

The Transfiguration of our Lord

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VERSICLE A voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.” (Mark 9:7b)

PRAYER OF THE DAY Dearest Jesus, you took your friends with you onto the mount of transfiguration to witness your glory and hear the voice of your Father. Help us to prepare our hearts for seeing you shine so in our lives. Open our ears to hear that same voice and listen to you in all the ways of our lives. Bless our time of worship, strengthen our faith, and fill us with peace and joy in you.

WORSHIP NOTES At this time of the church year Christians stand at the threshold of Lent. Before we follow our Savior to the humiliation of the cross, Jesus gives us a glimpse of his heavenly glory. His glory confirms what the law and the prophets and his own Father say about him, he is the Son of God!

Participation in the Lord’s Supper is a privilege Jesus extends to persons who adhere to his Word and have publicly confessed their oneness in the faith. This biblical teaching is the basis for our practice of “close communion” at Our Savior. Members of other WELS or ELS congregations are invited to commune with us. Other guests are asked to speak with the pastor if they wish to commune.

GUESTS Welcome to our visitors!

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Parents’ Room: Also at the far (south) side of the entry area.

Hearing Help: Enhanced hearing units are available. Contact an usher.

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WELCOME

How Good, Lord, to Be Here

CW 389



1	How	good,	Lord,	to	be	here!	Your	glo - ry	fills	the	night;
2	How	good,	Lord,	to	be	here	your	beau - ty	to	be - hold,	
3	Ful -	fil -	ler	of	the	past,	and	hope	of	things	to be,
4	Be -	fore	we	taste	of	death,	we	see	your	king-dom	come;



your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor-rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes-sen-gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re-demp-tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.

5 But you, Lord, do not stay.
With mercy resolute
you leave this glorious hill to die—
our perfect substitute.

6 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.

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the [+] Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest *CW 176*





peo - ple on earth.

Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

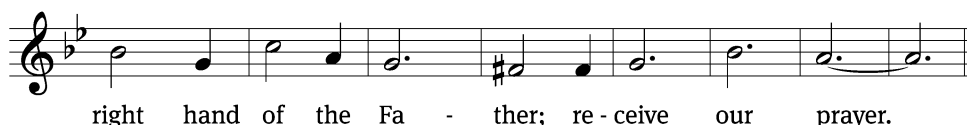


Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth.

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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

FIRST READING *Exodus 24:9–18*

⁹Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

¹³Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

¹⁵When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *2 Peter 1:16–21*

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mark 9:7*

Alleluia, alleluia.

A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud:

“This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Matthew 17:1–9*

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” ⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

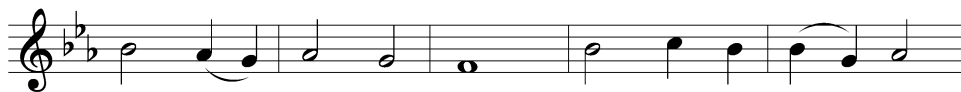
Be seated

Beautiful Savior

CW 522



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



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee,
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
 spark - ling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



tru - ly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, he makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels in the sky.
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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SERMON

Matthew 17:1–9

“The Transfigured Jesus”

Stand

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**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 truly 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.**

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERING

While the offerings are being collected, members are reminded to fill in the Friendship Register and pass the entire pad to the next person. Visitors, please include your email and phone number, so we can thank you for worshiping with us.

THE SACRAMENT

Stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

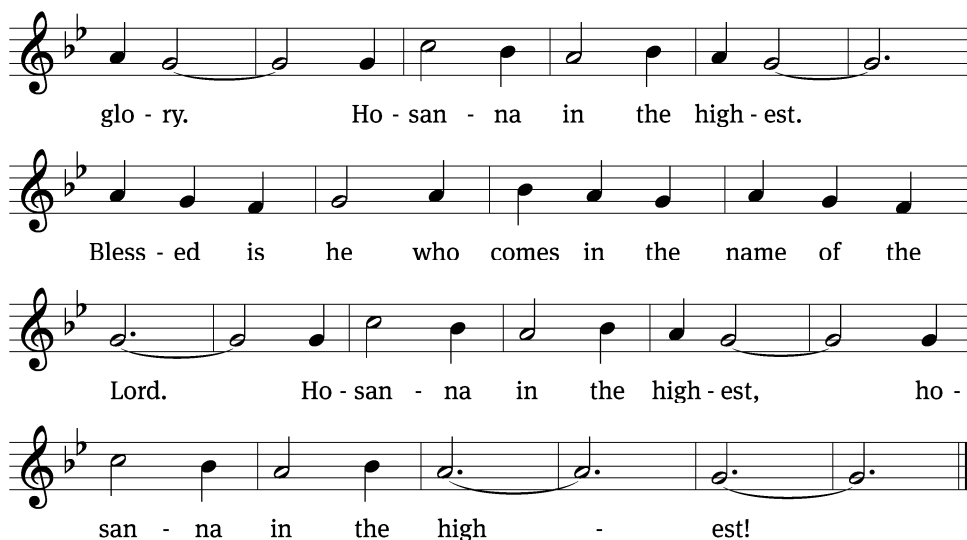
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy father, almighty and everlasting God, though 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 CW 184





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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God CW 186

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

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

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Be seated

DISTRIBUTION

"Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" found on page 156 in CW.

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

CW 390



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,



light 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!"
 tu - ri - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
 James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and [+] give you peace.

Amen.

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

CW 884

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see and taste your king-dom's
plea - sure, your blood my roy - al robe shall be, my
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your
throne, your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; with

these I need not hide me. And there, in garments rich - ly
wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought, to
stand in joy be - side you.

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SILENT PRAYER **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lent 2023



Sermons Preached By Jesus' Enemies

MidWeek Worship

Thursdays at 3:30 & 7:00 pm

Feb 22/23:	Ash Wednesday 3:30 pm & Thursday 7:00 pm		
March 2:	Lent 2	John 11:45-48	The Sanhedrin
March 9:	Lent 3	John 11:49-53	Caiaphas
March 16:	Lent 4	Luke 22:60-71	The Sanhedrin
March 23:	Lent 5	John 19:12-16	The Chief Priests
March 30:	Lent 6	Matthew 27:38-44	The Chief Priests

Holy Week & Easter

April 2:	Palm Sunday:	8:00 & 10:30 am
April 6:	Maundy Thur:	3:30 & 7 pm
April 7:	Good Friday:	1:00 pm
April 7:	Good Friday:	7:00 pm
April 9:	Easter Sunday:	7:00 am
April 9:	Easter Sunday:	9:30 am

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (2/19)	8:00	am	Worship Service w/communion
	9:15	am	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15	am	Sunday School
	10:30	am	Worship Service w/communion
	11:45	am	Call Meeting
Tuesday	10:30	am	Senior Bible Study
Wednesday	8:30	am	Children's Chapel
	3:30	pm	Ash Wednesday Worship w/comm
Thursday	7:00	pm	Ash Wednesday Worship w/comm
Sunday (2/26)	8:00	am	Worship Service
	9:15	am	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15	am	Sunday School
	10:30	am	Worship Service

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	Genesis 22:1-18
Second Lesson	Romans 8:31-39
Gospel	Mark 8:3 1-38
Psalm	Psalm 3

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.
Link on our website (see below).*

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

TRANSFIGURATION
Service Theme

PREACHER

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MUSICIAN

Emily Christie

HYMNS

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SECOND LESSON

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GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

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