



***WELCOME TO***



**GLORIA DEI**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
GATHERING IN CHRIST † SHARING HIS LOVE

# **Transfiguration Sunday**

## **March 2, 2025**

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

**We welcome all who worship with us. If you are a guest, we are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Our worship is always enhanced by new faces and voices. If you are already a part of our church family, welcome home.**

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## **Prelude: Voluntary**

### **WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

### **P: CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations  
of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy, O God,  
**against you, you alone,  
we have sinned.**  
**In your compassion,  
cleanse us from our sin  
and take away our guilt.  
Create in us a new heart**

**and give us a steadfast spirit.  
Do not cast us away,  
but fill us with your Holy Spirit  
and restore your joy within us.  
Amen**

God proclaims these words of assurance:  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name. You are mine."  
In Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW 815 "I Want to Walk as a  
Child of the Light"**

**P: 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.**

**KYRIE: ELW 155 "Kyrie Eleison" Russian  
Orthodox**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW 167 "Now the Feast and  
Celebration"**

## **P: PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray....

*A brief silence is kept for our own intentions.*

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.**

*All respond: **Amen.***

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

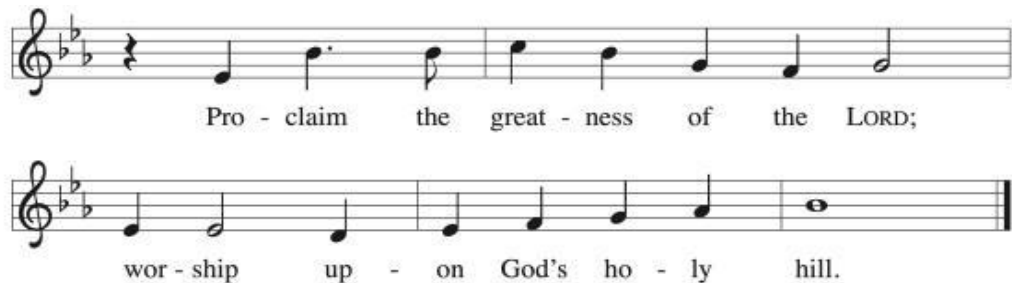
### **FIRST READING: EXODUS 34:29-35**

*Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: PSALM 99



Psalm 99:9

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<sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; let the <sup>1</sup> people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let <sup>1</sup> the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD, <sup>1</sup> great in Zion,  
is high a- <sup>1</sup> bove all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them confess God's name, which is <sup>1</sup> great and awesome;

God is the <sup>1</sup> Holy One.

<sup>4</sup> **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have  
es- <sup>1</sup> tablished equity;  
you have executed justice and righteous- <sup>1</sup> ness  
in Jacob. R**

<sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down  
be- <sup>1</sup> fore God's footstool;  
God is the <sup>1</sup> Holy One.

<sup>6</sup> **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,**  
<sup>7</sup> you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

<sup>8</sup> **O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the | Holy One. **R**

## **SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2**

*In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 174 "Celtic Alleluia"**

## **GOSPEL: LUKE 9:28-36**

*The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.*

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel concludes:*  
The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*The assembly is seated.*  
*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 306 "Come, Beloved of the Maker"**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## **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**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

## **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

Deuteronomy 16:17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord, your God, which he has given you.

## **OFFERTORY: ELW 677 "This Little Light of Mine"**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads in prayer. Please stand at the invitation to pray:*

Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:

our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always. **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE**

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.**

### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your  
name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS: ELW 191 "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE, EPIPHANY**

*The presiding minister leads the Eucharistic Prayer*

*At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, all say:*

**Amen.**

### **\*The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)**

*(Those who wish may hold hands as a sign of Christian unity).*

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The joy of the Lord is our strength.  
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

## **LAMB OF GOD: ELW 197 "O Lamb of God"**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All Baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Those who do not wish to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (fold your arms over your chest).*

*The Body is available as bread or gluten-free Host.*

*The Blood is available as wine (large chalices) or non.-alcoholic juice (small chalice). Worshipers may receive Communion via "intinction," dipping the Host into the Chalice, or by common cup, on the PULPIT side of the Altar. If you're on the Pulpit side, you may also feel free to intinct. The other chalice is for intinction ONLY.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

*The body of Christ, given for you.*

*The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

*The appropriate response is:*

*Amen.*

*During the distribution, please pray silently or join in singing.*

## **Hymn: ELW 671 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

**Choir: Shout to the Lord**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Please stand at the invitation to pray:*

Let us pray.

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us  
With holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for  
service, and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God,  
✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

**Amen.**

## **FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA**

**SENDING HYMN: ELW 318 "Alleluia, Song of  
Gladness"**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: Voluntary**

***The end of Worship –  
The beginning of Christian Ministry.***

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## ***SERVING TODAY***

<b>Pastor:</b>		Pastor Lynn M. Fonfara
<b>Music Director:</b>		Len Cremisio
<b>Asst. Ministers:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	
Reader:		Quiana Menchaca
Crucifer:		James Menchaca
Communion Assistant:		
Assisting Minister:		Vaike O'Grady
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Crystal Kirkpatrick, Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson, John Kelly
<b>Altar Care:</b>		Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick, Craig Carlson
<b>Post Worship Sec.:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Maureen Skurecki
<b>Counters:</b>		Jeanne Talts
<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Fellowship:</b>		

**Communion Wine:** For March in Loving Memory of Allen, Emma & Helen Weber Given by Nancy & MaryJean Kancel

**Altar Flowers:** 2/23- June & Jim Rieb in honor of Mardi Yance, Happy Birthday.

3/2- Bernadine Kirkpatrick in loving memory of Clarence Kirkpatrick. Happy Birthday.

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