



Witnesses of Jesus' Glory

*Ministry Sunday -
Transfiguration of Our Lord*

February 11, 2024

THE FESTIVAL OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Twice during Jesus' ministry God the Father audibly spoke from heaven in approval, "This is my Son, whom I love, with him I am well pleased." That happened first at Jesus' baptism, his inauguration into public ministry where the Holy Spirit anointed him prophet, priest and king. Human in every way, Jesus' divine glory was hidden from sight. During epiphany, we have repeatedly glimpsed Jesus' glory through his ministry: teaching and preaching, performing miracles, healing the sick, and driving out demons.

A little more than two years had passed since his baptism. Jesus had done nothing to dissuade his Father's original declaration, but only served to enhance it. As Jesus stands today high on a mountain, we get more than a glimpse of his divine glory. For a moment he pulls back the veil of humanity to reveal his divine brilliance. In the intensity of Jesus' true nature, the disciples are reduced to babbling. Moses and Elijah discuss the greater glory to come, the glory of the cross. The Father consents, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

A little more than two thousand years have passed since his transfiguration. The Holy Spirit has illumined the eyes of our hearts to see the glory of Jesus, the glory of the cross. We have added our voice to the Father, and we have added our ears to his Word. To this day, the glory of Jesus continues to shine forth through each of us, our acts service done out of love for him who loved us first.

Redeemer is pleased to welcome Pastor Evan Chartrand to our chapel. Pastor Chartrand serves as the recruitment director of one of our WELS schools of ministry, Luther Preparatory school. On this transfiguration day when we glimpse the glory of Jesus through his sacrificial ministry, Pastor Chartrand will encourage us to consider ministry to advance the glory of Jesus's cross throughout the world.

It is good for us to be here. God bless your worship.

OFFERING

You may place your offering in one of the plates located in the church entryway.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	8:00am: Pastor Adam Mueller 10:45am: Pastor David Clark
Preacher	Pastor Evan Chartrand
Organist/Pianist	Rachel Casmer
Preservice	Lily Casmer
Musicians	Sharon Hartmann, Gail and Calli Stoeckman
Choir	Directed by: Nathan Reich
Usher Teams	8:00am: Ian & Jon Follendorf, Charlie Weinstein 10:45am: Patrick & Gabe Learned, Clyde Brumfield
Flowers	The flowers on the altar this morning were given to the Glory of God by the Stoeckman family in honor of February birthdays and anniversary.

† ORDER OF SERVICE †

OPENING HYMN

Christ the Eternal Lord | **521:1-4**

Stand

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING DIALOG

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

**See the sun outshined on the hill and hide.
Clothes like lightning white, heaven opens wide,
and a voice like thunder replies. *Refrain***

Refrain:

**Here's my Prophet, my Priest, my King,
a light in the dark, Christ steps in;
here's my Savior, my God, my King,
the time has come, Christ begins.**

**We stand, gathered round on the mountainside.
Watch the closing clouds hide him from our eyes;
with a voice united we cry: *Refrain***

The Word

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The children's devotion is a shortened version of the sermon intended to communicate God's truths in a simplified way. Children age 12 and under are encouraged to come forward.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANTHEM

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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*)

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, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance,
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
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*)**

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-15

God calls Moses as prophet from the burning bush.

¹ Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

⁴ When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

12 And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

15 God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Sing to the Lord | Psalm 96

Choir: 1st refrain, verses **ALL:** repeat and all refrains

Refrain

Sing to the Lord; O sing a new song.

Sing to the Lord; O sing a new song.

Sing to the Lord, sing God's praise, all you peoples;
New be your song as new honors you pay.
Sing of God's majesty, praise God forever,
Show God's salvation from day to day. **Refrain**

Tell of God's wondrous works; tell of God's glory
Till through the nations God's name is revered.
Praise and exalt the Lord, God the Almighty,
God over all, let the Lord be feared. **Refrain**

Vain are the idols and gods of the nations;
God made the heav'ns, and God's glory they tell.
Splendor and majesty shine in God's presence;
Glory and strength in God's temple dwell. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 9:7

Alleluia. A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud:
"This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

The transfiguration of Jesus.

² 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. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ 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." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ High-Ascended | **747:2-4**

SERMON

"Too Good not to Share"

1 Timothy 1:15

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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.**

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain.

Give us the firm resolve to listen to your Son, the eager readiness to believe his promises, and the joyful willingness to heed his commandments.

By the sign of Moses and Elijah, show us that blessed are the dead who die in faith.

They shall know the power of Christ's resurrection and shall be "changed from glory into glory."

O God and Father, let your Holy Spirit find a dwelling in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into the radiance of goodness, purity, and righteousness.

Transform our minds, our understanding, our judgments, and our whole persons to reflect the mind of Christ.

Take our sickness and pain, our disappointments and despair, our sorrows and mourning, our pride and anger, our selfishness and envy, our hate and fear: take all these, O Father, and transform them by the healing touch of Jesus.

Turn them into noble impulses, pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, high courage, and true faith.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Look on your Church, O Lord, here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer up to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving, and loving obedience.

Hear our prayer, and by your mercy grant our petitions for Christ's sake. Amen.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER AND MUSICAL OFFERTORY

SERMON HYMN

Go Forth and Preach the Gospel | **908:1,3**

Stand

PRAYER

Merciful Father, your kindness caused the light of the gospel to shine among us. Use us now as instruments of your love to reach out with the message of salvation to all people. Bless those who labor in mission fields near and far. Grant success to their witness and to ours that many more may be freed from sin; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

ALLELUIA, SONG OF TRIUMPH

**Alleluia, song of triumph,
sound of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem
ever dear to choirs on high;
saints adorned in robes of glory
join the great angelic cry.**

**Alleluia we are singing,
voicing hymns in pure accord,
with Christ's holy Church united,
justified, redeemed, restored,
and with all his faithful people
raise our songs to praise the Lord.**

**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.**

**May our hymns be filled with longing—
hear us, Holy Trinity—
as we look to your blest Easter,
here, and then eternally,
when we shall once more be singing
alleluia joyfully!**

Text: tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.; Latin, c. 11th cent.

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- ❖ *Restrooms are located in the entrance area of the church. A changing table is available in the women's restroom.*
- ❖ *A quiet room with a window is available in the entrance area of the church and offers live audio of the service. Parents may use this room to calm a restless child.*
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