

The Transfiguration of our Lord

February 27 2022, 8:45 & 11:15 am



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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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Schönster Herr Jesu"

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation.

Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:

In ✠ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 631

Love Divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



Lis - ten! you na - tions of the world: lis - ten to the Word of the Lord. An -



nounce it from coast to coast; de - clare it to dis - tant is - lands.



1 The Lord who scat - tered Is - ra - el will gath - er his peo - ple a - gain; and



he will keep watch o - ver them as a shep - herd watch - es his flock. *Refrain*



2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac - es ra - diant - ly hap - py, for the



Lord is so gen - 'rous to them; he show - ers his peo - ple with gifts. *Refrain*



3 Young wom - en will dance for joy, and men young and old will make



mer - ry. Like a gar - den re - freshed by the rain, they will nev - er be in want a -



gain. Break in - to shouts of great joy; Ja - cob is free a - gain! Teach



na - tions to sing the song: "The Lord has saved his peo - ple!"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

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.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, 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 spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 99

(8:45 & 11:15) The refrain is introduced by the choir/cantor. Please sing the second time. Please sing the verses printed in bold. The refrain is subsequently sung once where indicated.



Pro - claim the great-ness of the Lord; wor-ship up-on God's ho - ly hill.

The Lord is king; let the [peo]-ple tremble. *

He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the [earth] shake.

The Lord is great in Zion;*

he is high a-[bove] all peoples.

Let them confess his name, which is [great] and awesome;*

he [is] the Holy One.

“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;*

you have executed justice and [righteousness] in Jacob.”

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,

and fall down be-[fore] his footstool;*

he [is] the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon his name,*

they called upon the {Lord and} he answered them. **R**

He spoke to them out of the [pillar] of cloud;*

they kept his testimonies and the de-[cree that] he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;*

you were a God who forgave them,

yet punished them for their [e]-vil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,

and worship him upon his 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.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir/Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir/Cantor: This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him! (Luke 9:35)

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the ninth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miller

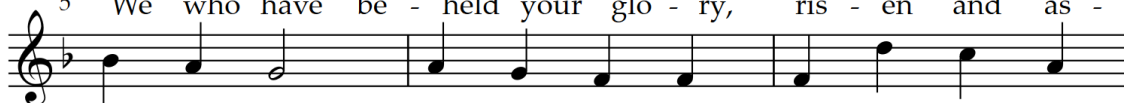
HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, take us to the mountain

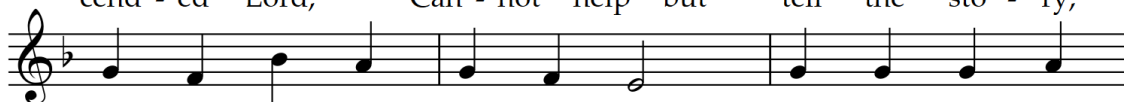
Silver Spring



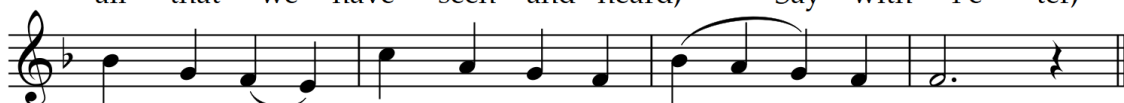
1 Je sus, take us to the moun-tain where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



James, and John, We are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the Voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, Where You shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, Can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



flight as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; Say with Pe - ter,



for the night by the vi - sion of _____ that sight.
 ours You go _____ matched to meet our dead - liest Foe.
 ev' - ry - one, _____ This is my be - lov - ed Son!"
 tur - i - on: _____ "Tru - ly this was God's _____ own Son!"
 James, and John: _____ "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

Text: Jaroslav Vajda (1919-2008)
 Music: SILVER SPRING, Carl Schalk (1929-2021)

Commissioned in 1990 for the 50th anniversary of Saint Luke

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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

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ANTHEM (8:45)

O Paschal Lam of Radiant Light

O Paschal Lamp of radiant light,
Draw near to us throughout the night.
That we encircled by its glow
A peaceful rest may come to know.

O Candle breaking through the dark,
Hope's glimmer to each one impart,
So when the sun calls forth the dawn
New life, new love may greet the morn.

