

Welcome to

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Transfiguration of Our Lord

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WELCOME – Ballet, basketball and many other activities have appropriate stances or forms that are needed to execute the beauty of the event. One shift of a foot to the right or left can cause an imbalance that throws off an entire routine or game. The 'form" or "stance" of Lent is repentance, seeking the patient forgiveness of God.

"May His goodness continue to lead us to repentance."

Romans 2:4

<u>Please take a moment</u> to fill out the <u>attendance card</u> found in the pew racks. Just jot down the name of all in attendance and hand it to an usher or place the card in the basket in the narthex as you leave the service.

Join us Wednesday evening for our Ash Wednesday worship with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion at 6:30. Learn of the Love God has for you by sending His own Son to be the sacrifice for our sins.

Prelude "Theme of Devotion"
Frederic Chopin, arr. by Edward Broughton
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bell

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book - Divine Service One

Hymn of Invocation "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here" LSB #414

Invocation (please stand)

- P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- All Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His 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

Introit

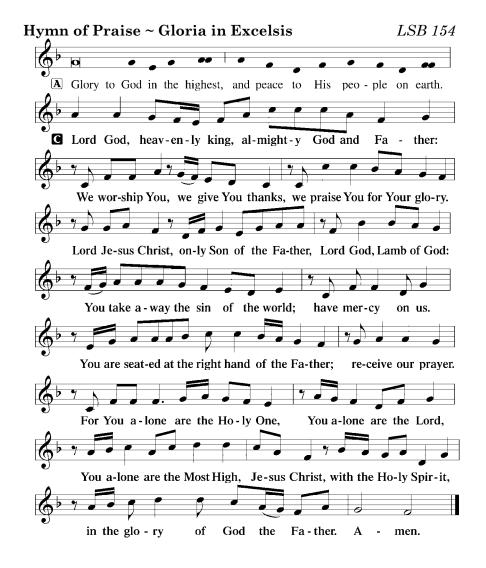
Ps. 99:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 99:9

- P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
- C for the LORD our God is holy!
- P The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
- C He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- P The LORD is great in Zion;
- C he is exalted over all the peoples.
- P Let them praise your great and awesome name!
- C Holy is he!
- P The King in his might loves justice.
- C You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- P Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!
- C Holy is he!
- All 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 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
- C for the LORD our God is holy!

Kyrie

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.

- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.



Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

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 of 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.

Our Catechism Moment-Sacrament of Holy Baptism

- P What benefits does Baptism give?
- C It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.
- P Which are these words and promises of God?
- C Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

(be seated)

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

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. ³⁰ 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. ³¹ But Moses

called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³² Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴ 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, ³⁵ 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.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:12-18, 4:1-6

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶ But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ 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. ² 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. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ 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. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

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, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ 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." ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹ 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.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

(be seated)

Children's Message

Sermon "Let the Son Shine"

Text: Mark 9:2-9

Apostles' Creed (please stand)

All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

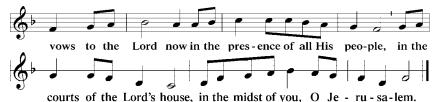
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the 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.

(be seated)

Presentation of the Offering





Prayers of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers:)

P Lord, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:
- P Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son, with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

- P Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- All 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.

Benediction (please stand)

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.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair" LSB #413

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude

"Soli Deo Gloria"

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