

February 13, 2021 ~ 5:00 p.m.

The Transfiguration of Our Lord



Transfiguration SUNDAY

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

*Our Mission:
To Make More and Better Disciples of Jesus Christ.*



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Welcome Visitors and Guests! Thank you for coming to worship God with us today! We believe that the Spirit of God had a hand in your coming. We trust that God's Word and this special time in worship will be a continuing blessing to you. Come again!

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Lord, Be Glorified"

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In my life Lord, Be glorified, be glorified.
In my life Lord, Be glorified today.

In my song Lord, Be glorified, be glorified.
In my song Lord, Be glorified today.

In Your church Lord, Be glorified, be glorified.
In Your church Lord, Be glorified today.

WELCOME

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES *from Psalm 99*

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God

People: and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

Pastor: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble;

People: he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God

People: and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

HYMN

"Beautiful Savior"

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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 shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be thine!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

God of grace and glory, before Your Son turned His face to Jerusalem and Mount Calvary, on another mountain You revealed His glory as He appeared with Moses and Elijah. Sustain Your Church both by His glory and also by Your grace, and help us to reflect the glory of Your love to all; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: **2 Kings 2:1–12**

(Elijah goes up to heaven in a whirlwind.)

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.”

But Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “so be quiet.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho.”

And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho.

The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” he replied, “so be quiet.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.”

And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on.

Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

“You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.”

As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 3:12–13 ; 4:1–6

(Paul writes of God's people being transformed.)

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we 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. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

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Jesus on the mountain peak
Stands alone in glory blazing;
Let us, if we dare to speak,
Join the saints and angels praising.
Alleluia!

Trembling at His feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the Prophets and the Law
Shout through them their joyful greeting:
Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came:
God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as the Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder,
Alleluia!

This is God's beloved Son!
Law and prophets sing before Him,
First and Last and only One.
All creation shall adore Him!
Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 9:2–9* (*Jesus is transfigured on a high mountaintop.*)

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

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

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, 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 to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *"It Is Well With My Soul"*

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When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows, like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, tho trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And has shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

He lives oh the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

SERMON: “Trusting God’s Timing In My Life – Part 2” *Mark 5:3-6*

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**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of
His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very
God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom
all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made
man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and
was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and
ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will
come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom
will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one
holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✕
of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres." I Corinthians 13: 4-7

Pastor: Because Love is patient:

People: Help me to be slow to judge, but quick to listen. Hesitant to criticize, but eager to encourage, remembering your endless patience with me.

Pastor: Because love is kind:

People: Help my words to be gentle and my actions to be thoughtful.

Pastor: Because love does not envy or boast, and it is not proud:

People: Help me to have a heart that is humble and sees the good in others. May I celebrate and appreciate all that I have and all that I am, as well as doing the same for those around me.

Pastor: Because love is not rude or self-seeking:

People: Help me to speak words that are easy on the ear and on the heart. When I'm tempted to get wrapped up in my own little world, remind me there's a big world out there full of needs and hurts.

Pastor: Because love is not easily angered and keeps no record of wrongs:

People: Help me to forgive others as you have forgiven me. When I want to hold onto a grudge, gently help me release it so I can reach out with a hand of love instead.

Pastor: Because love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth:

People: Help me to stand up for what is right and good. May I defend the defenseless, and help the helpless. Show me how I can make a difference in the lives of others with your love.

Pastor: Because love always protects and always trusts:

People: Help me to be a refuge for those around me. When the world outside is harsh and cold, may my heart be a place of acceptance and warmth.

Pastor: And Heavenly Father, we ask that you would reach out Your healing hand of love to... (Special petitions) .

Pastor: Finally, because love always perseveres:

People: Help my heart continually beat with love for You and others. Thank you for this day when we celebrate love, and for showing us what that word really means. AMEN.

PREFACE

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 \times 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 \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

❖ **Duet:** *"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light"* K. Thomerson

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Dear Father, rejoicing in the brightness of Your glory revealed in the face of Jesus, Your Son, we thank and praise You for feeding us with His true body and blood. Grant that we may always behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world; that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit, and that we may share Your love with others.

People: Amen.

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA *Ecclesiastes 3:1–4, 7*

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 now repeat words from the Book of Ecclesiastes, which remind us that there are appropriate times for all things, including a time to keep silence, which we will observe regarding use of the “Alleluia” throughout Lent.

Pastor: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die;

People: a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

Pastor: a time to break down, and a time to build up;

People: a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

Pastor: a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

People: a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

Pastor: We say our “farewell to Alleluia”.

People: Alleluia! 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.

HYMN

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

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How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here,
Your beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past
And hope of things to be!
We hail your body glorified
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
We see your kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright
And make this hill our home.

How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

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