

# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 27, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

The reading from Deuteronomy extols Moses as the greatest prophet. He led God's people toward the Promised Land, but the Epistle draws a contrast between him and our Lord. "Consider Jesus," the Epistle encourages us today, not because He is a great servant with us in the "house," or Church, the people of God, but because He is over it as the builder. When Jesus was baptized, the voice from heaven declared Him to be pleasing to His Father in heaven. The voice from the cloud on the Mount of Transfiguration adds a command not only to the three disciples, but to us as well: "Listen to Him!" From that mount to Mount Calvary, He, the Word Incarnate, tells us of God's great love; He goes to the cross willingly so that we may graciously follow Him through death to our eternal promised land of heaven.

## HYMN "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" *LSB* 803

1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

△ 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!  
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!  
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## INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES *Hebrews 3:6a; Luke 9:35; Psalm 99:9*

Pastor: Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.

**People: And we are His house.**

Pastor: "This is My Son, My Chosen One;

**People: listen to Him!”**

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God,  
and worship at His holy mountain;

**People: for the LORD our God is holy!**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *1 John 1:8–9*

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: Almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: 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. Forgive us for our spiritual blindness, and renew our faith in You alone.**

Pastor: Jesus came down from the Mount of Transfiguration, even though He knew His disciples would forsake and deny Him. He went to the cross so that He could offer us all full and free forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE** “Seek Ye First” *LSB 712*

1        Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you!  
Allelu, alleluia!

2        Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia!

3        Man does not live by bread alone,  
But by ev’ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,  
Allelu, alleluia!

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### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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. 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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Deuteronomy 34:1–12* (Moses was the greatest prophet.) Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. And the Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalms 99* (The Lord 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! Holy is he! The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he! Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the Lord, and he answered them. In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them. O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!

**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 3:1–6* (Moses served in God’s house, but Jesus is the Son of God, its builder.) Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God’s house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God’s house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 9:28–36* (Jesus is transfigured, and the voice tells the disciples to listen to Him.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

## **People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## **People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY** “Lamb of God” *LSB* 550

1        Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
      To walk upon this guilty sod,  
      And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain

ref      O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2        Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
      The humble King they named a fraud,  
      And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain

3        I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
      To be led by Your staff and rod,  
      And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

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### **SERMON** “Bring the Binoculars” Numbers 20:2-13, Deuteronomy 34:1-12, and Luke 9:28-36

#### **I. A Little Foresight Goes a Long Way**

- What did they forget the key for?

#### **II. Moses’ M\_\_\_\_\_ (Nu 20:2-13; Deut. 34:1-12)**

- What happened 38 years earlier?
- What does Moses do wrong?
  - What is the consequence?
- What mountain do we find Moses on? What happens?

#### **III. Moses M\_\_\_\_\_ it (Lu 9:28-36)**

- What mountain do the disciples find themselves on?
- Who appears in glory?
- What mountain do we see?

## APOSTLES' CREED

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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### OFFERING

*We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.*

*For meditation, from Luther's Small Catechism, The Lord's Prayer:*

*The Fourth Petition: "Give us this day our daily bread." What does this mean? God gives daily bread indeed without our prayer, also to all the wicked; but we pray in this petition that He would lead us to know it, and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread is everything that belongs to the support and wants of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, field, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.*

### PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

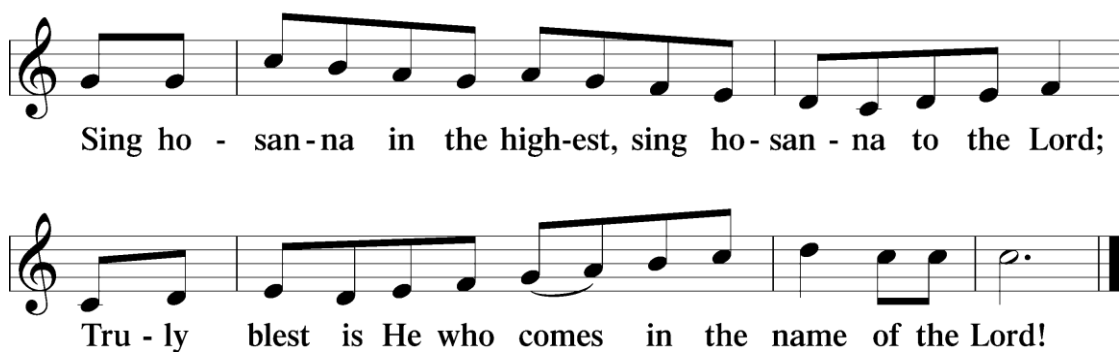
**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS





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### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You not only sent Your prophets to speak Your word of judgment and grace, but in these last days You also have sent Your only-begotten Son to fulfill all Your promises and take on Himself the punishment for our sins.

