

The Transfiguration of Our Lord February 10/11, 2024

Prelude

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

Sadowski/Costello

Pastoral Greeting

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation:O Wondrous Type! O Vision FairLSB 413

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

 \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** 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.
- 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.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit (5 PM Spoken Responsively / 8 AM Sung by the Choir - Gerike)

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

for the LORD our God is holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

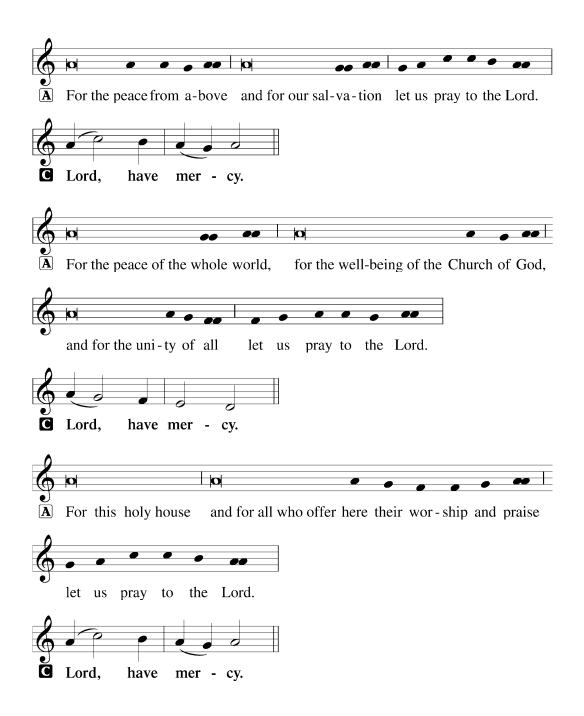
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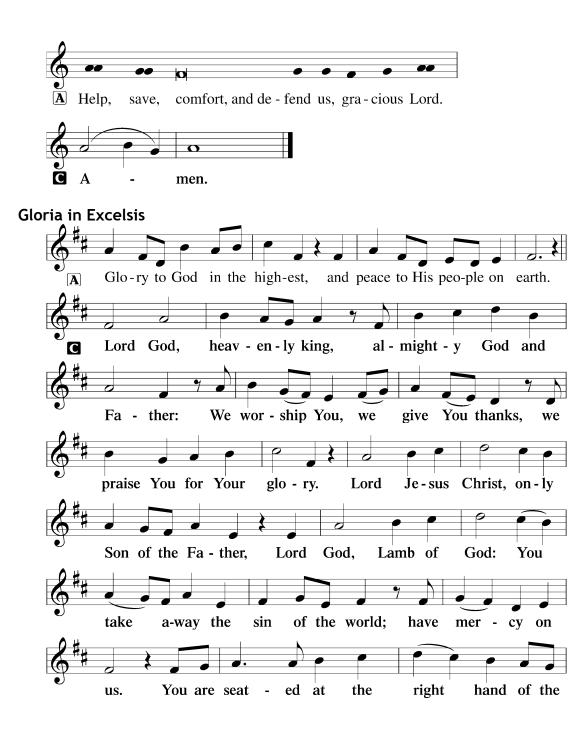
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

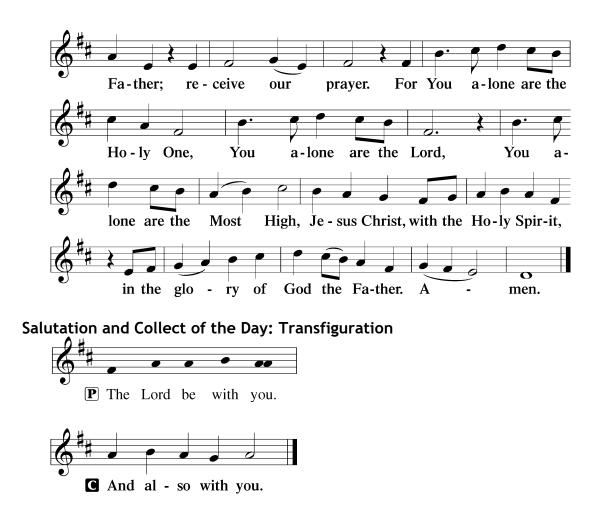
Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

for the LORD our God is holy!









