



LUTHERAN CHURCH 1909

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 19, 2023 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary



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 Mike and Maggie Boliek.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Jim Parham
Assisting Minister	Richard Moose
Organist	Grace Berardo
Lector	Terri Sullivan
Cantor	Jeff Rehm
Acolytes	Roger Brown Ben McCormack
Prayers	Lani Ludian
Greeters	Linda Morgan David Nichols Karen Nichols Cathy O'Neill Pat O'Neill
Ushers	Calvin Harmon Wayne Landreth Angie McCormack David Potts
Refreshment Hosts	Andrew and Joyce Weiner
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**
Amen.

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✙ Christ our Savior.

Amen.

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

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

Cantor



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



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

Let us pray. O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

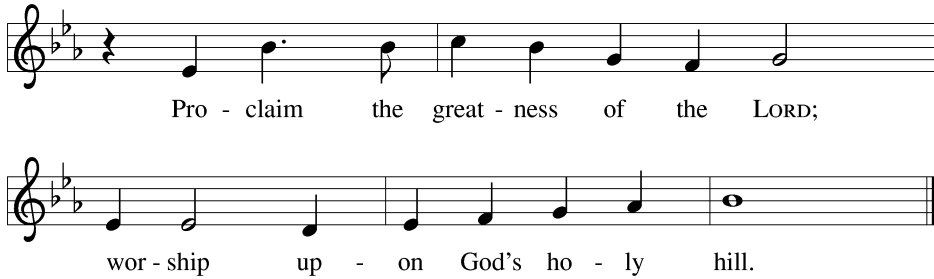
A reading from Exodus

¹²God said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of God settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day God called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of God's glory was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of God for the people of God.

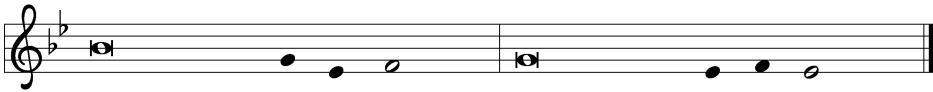
Thanks be to God.

*Psalm
Refrain*



Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD;
wor - ship up - on God's ho - ly hill.

*Psalm
Tone*



- ¹God is sovereign; let the | people tremble.
God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.
- ²**Our God, | 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 ruler, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob. R**
- ⁵Proclaim the greatness of the Most High 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 God, you answered | them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.**
- ⁹Proclaim the greatness of our God and worship upon God's | holy hill;
for our God is the | Holy One. **R**

A reading from second Peter.

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from the Most High God when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but those moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Parham

Please stand as able

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Mary has been raised from the dead."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Parham

Please stand as able

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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.**

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats. Continue to support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayor Knox, and local leaders, our governor Henry, and state legislators, our president Joe, and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Bring an end to unfair housing prices in Greenville and uplift organizations working to support equal and affordable housing. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ...
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

As Jesus showed his true self transfigured to Peter, James, and John, so help us to see the beauty of the diversity of your people as their authentic selves. When members of the queer community boldly show up in the fullness of their beings, let us bless them. When our trans siblings begin and continue transforming to show us the depths of who you created them to be, let us celebrate them. As we explore ways to be in community with those on the margins, grant us wisdom in the difficulties of that work so that we may know how good it is to be together. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

As our country celebrates Black History Month, this congregations prays for civil rights leaders active in our society today. Today we pray for Laverne Cox. We thank you, O God, for creating this amazing trans woman of color and giving her the strength and courage to advocate for black trans women. Help us to follow Laverne's lead in protecting the most vulnerable by demanding they be offered the most basic human right of dignity. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Bring reform and action to America. As we reel from yet another school shooting, move us toward change. Amplify voices who cry out for reform. Grant stamina to lawmakers who continue to fight for common sense gun laws. Comfort those grieving the dead in Michigan and bring healing to the injured. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

MEAL

OFFERING

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain
Carl Schalk

Adult Choir

Please stand as able

**As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.**

Let us pray, Liberating God,
**you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed 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.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

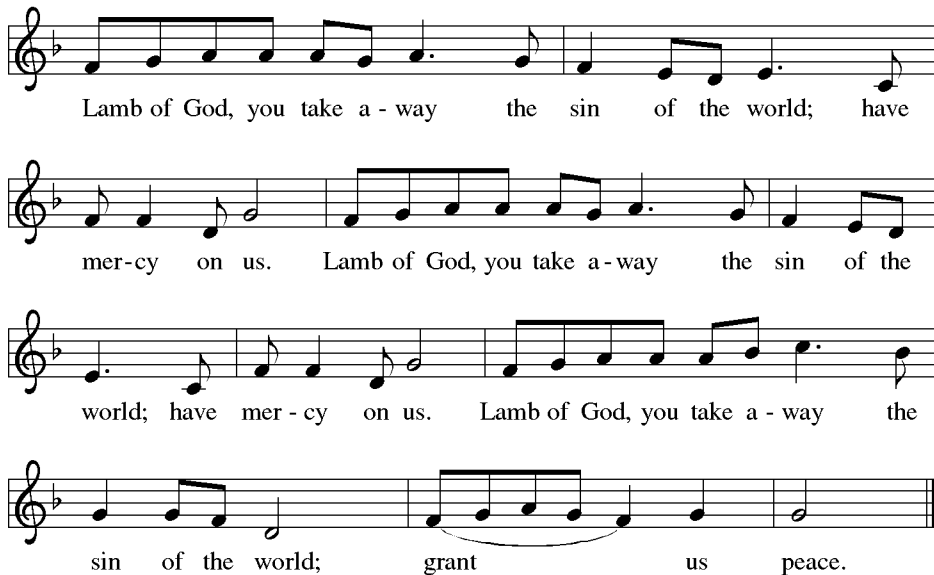
Please be seated

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

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.

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*

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

**Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.**

**Alleluia you are sounding, true Jerusalem and free;
alleluia, joyful mother, bring us to your jubilee;
here by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles still are we.**

**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 shall flow.**

**In our hymns we pray with longing: Grant us, blessed Trinity,
at the last to keep glad Easter with the faithful saints on high;
there to you forever singing alleluia joyfully.**

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

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

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**Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

*Everyone is invited to gather on the Front Lawn
following worship for refreshments and fellowship.*

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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