We give thanks for the faith the Holy Spirit has put in our hearts that we may acknowledge our Savior, who not only has served in Your house but is in fact one with You as Lord over it. Gathered in His name, we ask that we may receive the forgiveness, life, and salvation that come through this Sacrament. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **LORD’S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

### **PAX DOMINI**

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

**People: Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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*You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "Just as I Am" -Charlotte Elliott, Travis Cottrell, Sue C. Smith, David Moffitt, William Batchelder Bradbury

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1. Just as I am without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot.  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*Chorus:* I come broken to be mended.  
I come wounded to be healed.  
I come desp'rate to be rescued.  
I come empty to be filled.  
I come guilty to be pardoned  
By the blood of Christ, the Lamb.  
And I'm welcomed with open arms,

Praise God, just as I am.

3. Just as I am I would be lost,  
But mercy and grace my freedom bought.  
And now to glory in Your cross,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come. *Chorus twice*

*Ending:* Praise God, just as I am.  
Just as I am.

### **BLESSING**

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, pleased with Your Son on the Mount of Transfiguration, we give thanks for the pardon and peace You have given us for His sake in this Sacrament. As He descended to the plain with His disciples, accompany us now on our journey with Your Holy Spirit that we be enabled constantly to serve You; 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** *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA** *Luke 9:36*

Pastor: Luke writes that after the transfiguration, the three disciples "kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen." Because we know about our Lord's resurrection, we cannot keep silent, but during the season of Lent, which begins this Wednesday, we shall mute our liturgical praises and refrain from singing our alleluias until our Easter celebration. Let us sing our farewell to that song of gladness now.

### **HYMN** "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" *LSB 417*

1 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.

2 Alleluia, thou resoundest,  
True Jerusalem and free;  
Alleluia, joyful mother,  
All thy children sing with thee,



But by Babylon's sad waters  
Mourning exiles now are we.

3 Alleluia cannot always  
Be our song while here below;  
Alleluia, our transgressions  
Make us for a while forgo;  
For the solemn time is coming  
When our tears for sin must flow.

4 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.  
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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *Luke 9:36a – “And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.”*  
Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, speak about Jesus and His sacrifice and then they are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, “Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you.”

**ASH WEDNESDAY** marks the beginning of our midweek Lenten services on March 2 at 11:30 a.m. Join us on Wednesdays through April 6. We will not be having luncheons this year. An evening service will be held at 7:00 at Bethel Lutheran Church (670 Wheelock Pkwy W, St. Paul).

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**THE MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT LLL CONVENTION** will be held Saturday, March 19 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rochester, MN. Highlights include guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, speaker of “The Lutheran Hour;” John & Mariam Gayed, POBLO Missionary Team, Rochester Friendship Center; and the celebration of 92 years of LLL support for “The Lutheran Hour.” Doors open at 8:00 a.m. with the morning business session beginning at 9:00 a.m. LLL members are invited to attend the morning session and lunch. The afternoon/evening sessions and dinner are open to the public. The afternoon sessions begin with presentations at 1:00 p.m., followed by dinner, and the Lutheran Hour Rally beginning at 6:30 p.m. The day's events will conclude at 8:00 p.m. The cost for lunch and dinner is \$25 per person/\$40 per couple. If you would like to join us for either the lunch meal or the dinner meal the cost is \$13 per person/\$23 per couple. Payment for the meals will be taken at the door. Make checks payable to the MN South District LLL. If you have any questions or need more information, contact Convention Chairman, Arley Pentico by phone: 507-206-8415 or by email: [arleyp@charter.net](mailto:arleyp@charter.net).

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