P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." ¹⁰And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual (Spoken Together)

Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

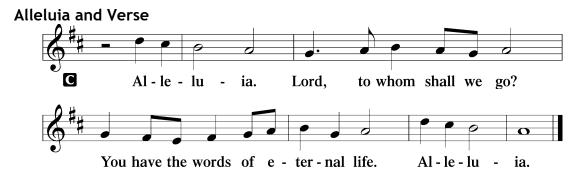
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 4:1-6

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not 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. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But 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. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In 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. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For 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.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.



²After 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, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And 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." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹And 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Hymn of the Day:

Beautiful Savior (8 AM - Choir verse 3) (8 AM - Christine Krueger, violin) LSB 537

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

G I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

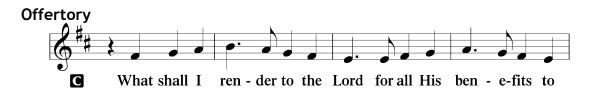
and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offerings may be left in the plates as you leave, mailed to Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 11453 E Wesley Ave, Aurora, CO 80014, or you may give online at https://mtolc.org.





Welcome Christian friends! Please respect what we believe, teach and confess regarding the Lord's Supper.

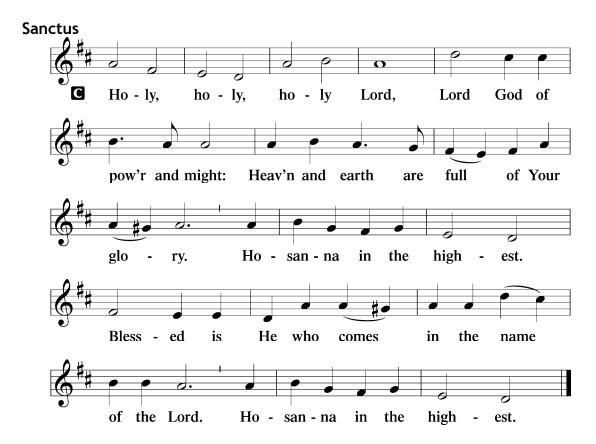
- Holy Communion is a confession of faith. If you are not currently a confessing member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation please make an appointment to speak with the pastor before communing.
- We celebrate Holy Communion in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins.
- If you are not communing, but would like to come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Service of the Sacrament



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the

company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.

Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

 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 Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

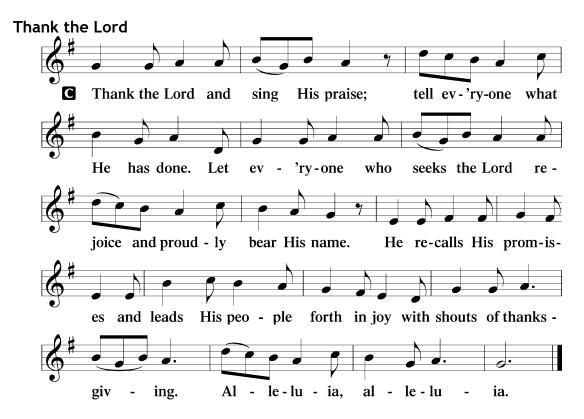


Sit

Distribution

(8 AM) Chancel Choir All for Christ I Have Forsaken LSB 753 (Hymn of the Month - see page 21)
 (8 AM) Distribution Hymn: 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here LSB 414
 (8 AM) Distribution Hymn: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face LSB 631

Stand

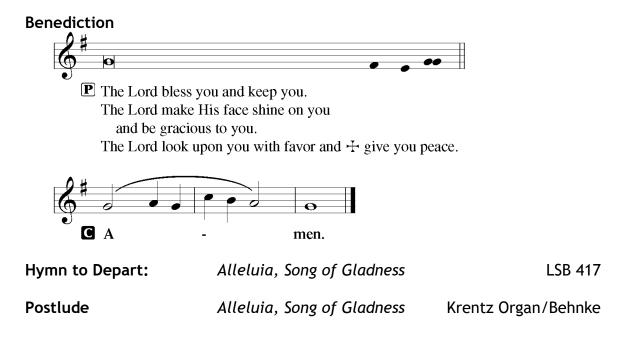


Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



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Everyone is welcome to the Fellowship Hall from 9-9:30 AM where coffee and donuts are available. Enjoy some fellowship time with our Christian friends.

