

**People: for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.**

Pastor: The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us;

**People: He will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.**

Pastor: We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

**People: Praise the LORD!** *Psalm 115:1, 12a, 13, 18*

#### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Since we are assembled here to hear God's Word, to call upon Him in prayer, and to receive the body and blood of Christ, let us think of our unworthiness, confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and realize also that by our own strength we cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature. Therefore we take refuge in His infinite mercy, seeking and imploring His grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and say: God be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**People: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE #798 "The God of Abraham Praise" Stanzas 1,3,7

The God of Abr'ham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days And God of love.  
Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.

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The God of Abr'ham praise, Whose all sufficient grace  
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days In all my ways.  
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Himself my God.  
And He shall save me to the end Through Jesus' blood.

There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.  
On Zion's sacred height His kingdom He maintains  
And glorious with His saints in light Forever reigns.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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: Amen.**

(Be seated)

### 5:00 BAPTISM of Rayna Ann Lake

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*Please refrain from taking photographs during the worship service.*

### 5:00 BAPTISM MEDLEY

*Kindergarten Class*

**+ WORD +**

**OLD TESTAMENT** Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (*Moses views the Promised Land from the mountain.*) 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, all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. 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." And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit<sup>[a]</sup> of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what

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the LORD had commanded Moses. Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, who did all those miraculous signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

### EPISTLE Hebrews 3:1-6 (*Christ is shown to be more worthy than Moses.*)

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

### 5:00 ANTHEM

*"There Is A Higher Throne"*

*Choir*

(Rise)

### GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36 (*Jesus is transfigured on the high mountain.*)

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. 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.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen.

(Be seated)

### SERMON HYMN #413 "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair" *Rise for the last stanza*

O wondrous type! O vision fair  
Of glory that the Church may share,  
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,  
Where brighter than the sun He glows!

With Moses and Elijah nigh  
The incarnate Lord holds converse high;  
And from the cloud the Holy One  
Bears record to the only Son.

With shining face and bright array  
Christ deigns to manifest today  
What glory shall be theirs above  
Who joy in God with perfect love.

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And faithful hearts are raised on high By this great vision's mystery,  
For which in joyful strains we raise The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

O Father, with the eternal Son And Holy Spirit ever one,  
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace To see Thy glory face to face.

**SERMON** *"Buy the Field"* Jeremiah 32:25

**HYMN OF RESPONSE #851 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"**

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be , O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
but, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

(Rise)

**10:00 APOSTLES' CREED** (inside back cover of hymnal)

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Rise)

**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Response at the end of each petition:*

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer**

*At the conclusion of the prayers:*

Pastor: . . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**10:00 THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**+ SACRAMENT +**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI HYMN** (Tune: #702 My Faith Looks Up To Thee)

O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away -Our faith increase.

Have mercy on us all, Strengthen us when we fall,

Answer our fervent call And grant us peace.

(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

**HYMN #651 "I Love Your Kingdom Lord"**

I love Your kingdom, Lord, The place of Your abode,

The Church our blest Redeemer saved With His own precious blood.

Beyond my highest joy I prize its heav'nly ways,

Its sweet communion, solemn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.

I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev'ry land,

Dear as the apple of Your eye And graven on Your hand.

For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers ascend;

For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.

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Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zion shall be giv'n  
The brightest glories earth can yield And brighter bliss of heav'n.

**HYMN #398 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"**

Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression And rule in equity.

He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever – That name to us is Love.

**HYMN #537 "Beautiful Savior"**

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shine purer Than all the angels in the sky.

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Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forever-more be Thine!

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you for the blessings we receive from  
your goodness. We thank you for having nourished us at your table,  
gratefully rejoicing that our Savior Jesus Christ is truly present with us,  
among us and in us. Strengthened by the blessed Sacrament, may we  
share the vision of your divine glory in our world, as the Holy Spirit works  
in us and through us. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit be  
upon you and remain with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN #417 "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" Sung with the choir**

*Stanza 1 Choir Stanza 2 All Stanza 3 Choir Stanza 4 All*

Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die;  
Alleluia is the anthem Ever raised by choirs on high;  
In the house of God abiding Thus they sing eternally.

**Alleluia, thou re-soundest, True Jerusalem and free;  
Alleluia, joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee,  
But by Babylon's sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.**

Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below;  
Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while for-go;  
For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.  
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**Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, blessed Trinity,  
At the last to keep Thine Easter With Thy faithful saints on high;  
There to Thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.**

Preacher	Dr. R. Reed Lessing
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