

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

A Most Glorious Mystery

February 10 & 11, 2018

5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER

This day ends the Epiphany season and prepares us for Lent. Jesus has been revealing His true nature through His words and actions, and on the Mount of Transfiguration three disciples see His glory revealed in the strange and mysterious transfiguration. Moses and Elijah appear with Him, talking about His departure in Jerusalem. But our Lord then commands the disciples not to tell about the event until after Easter. Today, long after Easter, our Lord reveals His true glory as by faith we see His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. Here we see and touch the strange and mysterious Sacrament, the assurance of sins forgiven and a foretaste of the feast to come. No wonder we sing His praises with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven!

WELCOME

"To [the saints] God chose to make known
how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery,
which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:27)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

CALL TO WORSHIP #910 "Now the Silence"

Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten Radiance of the Father's face,
Word made flesh, who lived among us Full of truth and full of grace,
Shine upon our human darkness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.

Word eternal, through Your being God created all we see,
When the empty spaces echoed With the Father's "Let there be..."
Light and life burst from the glorious Power of Your majesty!

Still Your brooding Spirit hovers Over chaos, dark and deep,
Calling out with invitation: "Rise, awaken from your sleep;
Christ the Lord will shine upon you And from death your soul shall keep."

Come, Lord Jesus, by Your Spirit In our hearts Your work begin,
Bring the healing restoration Of Your image lost by sin;
From Your fullness all receiving Grace on grace, new life within!

(Rise)

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: When Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John, Peter said,

People: "Rabbi, it is good that we are here."

Pastor: But we were not present at that time. Moses "put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze" at the glory fading from his face.

People: But now, "We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed."

Pastor: In the present time, we see our Lord Jesus Christ coming to us in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. Let us hear God's Word, respond in words of faith, and join saints and angels in singing the praises of our glorious Savior.

HYMN #535

"How Wide the Love of Christ"

Stanzas 1,2,4

How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race
But holds our one humanity Within its broad embrace.

How long the love of Christ! Its patience will not cease
Until this broken world is bound In everlasting peace.

How deep the love of Christ, Descending to a cross!
He bears within His wounded hands All human pain and loss.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Mercifully enable us to see by faith His presence with us now in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, as we join the hosts of heaven in praising your holy name;

Pastor: 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)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 34:29–35* (Moses' face shines after being in God's presence.) 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. 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. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. 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, 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.

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 3:12–4:6* (We need not fear being near God as Israel did at Mount Sinai.) Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, 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. 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. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 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. Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But 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. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In 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. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM (5:00) *"There is a Redeemer"*

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 9:2–9* (Jesus is transfigured in the presence of three disciples.) And 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, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 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." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. 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.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON 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.

SERMON

"God's Glory and Man's Folly"

Mark 9:2-9

(Rise)

APOSTLES' CREED *(found on the inside back cover of the 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. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, on the holy mountain your glory was revealed in your Son, who came in human flesh and blood to bring to us eternal life.

People: Open the eyes of all people to see your glory in the face of Christ.

Pastor: Source of love and life, Moses and Elijah appeared with the Savior in glory to witness that all the law and the prophets speak of our Lord Jesus.

People: Give all pastors, missionaries, and servants of the Church clarity in their teaching, that all who listen to them may hear the voice of the Savior calling them to life and salvation.

Pastor: We give thanks that you have led our congregation to call Karen Trench to be our Early Childhood Director. Bless her with wisdom from above as she prayerfully considers the call.

People: We ask your blessing upon this new program, praying that it would be a wonderful blessing to children and their families.

Pastor: King of the nations, you intend all authority upon the earth to be a blessing, not a burden. Remember those entrusted with civil authority here and in all places, and enable them to serve with wisdom and integrity.

People: Grant us to live as obedient citizens and good neighbors.

Pastor: Comforter of the sorrowing, you alone can bring peace that passes understanding to aching hearts. Remember all who are ill, hospitalized, lonely, or afflicted, especially your servants Joyce, Sue, Janet, Donna, Dolores, Pat, Cliff, Jerry, Dee, Manley, Debbie, Pat, Charles, Ruth, Shirley, Gladys, Herb, Matthew, Russ, Arlene, Dorothy, John, Arlene, LuEva, Jean, Jack, Shirley, Jonathan, Helen, Leonard, Sarah and those we name in our hearts.

People: Grant them to trust in your abiding presence, taste your peace and experience healing and relief according to your gracious will.

Pastor: Giver of the feast, you spread your banquet before your children, that they might taste and see that you are good. Grant to all who come to the holy altar today repentant and believing hearts.

People: We ask that this Sacrament may conform us to Christ's will and transform us from one degree of glory to another.

Pastor: Immortal One, you raised your Son from the dead by your life-giving Spirit, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters who share in His endless life and glory. Receive our thanks for all who have fallen asleep in our Savior's faith and friendship.

People: Bring us to behold with them the fullness of His glory in the age to come.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant to us, all-glorious Trinity, for you are a good God and you love your whole creation. To you we give all glory, honor and worship: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever!

People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we often forget your gracious presence and guiding. We are by nature sinful and unclean and, relying on ourselves, have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By action and inaction, thoughtless words, and failure to profess the faith within us, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For Jesus' sake, forgive us, open our eyes to your presence with us each day and especially as we gather to receive His body and blood, and lead us to walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy sent His Son, who revealed the true nature of His glory by dying for us and rising to give us new life. 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

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(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 #411 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father.

In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

HYMN #412 "The People That in Darkness Sat"

The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen;

The light has shined on them who long In shades of death have been,

In shades of death have been.

To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness, The gath'ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear Their harvest treasures home,
Their harvest treasures home.

To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv'n,
And on His shoulder ever rests All pow'r in earth and heav'n,
All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor, The God by all adored, The God by all adored.

His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based, His reign shall have no end.
His reign shall have no end.

Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art And Holy Spirit, one, And Holy Spirit, one.

HYMN #413 "O Wondrous type! O Vision Fair"

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.

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.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have
refreshed us through this salutary gift,

**People: and we implore you that, as we have seen your true glory in your
sacrificial love, you would help us show your abiding presence in our
words and actions;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Pastor: Today marks the end of the Epiphany season, and in a few days we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday. It is traditional to mute our joy during Lent by not singing Alleluias. We say our “farewell to Alleluia” as we sing the final hymn.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

HYMN #417 “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

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.

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
Liturgist
Lectors
Acolytes
Children’s Message
Organist & School Bell Choir
Choir Director 5:00

Pastor Harold Bender
Pastor Gregg Stanton
Rachel Osell, Laurel Privatt
Brey Rudig, Ryann Gutknecht
Laurel Privatt
Michelle Prince
Nancy Hoelke

Ash Wednesday Worship

February 14th at 10:00am & 6:00pm

