

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

The Mysteries Confirmed by Moses and Elijah

February 6, 2016

5:00pm

### AS WE GATHER

The collect for the Transfiguration of Our Lord teaches us to pray, “You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah.” What mysteries? The mysteries of the faith are who Jesus is and what He has come to do. Jesus reveals His glory to His disciples—the glory of the only Son of the Father hidden in flesh and blood. Moses and Elijah, the Law and the Prophets, all point to Jesus and are fulfilled in Him. As we see Epiphany’s season of revelation culminate in the glory glimpsed upon the mountain, we are mindful of the fact that this comes just before we follow Jesus to the cross in Lent. The cross is itself glory—the triumph of God’s saving will over our sins, of Christ’s life over our death, and of His eternity over our mortality.

**SCHOOL BAND ANTHEM**      *“Air for Band”*

### WELCOME

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God:

Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

(1 John 4:2-3a)

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✂ PREPARATION ✂

**OPENING HYMN** “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” LSB #528 &

“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful” LSB #554

**Congregation:**

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

Students:    O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!  
                  O Source of peace ineffable, in whom all joys are found.

**Congregation:**

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

Students:    When once You visit darkened hearts, then truth begins to shine,  
                  Then earthly vanity departs, then kindles love divine.

**Congregation:**

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life and health and peace.

Students:    O Jesus, light of all below, the fount of life and fire,  
                  Surpassing all the joys we know, all that we can desire.

**Congregation:**

He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin; He sets the pris’ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.

Students:    May ev’ry heart confess Your name, forever You adore,  
                  And, seeking You, itself inflame to seek You more and more!

**Congregation:**

Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.  
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of God the Father,

**People: Worthy of our praise for He is our Creator and Preserver;**

Pastor: God the Son,

**People: Worthy of our praise for He is our Redeemer and Savior;**

Pastor: And God the Holy Spirit,

**People: Worthy of our praise for He is the Provider and Sustainer of our faith.**

### 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.



## THE PROMISES OF JESUS

Pastor: Truly he is worthy to receive honor, for he has promised that we will become members of his holy family.

Student: Jesus said, "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

Pastor: Truly he is worthy to receive adoration, for he has promised us complete freedom.

**Men: Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

Pastor: Truly he is worthy to receive wisdom, for he has promised the light of life.

Student: Jesus said, "I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."

Pastor: Truly he is worthy of wealth, for he has blessed us with the promise of earthly gifts.

**Women: Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap."**

Pastor: Truly he is worthy to receive thanksgiving, for he has promised to hear our every prayer.

**Men: Jesus said, "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."**

Pastor: Truly he is worthy to receive gratitude, for he has blessed us with the promise of rest for our days.

Student: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Pastor: Truly he is worthy to receive thanks, for he has promised us a crown of victory after our struggle here on earth.

**Women: Jesus said, "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life."**

Pastor: Truly he is worthy to receive our hopes for he promised us the hope of everlasting life.

Student: Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

Pastor: Truly he is worthy to receive our worship, for he has promised to give us an inheritance far greater than we can imagine.

**Men: Jesus said, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world."**

Pastor: Truly he is worthy to receive glory, for he has promised us a life of glory in heaven.

Student: Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

Pastor: Truly he is worthy to receive power, for he has promised to be with us for now and eternity.

**Women: Jesus said, "And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."**

Pastor: Truly he is worthy to receive our praise, for he has given us the promise that he will return. Jesus said, "Yes, I am coming soon!"

**All: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

## SONG

*"Immortal, Invisible"*

*Students*

Immortal, You are not like a man that You change Your mind, or change Your plan.  
Invisible, our human eyes can't see the depths of Your majesty.

You're the God of forever and ever, amen. The Alpha, Omega, Beginning, and End.  
We sing hallelujah, we worship in awe. Immortal, invisible God.

Immortal, You are not bound by death, You're the living God, my very breath.  
Invisible, You are not bound by space, but Your glory is filling this place,  
Yes, Your glory is filling this place. *Chorus*

Immortal, yet You once died for me to pay my debt, to set me free.  
Invisible, You will not always be 'cause You're coming to reign as our King,  
And the saints will fall down at Your feet. *Chorus*

We sing hallelujah, we worship in awe.  
Immortal, invisible God. Immortal, invisible God.

