



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 14, 2021 - 10:00 AM



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of their grandparents, by Roy and Kay Cook.

## SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan J. Crowell
Preaching	Jim Parham
Pianist	Jim Parham
Cantor	Mark Godfrey
Lectors	Penny Bostain John Otten
Video Direction and Production	Henry Wilcox

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Beautiful Savior* - Silesian Folk Tune  
Bryan Cegelis, Euphonium

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God,  
for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues,  
you know them; receive them in your divine mercy.**

**Amen.**

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of ✝ Christ Jesus,  
our sins are washed away  
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of Christ's forgiveness,  
we are called to be God's beloved community  
living out Christ's justice  
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**Amen.**

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to  
earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy  
faithful mercies crown. Jesus thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with  
thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry  
troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us  
find thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as  
its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy  
life receive; suddenly return, and never, never  
more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee  
without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless  
let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly  
restored in thee! Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our  
crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



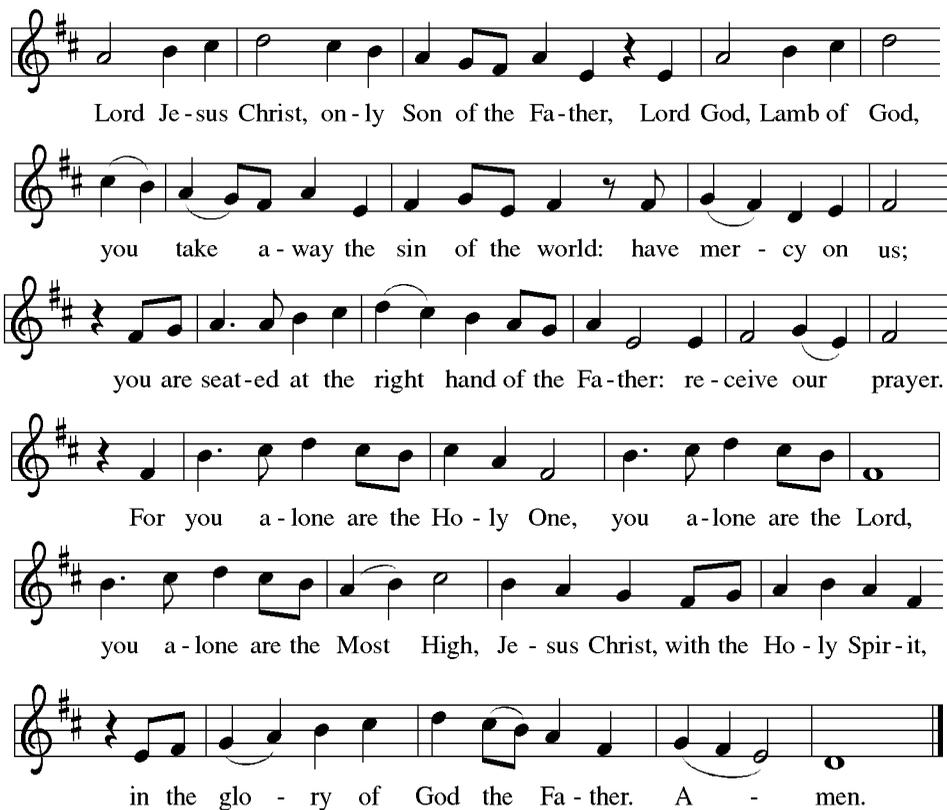
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;  
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.  
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

FIRST READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from second Kings

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.

<sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take Elijah away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty disciples of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

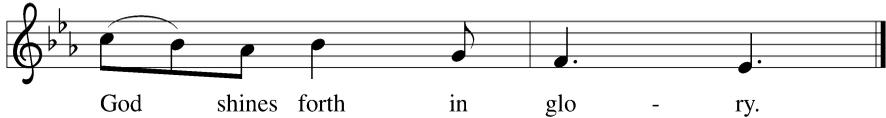
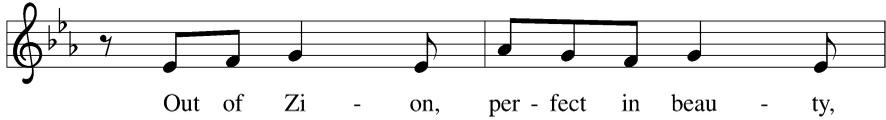
<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots and calvary of Israel!" But when he could no longer see Elijah, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

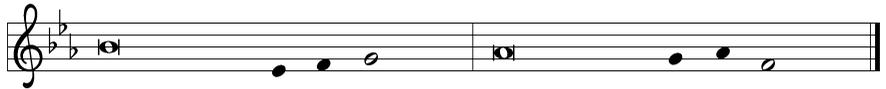
**Thanks be to God.**

*The refrain is introduced by the cantor  
Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.*

*Psalm  
Refrain*



*Psalm  
Tone*



- <sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.
- <sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,  
God shines | forth in glory. R**
- <sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will | not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.
- <sup>4</sup>**God calls the heavens and the earth | from above  
to witness the judgment | of the people.**
- <sup>5</sup>Gather before me my | loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”
- <sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,  
for it is God | who is judge. R**

## SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A reading from second Corinthians.

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your workers for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the second chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Beloved, my Own; listen to this One!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Promised One had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**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.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered in our homes on this last Sunday after Epiphany, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

O God of light, we pray for communities of faith around the globe, for our own congregation, for our pastors, and for all Christians who cannot gather for communal worship. Show us your face in the darkness, and speak your word of power to all the faithful. Hear our prayer, O God:

