

February 11, 2024 8:00/9:30/10:45am

Transfiguration Sunday



Jesus ... led them up
a high mountain
And he was transfigured
before them.

MARK 9:2, ESV

WORSHIP LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS

Preacher: Pastor Greg Snow

Liturgist: Pastor Matthew Barry

Organist: Kristin Johnson

Musicians: Women's Choir

Elder: Jacob Garner/ Tim Peterson/Josh Peterson

Ushers: Mark Asmus/Mark Young/Brad Willmsen

Acolytes: Ethan Eickhoff, Evan Tesch/Addie Gilmore, Brooke Bachman

Welcome Team: Gayle Degler/Ben Peterson/Scott King-Ellison

Banners: Joan Bode

Children's participation in today's Worship -

- We will be singing a lot of Alleluias today. Encourage children to listen for them and to sing along! They could circle the Alleluias in the bulletin or count them as we speak and sing them.
- Children may color an Alleluia butterfly and bring it up to the Children's Sermon at the end of today's service. We will "bury" the Alleluia for the 40 days of Lent until Easter Sunday.

PRELUDE

“Christ on the Mountain Peak” (10:45)

Women’s Choir

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

LSB 816 v 1&2

Please stand and turn to face the processional cross.

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator’s praise arise;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung
Through ev’ry land by ev’ry tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord
Eternal truth attends Thy Word.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

BAPTISM (10:45)

Baptism of Miles Moran Fick, son of Matthew & Kylie Fick. Sponsors are Anna Huber-Weiland and Scott & Christina Fick. Miles is being baptized by his grandfather, Rev. Dr. Brad Stoltenow, Senior Pastor at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Centennial, Colorado.

CONFESSION

As God’s children through Baptism, let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are, by nature, sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world’s salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
To the triune Majesty!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, in the transfiguration of Your Son You gave us a glimpse of His glory and majesty. We pray that You would transform us, and empower us to serve You in word and deed, so that the light of Jesus Christ may shine through our lives to bring honor and majesty to You, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**Exodus 34:29-35**

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 know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses’ face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE**“Exalt the Lord”**

Von Kampen

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. 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. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

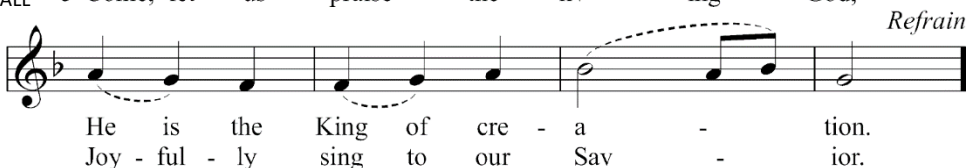
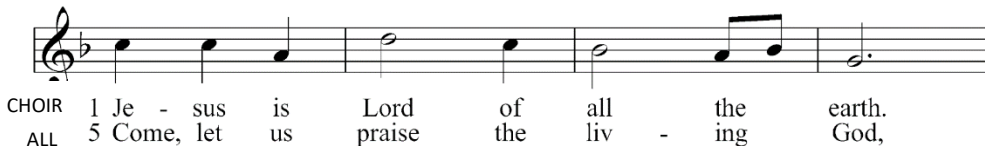
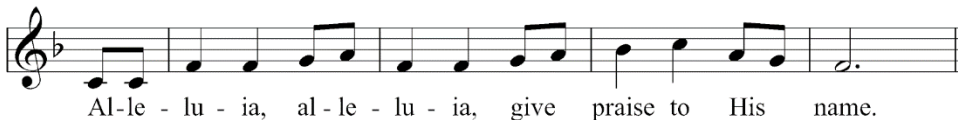
Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

ALLELUIA and VERSE

Choir sings Alleluia refrain 1st time; then congregation joins

Refrain



HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

Jesus, take us to the mountain,
Where, with Peter, James, and John,
We are dazzled by your glory,
Light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night
By the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there,
That your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there
Fills us with the selfsame awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go
Matched to meet our deadliest foe

What do you want us to hear there,
That your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven
Says of the Incarnate Word:
"Listen, listen, everyone,
This is my beloved Son!"

Take us to that other mountain
Where we see You glorified.
Where You shouted, "It is finished!"
Where for all the world You died.
Hear the stunned centurion:
"Truly this was God's own Son!"

We who have beheld Your glory,
Risen and ascended Lord,
Cannot help but tell the story,
All that we have seen and heard,
Say with Peter, James, and John:
"You are God's beloved Son!"