Pastor – Rev. Robert Harmon Organist – Mark Elmshauser Praise Team – Nancy McWhirter, director (10:45) Elder – Jeff Claxton (5), Joe Stibrich (8), Keith Einspahr (10:45) Usher – Brian Pelepchan Greeters – Carolyn Morton (8), Devonne Domineck (10:45) Altar Guild – Kathy Leising, Sandra Sall



The altar flowers are given by Glenn & Christine Krueger in celebration of David's birthday.

This Week	
Today	Traditional Worship 8 AM
	Adult Bible Class 9:30 AM
	Children's Sunday School 9:30 AM
	Contemporary Worship 10:45 AM
	Confirmation 12 noon
Tuesday	Praise Team 1:30 PM
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Service 10:30 AM
	Lenten Lunch 11:30 AM
	Chamber Group 5 PM
	Meal 5:45 PM
	Bell Choir 6 PM
	Ash Wednesday Service 7 PM
	Chancel Choir 7:45 PM
Thursday	Faith and Mercy Circles 1 PM
Friday	Bridge 12:30 PM
Saturday	Youth Group Event 2 PM
	Traditional Worship 5 PM

Sunday Traditional Worship 8 AM Strategic Planning Meeting 9:30 AM Children's Sunday School 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 10:45 AM Confirmation 12 noon

See The Loop for a complete list of activities and details at mtolc.org

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LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday: February 14th at 10:30 AM and 7 PM Lenten Midweek services: February 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th at 10:30 AM and 7 PM

A meal will precede our Ash Wednesday 7 PM service (from 5:30-6:15 PM).



Meals will be served after all morning services throughout Lent. February 14th, 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th

"God is Love" Youth Group Event

Join us on Saturday, February 17th from 2-4 pm in the fellowship hall. There will be games, crafts, snacks, and other fun activities. We will also assemble care packages for the homeless.

Donations Requested: We are in need of items to include in our care packages. These include high protein foods (individually wrapped), personal care items, things for the cold weather like socks, hats, gloves, hand warmers, etc. Donations can be dropped off in the bin in the narthex.

HYMN OF THE MONTH

The hymn of the month for February is Lutheran Service Book (LSB) #753 – All for Christ I Have Forsaken, written by Calvin Chao (1906-1996). Born to nonbelieving parents in China, Chao was converted to Christianity following years of instruction from Christian missionaries. He entered into Christian mission work in China before and during the Japanese occupation in the 1930s and 1940s. Chao was persecuted during the early years of communist rule in China and eventually moved to the United States. Chao gave up much for the sake of Christ.

Stanza 1 affirms Jesus' word that taking up the cross constitutes the normal Christian life. The stanza confesses that everything one has lost or forsaken is nothing compared to Christ. "Dross" refers to the impurities that are removed when ore is smelted to produce pure metal such as silver or gold. Stanza 2 draws energy from God's promise that His followers will lack nothing that they truly need. Scorning every temptation to take one's hand from the plow (Luke 9:62), the hymn expresses eager yearning to follow Christ, no matter where He leads. Stanza 3 makes explicit that everything depends on the free grace of God. The same Lord who gives life also guards us in every peril, even death. Stanza 4 reflects Christ's promise of the Father's care for us, even certainty that God will care for those dearest to us. The final stanza is an all-encompassing confession of God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

The tune used for this hymn is called RESTORATION, a nineteenth century tune of unidentified composition from the United States. The tune was associated with "All for Christ I Have Forsaken" when the text was first published.

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