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 9:28–36* (Jesus reveals His glory with Moses and Elijah and His disciples watching.) 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)

### **THE LIFE OF JESUS**

#### **SERMON HYMN #394 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"**

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word  
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

#### **SERMON**

***"It's Good Lord to Be Here"***

***Luke 9:28-36***

(Rise)

**NICENE CREED** *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

#### **BAND ANTHEM DURING OFFERING**

***"Rhosymedre (Our Father, By Whose Name)"***

**OFFERINGS** 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)

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: People loved by God, let us bring our prayers and praises before the throne of grace, for He to whom we pray is merciful and full of compassion. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in your Son, your glory was revealed in human flesh and blood to win for us eternal life.

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

Pastor: Lover of the whole world, Moses and Elijah appeared with the Savior in glory to witness that all the law and the prophets speak about Him.

**People: Grant to all pastors and servants of the Church wisdom to open your Scriptures in such a way that all may hear the voice of the Savior calling them to life.**

Pastor: Lord of the church, bless missionaries around the world to boldly share Word. Guide and protect our Together in Mission partner, Pastor Chuck Ferry and family.

**People: Grant success to their preaching and teaching, that many may come to saving faith.**

Pastor: King of the nations, you have established all authority upon earth to be a blessing, not a burden. Remember those entrusted with civil authority here and in all places.

**People: Enable them to serve with wisdom and integrity.**

Pastor: Comforter of the sorrowing, you alone can bring the peace that passes understanding to troubled hearts. Remember all who are ill, hospitalized, lonely or afflicted and distressed, especially Bob, Marion, Richard, Debra, Marion, Helen, Leonard, LuEva, Linda, Gladys, Russ, Jack, Shirley, Gretchen, Lois, Sarah and those we name in our hearts.

**People: Let them know your presence, experience your peace and receive healing and relief according to your gracious will, looking ever to the hope of the resurrection.**

Pastor: Lord of our salvation, we rejoice with the Barber family as Victoria Anne is baptized into Christ. Bless her parents to raise and nurture her in the one true faith.

**People: Grant us to all grow together in the wisdom and knowledge found only in Christ.**

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

**People: Grant that by the grace of Christ in this Sacrament, we may all be transformed 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 Moses, Elijah, Peter, James, John and all who have fallen asleep trusting in our Savior's promises.

**People: Grant us to believe that to live is Christ and to die is gain. In your time, bring us all to behold 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, and to you we give all glory: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages!

**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

#### "Lamb of God"

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

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

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; 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 #625 "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

Lord Jesus Christ, life giving bread, May I in grace possess You.

Let me with holy food be fed. In hunger I address You.

Prepare me well for You, O Lord, And, humbly by my prayer implored,

Give me Your grace and mercy.

To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek,  
To share Your cup of healing.

O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight, For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me That I receive You worthily,  
Assured of Your full pardon.

I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me;  
In all my guilty heart's discord, O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me That You receive me graciously,  
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

### **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.

### **HYMN #631 “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”**

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;  
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav’n;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv’n.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
This is the heav’nly table spread for me;  
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong  
The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.

I have no help but Thine;  
nor do I need Another arm but Thine to lean upon.  
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
The blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord, my God.

Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb’s great marriage feast of bliss and love.

### **COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

#### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: “Alleluia,” said the apostles, standing on the mountain high;

**People: Christ is shining; in this glory let us stay.**

Pastor: “Alleluia,” said the Savior, “Christ means suffering;”

**People: Down the mount the Lord must go and meet the death that awaits Him  
in the valley below.**

Pastor: “Alleluia,” bids the Savior, “follow Me and be not afraid;”

**People: Christ reveals greater glory hidden in the cross and grave; there we  
find salvation’s story and there we find the hope that saves.**

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: O blessed Lord, we offer you thanks and praise for revealing your glory  
to us in your Son, and we pray you to help us keep our eyes focused  
upon Him as we make our way down the mountain and into the valley.  
Guard us against judging only with our eyes, and give us the vision of  
faith to see Jesus, to trust in Him, and to follow Him to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

**BAND ANTHEM**

*“Nicea (Holy, Holy, Holy)”*

**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.**

**CLOSING HYMN #507**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
 Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
 Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
 Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
 Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
 Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
 Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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