



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 27, 2022 - 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 Margaret Wyatt by John and Barbara Beckford.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister & Preaching	Susan Crowell
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Ushers	Wayne Landreth (Captain) Jeannie Blinkoff Lani Ludian
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality
to those you call us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.**

Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:

In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.

and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

Refrain

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the
darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.**

Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain*

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display
your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.**

Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain*

THE 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29-35

A reading from Exodus.

²⁹ As Moses came down from Mount Sinai carrying the two tablets of the Covenant, he was not aware that the skin on his face was radiant from speaking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and the other Israelites saw Moses, they were afraid to approach him because of the radiance of the skin of his face. ³¹ Only when Moses called to them did Aaron and the leaders of the community come near, and then Moses spoke to them. ³² Later, all the Israelites gathered around, and Moses gave them the instructions he had received from God on Mount Sinai. ³³ When he finished speaking to them, Moses put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses entered the presence of God, he would remove the veil until he came out again, ³⁴ and when he would come out and tell the Israelites what had been commanded, ³⁵ they would see that the skin on his face was radiant. Then he would put the veil over his face again until he went in to speak with God.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.*Psalm
Refrain

Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD;



wor - ship up - on God's ho - ly hill.

Psalm
Tone¹The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

²**The LORD, | great in Zion,
is high a- | bove all peoples.**³Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;
God is the | Holy One.⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob. R**⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;
God is the | Holy One.⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your
| name, O LORD,
they called upon you, and you | answered them,**⁷you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.⁸**O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.**⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the | Holy One. **R**
refuge. **R**

A reading from second Corinthians.

¹² With such hope we are very bold in what we say. ¹³ And we are not like Moses, who covered his face with a veil to keep the Israelites from gazing at the radiance as it faded away. ¹⁴ But their minds had been dulled, and to this day the same veil remains whenever the old Covenant is read—it has not been taken away, for only in Christ can it be removed. ¹⁵ To this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil covers their understanding. ¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to our God, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now our God is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of our God is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we, who with unveiled faces reflect our God's glory, grow brighter and brighter as we are being transformed into the image we reflect. This is the work of our God, who is Spirit. ^{4:1} Therefore, because we have this ministry through God's mercy, we do not give in to discouragement. ² On the contrary, we renounce the shameful deeds that were kept hidden. We are not deceitful, nor do we adulterate the word of God. But by speaking the truth plainly, we commend ourselves to every person's conscience in the sight of God.

The Word of God for the people of God.

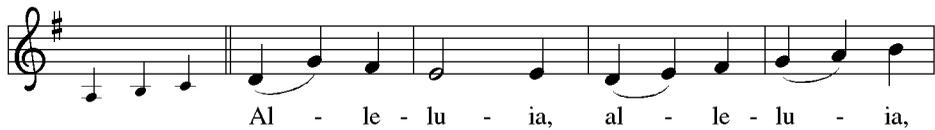
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

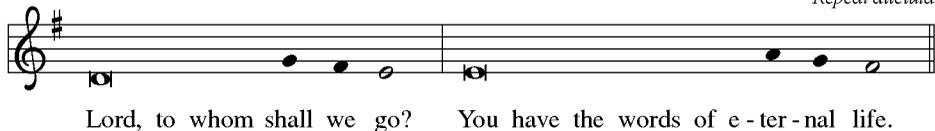
Shine!

Stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the ninth chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

²⁸ About eight days after saying this, Jesus took Peter, John and James and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ While Jesus was praying, his face changed in appearance and the clothes he wore became dazzlingly white. ³⁰ Suddenly two people were there talking with Jesus—Moses and Elijah. ³¹ They appeared in glory and spoke of the prophecy that Jesus was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. ³² Peter and the others had already fallen into a deep sleep, but awakening, they saw Jesus' glory—and the two people who were standing next to him. ³³ When the two were leaving, Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, how good it is for us to be here! Let's set up three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah!" Peter didn't really know what he was saying. ³⁴ While Peter was speaking, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and the disciples grew fearful as the others entered it. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice which said, "This is my Own, my Chosen One. Listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice finished speaking, they saw no one but Jesus standing there. The disciples kept quiet, telling nothing of what they had seen at that time to anyone. ³⁷ The following day, when they came down the mountain, a large crowd awaited him. ³⁸ A man stepped out of the crowd and said, "Teacher, please come and look at my son, my only child. ³⁹ A demon seizes him and he screams, and it throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth. It releases the boy only with difficulty, and when it does, he is exhausted. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they couldn't." ⁴¹ Jesus said in reply, bring the child to me. ⁴² As the boy approached, the demon dashed the child to the ground and threw him into a violent convulsion. But Jesus reprimanded the unclean spirit, healed the child and returned him to his father. ⁴³ All present were awestruck at the greatness of God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Experiencing God on the Mountaintop and in the Valley

Stand as able

**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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the world, the church, and all that God has made.

Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people, without exception. Make us agents of change and advocates of your inclusive Gospel, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer all evil.

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

The mountains and the trees reach the sky in praise. The clouds and the sun reflect your image. The cardinals and the crickets sing your song. Continue to dazzle us with your beautiful creation. Guide us in being good stewards of all you have created so that generations to come may marvel in its beauty.

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

As our country celebrates February as Black History Month, encourage your church to be an advocate for the black community at all times. Guide us in supporting present day leaders who are working for justice and making history before our eyes. Today we pray especially for Vice President Kamala Harris. As the first ever female Vice President and the first ever person of color to obtain that office, she is showing the world the promise of a future where color and gender do not prohibit success. Continue strengthening her as she faces the daily trials of leading our nation.

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

May our world be transfigured by the truth of your justice. Allow all those on the inside to see your dazzling glory in the faces of those who have been left on the outside, especially our siblings of color, the queer community, and those suffering from poverty.

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Heal those who are suffering and in distress. Grant patience to those seeking answers. Provide hope to those who feel they have reached their limit. Comfort those who mourn. Comfort all who are in need, especially those we name now in our hearts or on our lips ... Fill all our hearts with compassion as we accompany one another through life's difficulties.

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Our hearts are heavy today as war, suffering, and violence reign throughout the world. We pray especially for our Ukrainian siblings who have become the victims of senseless war at the hands of a power hungry regime. Hasten efforts toward peace. Put an end to hatred and violence. Keep all of your beloved children safe from harm. Bring hope and comfort to all.

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop, but later this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season. Love our pastors more deeply than they can imagine. Encourage our administrative and facility staff members with the knowledge that they are not only needed, but deeply appreciated. We give you thanks today especially for our Deacons, Amy Brown and Mandi Whitley, whose flexibility and grace in maintaining programming during the pandemic has been a gift to this congregation.

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Blessed are those who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him. Transform us from glory into glory, and give us peace, that we do not lose heart.

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all our prayers to you in confidence and faith through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

All are encouraged to remain at your seats and extend a sign of peace by waving, bowing, making the peace sign, placing your hand over your heart, or sending a text.

Please be seated.

HYMN

I Come with Joy

#482

**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall in
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in
Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one, and
strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here, alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.**

Stand as able.

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,
**Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.**

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:

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 for 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.**

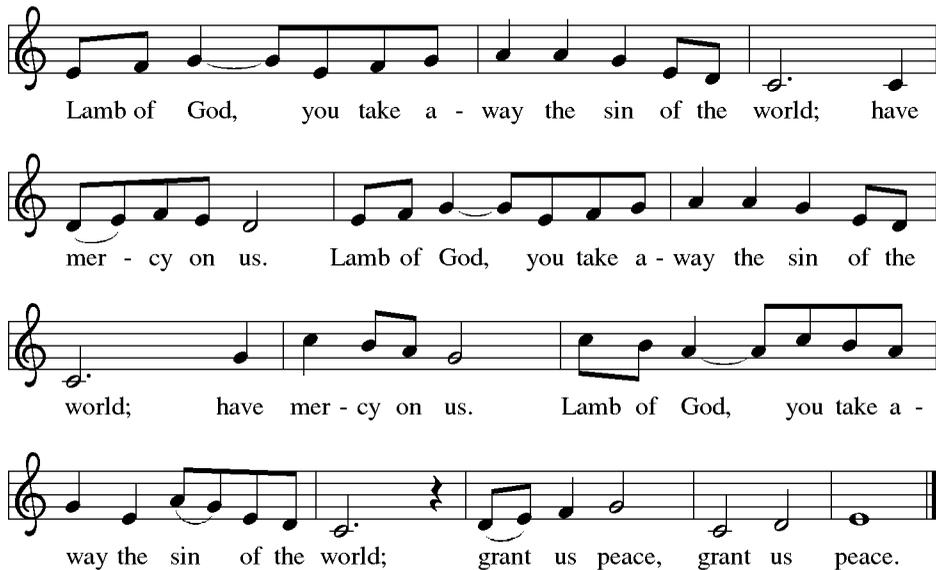
Please be seated

COMMUNION

*Worshippers will come forward to receive the bread and
wine and then return to their seats to consume the elements.*

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's love and grace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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.

ANTHEM

The Lord Is Beautiful
arranged by Michael Burkhardt

Adult Choir

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#631

**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 are 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, nevermore
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.**

Stand as able

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

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
✚ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

#538

**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live. Repeat**

**The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. Repeat**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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