SERMON

"Take a Look Inside"

Pastor Snow

SERMON HYMN

“How Good Lord to Be Here”

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.

OFFERING

Musical Offering “Christ on the Mountain Peak” (8:00/9:30) Women’s Choir

APOSTLES’ CREED (9:30/10:45)

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

For the glory of Christ to be revealed to the world, and that we may be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit to show His glory in our lives, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For the grace to celebrate the revelation of Christ’s glory, and for the courage to follow His journey to the cross, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For the Church of God, that it may be faithful in its proclamation of the Gospel, and that it may have courage to speak God's Law and Gospel in the world, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For Miles Fick as he becomes God's child through the washing of Holy Baptism this day, that God would continue the work begun in Miles through the power of the Holy Spirit and that we would welcome Miles with joy into our family of faith, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For all who suffer from illness, troubled minds or spirits, loneliness or doubts, grief or loss....that God would supply the needs of all who call on Him, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

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Alleluia, song of gladness,
Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem
Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding
Thus they sing eternally.

Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee,
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter
With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee forever singing
Alleluia joyfully.

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.

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

This day marks the end of the Epiphany season for us. On Ash Wednesday, the 1st day of the season of Lent, the Church begins the annual journey to the Cross of Jesus. The season of Lent is a time of reflection, meditation, repentance, and prayer. Traditionally, Christians refrain from singing our most jubilant hymns during Lent, and also refrain from saying or singing "alleluia", which means, "praise the Lord." At the end of today's service, therefore, we will bid farewell to "alleluia", symbolically preparing ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. Our alleluias will return with joy on Easter as we celebrate the Resurrection!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to bring their alleluia butterflies up and put them in the box. These butterflies will return on Easter!

RECESSIONAL HYMN "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" LSB 816 v3

During the singing of this hymn stanza the Alleluia Banner will be recessed out of the church, to return again on Easter morning.

All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Lenten Devotions and a Family Lent Calendar are available at the Information Desk.

Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday 2/14/24
Worship 4:15pm/6:30pm Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
Meal 5:00pm Sloppy Joes meal provided by Mary Martha Guild

Midweek Lenten Services
2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20
Worship 4:15pm/6:30pm The Passion of Jesus according to St. John
Join us for a light supper each week from 5:00-6:15pm

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Service 3/28 4:15/7:00pm
Good Friday Service 3/29

- Passion Readings & Hymns 10:00am
- Tenebrae: Seven Last Words from the Cross 7:00pm

Easter Sunday 3/31

- 7:00 Sunrise
- 8:15/9:30/10:45 Festival Worship

UPCOMING WEEK	
Monday, February 12	Monday Night Meal 5:00pm
	Worship 6:30pm
Tuesday, February 13	Elders Meeting 6:30pm
	Mary Martha Guild 6:30pm
Wednesday, February 14	Moms in the Word 9:30am
	Ash Wednesday Services 4:15 and 6:30
	Lenten Meal 5:00-6:15pm
	Women’s Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm
Thursday, February 15	Women’s Lifelight Bible Study 9:30am
Friday, February 16	AA 6:30pm
Saturday, February 17	Bible and Bacon 7:30am

In Our Prayers

Expectant Moms

Ashley Lenz
Christina Krueger
Clara Crawley-Reid
Melissa Dubbe
Kenzie Kloos

For Healing and Strength

James & Beverly Mead (Tracy Schwardt's parents)
Lowell Lenz
Angie Rannow
Noah Affeldt
Jo Biebighauser

In Sympathy

Family and friends of Angie Waller. Funeral service will be at St. John's on Tuesday, February 13th at 11:00am. Visitation prior to the service at 9:30am.

Celebrating Birthdays

2/11 Abel Otto
Nancy Van Sloun
Timothy Rawerts

2/12 Emma Johnson
Orline Moore
Airin Matzke
Jake Thuente

2/13 Autumn Christiansen
Calvin Pandolfo
Craig Pauling
Kevin Milbrandt
Lexie Pandolfo
Lori Siedelman

2/14 Cara Krenz
Derek Schmitz
Faith Hagen
Hayley Hammons
Joelle Oliver
Sandra Sprengeler

2/15 Candie Sather
Daniel Klein
Jennifer Angell
Jonica Marshall
Orman Rodningen

2/16 Jordan Wolfer
Katelynnd Voigt
Kendra Stewart
Landon Schneewind
Mason Krueger

2/17 Alex Fredrickson
Kyle Fredrickson
Troy Bachmann

2/18 Darlene Peterson



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