



There he was transfigured in front of them.  
His clothes became radiant, dazzling white...  
Mark 9:2-3 (EHV)

**The Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ shine brightly in your hearts today and always.

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.

- Family restrooms are available in the multi-purpose room off the narthex or on the right side of the large hallway leading to the school wing.
- A parent's room with audio feed and a window into the sanctuary is available.
- Listening devices and six large print hymnals are available, please ask an usher.
- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with one of the pastors before communing with us. We remind you to be sure to fill out a communion registration card and place it in the offering plate. For your personal preparation before communing, turn to pages 156 and 11 in the front of the hymnal. Thank you.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Oh, wondrous type! Oh, vision fair of glory that the Church may share, which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows! O Father, with the eternal Son and Holy Spirit ever one, we pray you, bring us by your grace to see your glory face to face. Amen. (See also prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

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**SERVICE THEME** The glory of the Gospel of Jesus Christ outshines the glory of the Law given through Moses.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*The Common Service* on page 15 in the front of the hymnal

**OPENING HYMN**

**“How Good, Lord, to Be Here”**  
*Hymn 95*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: ♪Amen.

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what**

is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

♪ Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.

M: God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## GLORY BE TO GOD

♪ Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,  
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King,  
God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of  
the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive  
our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.  
For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the  
Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed

into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪Amen.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35

*Moses covered his face with a veil so that the Old Testament people would not see the fading glory of the Old Covenant of the Law, which would be eclipsed by the unfading glory of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>29</sup>When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not realize that the skin of his face was shining because he had been speaking with the LORD. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, they were amazed that the skin of his face was shining, so they were afraid to come close to him. <sup>31</sup>Moses called to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the community returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the people of Israel came close to him, and he gave them all of the commands that the LORD had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses was finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup>But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out again. Then he would come out and tell the people of Israel what he had been commanded. <sup>35</sup>Whenever the people of Israel saw Moses' face, they would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining. Then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the LORD again.

### SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

*God the Holy Spirit removes the veil of unbelief so that we might see the radiance of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, since we have this kind of hope, we act with great boldness. <sup>13</sup>We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the Israelites could not continue to look at the end of the radiance, as it was fading away. <sup>14</sup>In spite of this, their minds were hardened. Yes, up to the present day, the same veil remains when the Old Testament is read. It has not been removed because it is taken away only in Christ. <sup>15</sup>Instead, to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup>But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>But all of us who reflect

the Lord's glory with an unveiled face are being transformed into his own image, from one degree of glory to another. This too is from the Lord, who is the Spirit. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since we have this ministry as a result of the mercy shown us, we are not discouraged. <sup>2</sup>On the contrary, we have renounced shameful, underhanded methods. We do not operate in a deceitful way, and we do not distort the word of God. Instead, by proclaiming the truth clearly, we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

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

C: ♪Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

**"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**  
*Hymn 345*

M: The Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 9.

C: ♪Glory be to you, O Lord!

#### GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

*Jesus warns the people of Nazareth that when people reject the Gospel it will be taken from them and given to others.*

<sup>28</sup>About eight days after he said these words, Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Just then, two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him! <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were talking about his departure, which he was going to bring to fulfillment in Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Peter and those with him were weighed down with sleep, but when they were completely awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup>As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let's make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not realize what he was saying. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them. They were afraid as they went into the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>After the voice had spoken, they found Jesus alone. They kept this secret and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪Praise be to you, O Christ!

#### "It Is Good for Us to Be with Jesus"

*Pastor Zuberbier*

1. He takes us to the heights.
2. He goes with us through the valleys.

#### CREATE IN ME

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your  
Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy  
of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

SPLS BELLS IN 10:30 SERVICE

**“In Christ There Is No East or West”**  
*by Anna Laura Page*

**GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

### **THE SACRAMENT**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **♪And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **♪We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **♪It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:  
heav’n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he,  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **♪Amen.**

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**

**♪ O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin  
of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”**  
*Hymn 358*

**“If Your Beloved Son, O God”**  
*Hymn 393*

M: Let us pray.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **♪Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **♪Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## **FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA**

P: 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, the 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**

(Tune: CW 122)

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 forego.  
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!

### **ORGANIST**

Ruth Koepsell

### **GREETERS**

7:45 ~ Bonnie Baerwald

10:30 ~ Jerry & Diane Fricken