**Alleluia! Amen.**

O Morning Star, we pray for the earth, for life forming in the dark earth and ocean depths, for creatures seen and unseen, and especially for the animals who require cold and ice. Give us your Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of the planet. Hear our prayer, O God:

**Alleluia! Amen.**

O Sun of righteousness, we pray for our nation's elected leaders, for attorneys and juries, and for all who work for justice in our land. Give to them all integrity in service and courage to choose what is right. We pray for our citizenry, that prejudice cease, that resentment about the election wane, and that violence be averted. Hear our prayer, O God:

**Alleluia! Amen.**

Beautiful Savior, we pray for all who suffer from Covid-19, for medical workers, and for all who await the vaccine. We pray for those enduring famine, for those experiencing homelessness, for the people of Yemen, and for all who live in war zones. We pray for all who are ill, for all who receive no medical care, and for those we name here before you: . . . Heal them with your loving might. Hear our prayer, O God:

**Alleluia! Amen.**

Love divine, we pray for those who especially on this Valentine's Day feel lonely, for those who are abandoned, and for those who must live apart from their dear ones, especially for the children separated from their parents at our nation's border. Embrace all who are alone with your care. Hear our prayer, O God:

**Alleluia! Amen.**

Shine, Jesus, shine, also on us, and receive the petitions of our heart.

Hear our prayer, O God:

**Alleluia! Amen.**

We remember before you all who have died in the faith, especially the missionaries Cyril and Methodius and the reformer Martin Luther, and for those we name here before you. . . Be with us in our every darkness, until at our end we join with the saints in your everlasting light. Hear our prayer, O God:

**Alleluia! Amen.**

O holy Trinity, Light-Creator, Light of Light begotten, and Light-Revealer, receive our praise and hear our prayers, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Peace be with you.

☒ **Peace be with you.**

*Worshippers are invited to use their phones to text now or make a call later today  
to extend a message of peace to someone you love and care about.*

OFFERING AND ANTHEM

*Online giving is available by texting TLCGIVE to 73256,  
or by following the link on the homepage of the website, [www.trinitylutheran.ws](http://www.trinitylutheran.ws).  
Offering may also be mailed to the Church Office at 421 North Main St., Greenville, SC 29601.*

*Jesu Joy, My Joy Forever - J. S. Bach  
Adult Choir*

OFFERTORY HYMN

*Rise, Shine, You People!*  
(verses 1 and 3)

#665

**Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us,  
by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.**

**Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling;  
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the  
world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.**

Let us pray. O God,

**receive these gifts as you receive us:**

**like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.**

**Nourish us anew in your tender care,**

**and empower us in faithful service**

**to tend to others with this same love,**

**through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.**

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

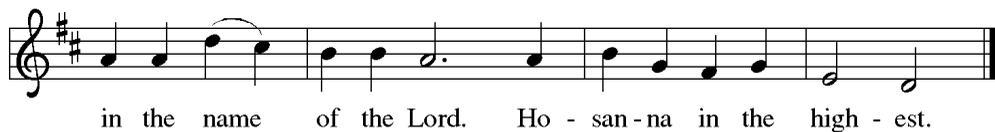
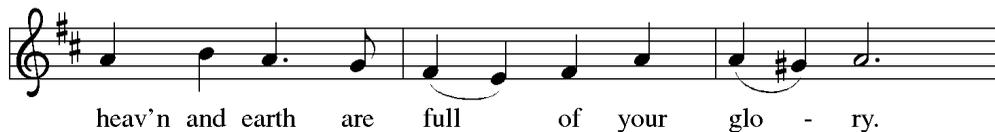
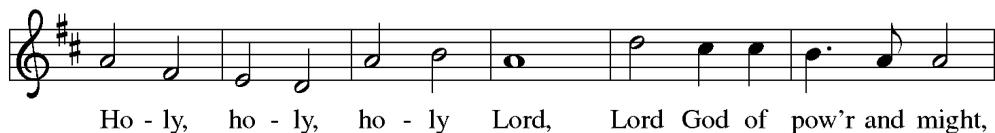
who sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,

that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the 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.**

#### COMMUNION

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.*

*Worshippers who gather with family at home are invited to share the bread and wine with each other using these words spoken directly to each person, "The body of Christ given for you," and "The blood of Christ shed for you."  
Worshippers who are gathering with the community from their individual homes are invited to receive the bread and wine while saying these words, "The body of Christ given for me," and "The blood of Christ shed for me."*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

*In Thee Is Gladness*

#867

**In thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By thee are given the gifts of heaven, thou the true redeemer art. Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest. Who trusts thee surely has built securely and stands forever: Alleluia! Our hearts are pining to see thy shining, dying or living, to thee are cleaving; naught can us sever: Alleluia!**

**Jesus is ours! We fear no powers, not of earth or sin or death. He sees and blesses in worst distresses; he can change them with a breath. Wherefore the story tell of his glory with heart and voices; all heav'n rejoices in him forever: Alleluia! We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness, love him and praise him and still shall raise him glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Christ Jesus,  
at this table we have feasted on your very life  
and are strengthened for our journey.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
nourished in body and in spirit  
to proclaim your good news  
and serve others in your name.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✚ keep you in peace.

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!*  
(verses 1 and 2)

#308

**O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior,  
you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly,  
holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich  
in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!**

**Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within  
our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying!  
In your one body let us be as living branches  
of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, though  
daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and  
distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*In Thee Is Gladness* - J. S. Bach

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