# The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday, February 23, 2020



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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DIVINE SERVICE: Setting Four

HYMN "Jesus on the Mountain Peak"......LSB 415

#### INVOCATION

*P:* In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.** 

# **CONFESSION and ABOLUTION**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

#### C: who made heaven and earth.

- P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- *P*: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: 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.

#### INTROIT

Ps. 99:1–5; antiphon: Ps. 99:9

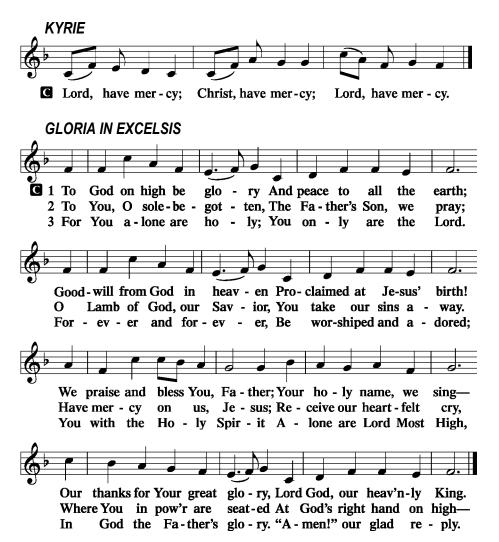
- *P:* Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!
- C: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

- P: The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.
- C: Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is He!
- *P:* The King in His might loves justice. You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

C: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!

- P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*P:* Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!



# SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

#### C: And also with you.

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 coheirs 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

#### Exodus 24:8–18

<sup>8</sup> And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." <sup>9</sup> Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup> and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup> And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. <sup>12</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup> So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." <sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

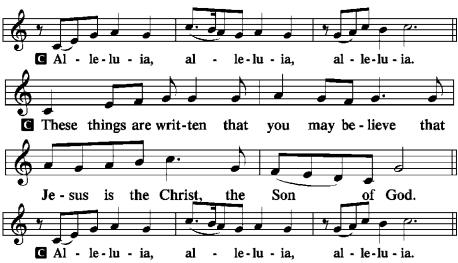
#### EPISTLE READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. <sup>17</sup> For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," <sup>18</sup> we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



ALLELUIA and VERSE

*P:* The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter. **C:** Glory to You, O Lord.

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

<sup>1</sup> And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup> And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. <sup>4</sup> And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If You wish, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." <sup>8</sup> And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup> And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

*P:* This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

# NICENE CREED

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.

HYMN "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory" ..... LSB 416

#### SERMON

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

# GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

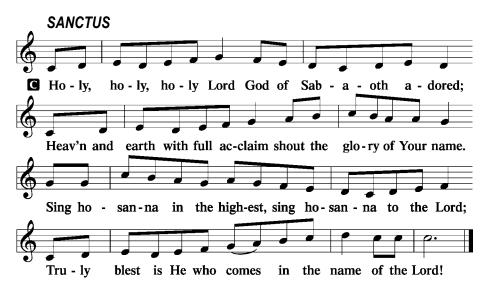
#### SACRAMENT 🕸

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

#### PREFACE

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also 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 Him thanks and praise.

*P:* It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

*P:* Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

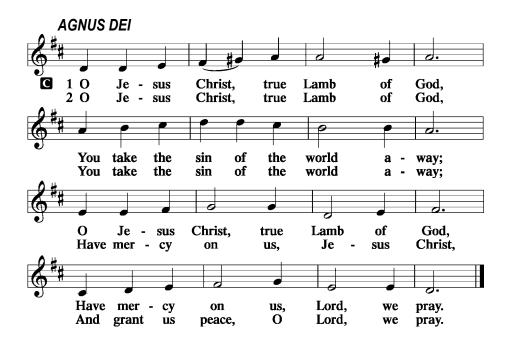
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

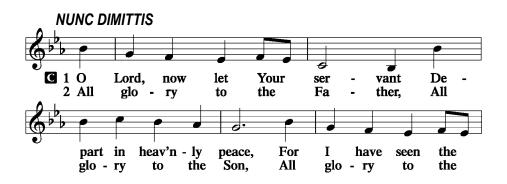
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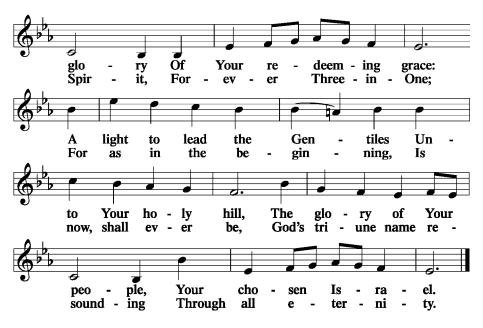
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*P*: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: Amen.** 



DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"...... LSB 620





#### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### **BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

#### C: Thanks be to God.

*P*: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

#### C: Amen.

HYMN "Alleluia, Song of Gladness".....LSB 417 vs. 1,3,4

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#### THIS WEEK AT CLC --- (2/23/20 -- 3/1/20)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Education, 10:30am Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; Ash Wednesday Worship/HC, 6:30pm

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# OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending February 16, 2020)

General & Building Funds: \$11,983.04; Blessings: \$20.57; Memorial Fund: \$245.00; Pizza sale: \$2030.00 Attendance: Thursday: 13; Sunday: 116

# **CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** will be held this Wednesday, February 26, at 6:30pm.

**LENT MIDWEEK SERVICES** will feature **The Trial of Judas Iscariot: The Punishment Phase**, beginning on Thursday, March 5 at 6:30pm.

NO CONFIRMATION CLASS on Ash Wednesday.

**THE FOOD FOR THE BODY** donation has been delivered to The Neighbors' Place. Thank you to all who contributed. Non-perishable food item donations can be placed in the collection container opposite the Fellowship Hall drinking fountain.

**THANK YOU** to all who donated medical items for Ann Juliot's missionary trip. You have been a blessing.

**HOPE LIFE CENTER BANQUET** will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rib Mountain on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Look for more details in the weeks to come.

# WEATHER CANCELLATIONS FOR CHURCH SERVICES /

**ACTIVITIES:** Please check the Channel 7 or Channel 9 websites, the CLC website or Facebook page, or call the church at 715-848-2040 and press option "6".

# "LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"I am extremely thankful for the many doctors and nurses who stand firm in their opposition to assisted suicide and euthanasia, although they are finding themselves being pressured to change their position. Please pray they remain firm in their For Life stance. May we also pray that ... they boldly ... maintain the ethical standards their professions were created to provide to society and that the Gospel clearly proclaims." *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*