Praise to our God, the Three in One:
The Father and the Blessed Son,
and Holy Spirit we adore
Grant us your grace forevermore.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Words: Gerry Wolf

Music: Sam Batt Owens (1928-1998)

CELLO VOLUNTARY (11:15)

Andante Cantabile

Katharine E. Lucke

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord of all creation. We thank and praise you for the redemption you have prepared for us through our light and peace, Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts to establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to receive our Redeemer who comes to us in this Holy Supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga a nosotros tu Reino
Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia
Perdona nuestras ofensas
Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

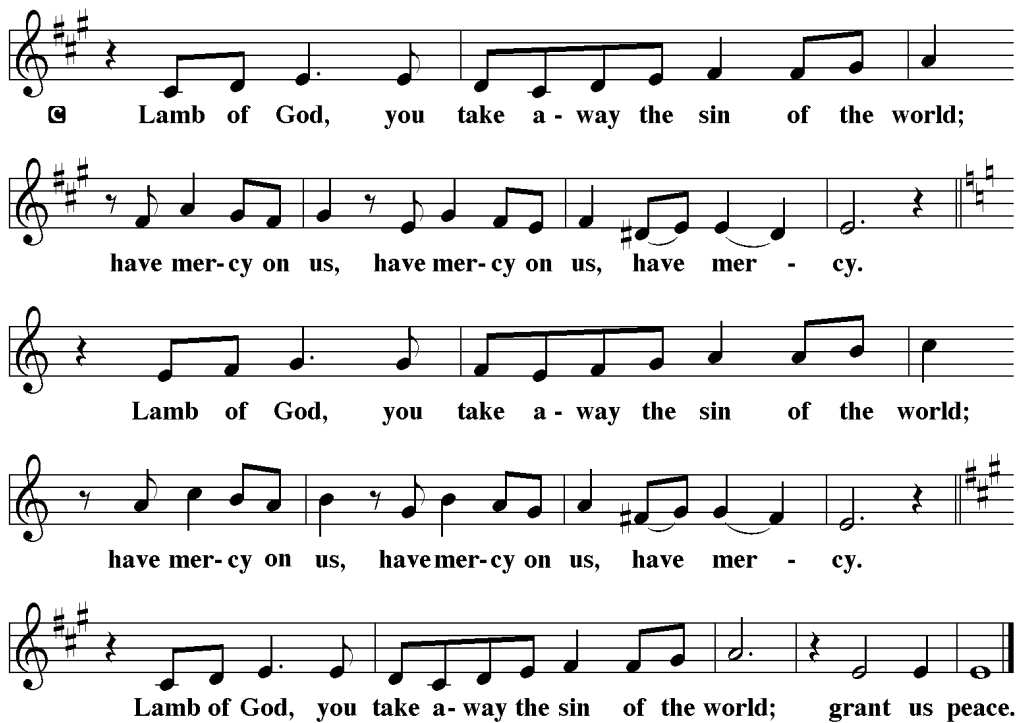
Come to God's table.
There is a place for you and enough for all.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

When communing, kindly receive the communion elements from the servers. The servers will then step back. At that time, please remove your mask and partake of the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Then proceed to the appropriate station to deposit your individual cup.

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 communicant may say:
Amen.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
 have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
 have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 838

Beautiful Savior

Schönster Herr Jesu



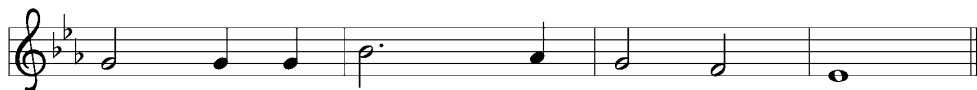
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE • ELW 318

Please sing verses 1 and 4 only.



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
- 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
- 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - ges - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

FAREWELL TO THE ALLELUIA

Let us begin the journey from ashes to Easter.

Farewell to the Alleluia for the forty days of Lent.

Let us return to the Lord who is merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Farewell to the Alleluia for the forty days of Lent.

Let us await with eagerness the resurrection of our Lord.

Farewell to the Alleluia for the forty days of Lent.

SENDING

BLESSING

Light and peace are ours through Jesus Christ.
Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Amen.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • ELW 316

Oh, Wondrous image, vision fair

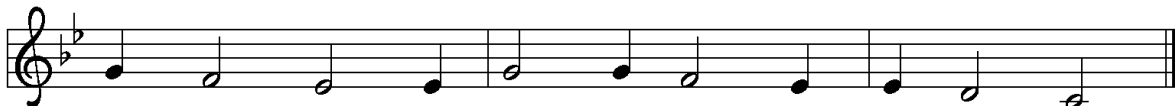
Deo Gracias



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Grand Plein Jeu on "Deo Gracias"

Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

ASSISTING MINISTER

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

READERS

8:45 a.m. Ron Hebensperger

11:15 a.m. Darrell Neily

MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

(8:45) Schola Cantorum

(11:15) Ralph Watkins, *Cantor*

(11:15) Sarah Aderholdt, *Cello*

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at Saint Luke Lutheran

February 27, 2022

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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FEB

8:45 am Worship, *in-person & streaming online*

10:15 am Faith Formation *in person*

11:15 am Worship, *in-person*

5: 00 pm San Lucas Missa, *Online*

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

06
MAR

8:45 am Worship, *in-person & streaming online*

10:15 am Faith Formation *in person*

11:15 am Worship, *in-person*

3: 00 pm San Lucas Gospel Meditation, *Online*

Upcoming Commemorations

George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633
Tuesday, March 1, 2022

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church
Wednesday, March 2, 2022

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

The journey from ashes to Easter begins....

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

6:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Ashes-To-Go South Parking Lot

Special Safety Measures in Place

(Weather permitting)

12:00 Noon Ash Wednesday Service Nave

Imposition of Ashes, Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Full Liturgy) Nave

Special Safety Measures in Place for Imposition of Ashes

Music Ministry Page

HYMN NOTES

Love Divine, all loves excelling

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

The idea for the hymn was taken from a popular song by the poet Dryden, “Fairest isle, all isles excelling.” Its theme is the great thread of divine love which runs through all of Wesley’s hymns. After a prayer addressed to Christ to dwell within our lives, the hymn turns to the theme of sanctification—God’s “great salvation” is sufficient to deliver a Christian from the power as well as from the guilt of sin (2 Corinthians 5:17). Thus we are “going on to perfection,” being “changed from glory into glory” (2 Corinthians 3:18).—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Jesus, take us to the mountain

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919-2008

Born of Czechoslovakian parents, Vajda was educated at Concordia College in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. Ordained as a Lutheran pastor in 1944, he served congregations in Pennsylvania and Indiana until 1963. He was editor of the periodicals *The Lutheran Beacon* (1959-1963) and *This Day* (1963-1971) and book editor and developer for Concordia Publishing House in St. Louis from 1971 until his retirement in 1986. The hymn tune SILVER SPRING was written by celebrated composer Carl Schalk in 1990 for the 50th anniversary of Saint Luke.

Beautiful savior

Anon. in a Münster manuscript

How often a simple work which no one felt was worth claiming has become an all time favorite. The choir director at St. Thomas’ Church in Leipzig (Bach’s famous church) discovered the Silesian tune, and Richard Willis (who also wrote the tune for “It came upon the midnight clear”) introduced it to America. All nature is beautiful, but Jesus is fairest of all. - Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Oh wondrous image, vision fair

Here is a Latin text for Transfiguration from the fifteen-century Sarum Breviary, translated by John Mason Neale. His original in the Hymnal Noted, Part 2 began, “A type of those bright rays on high,” with six stanzas. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* prints a substantially altered version with the second and third stanza elided, maintaining nonetheless the brightness of the transfigured Christ and the connection with Moses and Elijah.—Hymnal Companion to ELW

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on “Schönster Herr Jesu” - Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Gerre Hancock served as Organist at Second Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas; Assistant Organist at Saint Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church, New York; Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Church (now Christ Church Cathedral) in Cincinnati, Ohio; and Organist and Master of the Choristers at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue in New York City from 1971 to 2004. He was highly respected as one of America’s greatest improvisers at the organ. This piece was written “for the Rev. Robert Scoggin and the Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians.” It is two simple renderings of the tune with introduction, interlude and coda. While envisioned for a large and colorful organ, the basic musical integrity of the piece is such that it works remarkably well on smaller instruments.

Anthem: O Paschal Lamp of Radiant Light—Sam Batt Owens (1928-1998)

Sam Batt Owens enjoyed a long career as a well-known organist, composer, and church musician. Owens was born in Ashland, Ala., in 1928. He received a B. Mus. in organ performance, from the Birmingham Conservatory of Music, a M. Mus. in organ performance and composition from Birmingham-Southern College, and a D.M.A. in organ performance and musicology from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. He was President of the Association of Anglican Musicians from 1989-1991 and established the AAM Placement Office. He was the recipient of numerous awards.

Postlude: Grand Plein Jeu on “Deo Gracias” - Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)

This setting of the hymn tune DEO GRACIAS is written in a French classical style with a four-voiced full plenum played in the hands. The hymn tune is played on Trumpet sounds in the feet (pedal).