# **HOLY COMMUNION Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**February 19, 2023** 

8:00 am and 10:30 am

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

#### SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Beautiful Savior Cherwien

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

**HYMN:** Beautiful Savior

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# **Beautiful Savior**



#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God,
  to whom all hearts are open,
  all desires known,
  and from whom no secrets are hid:
  cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
  by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
  that we may perfectly love you
  and worthily magnify your holy name,
  through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

#### Kneel/Stand

- P Most merciful God,
- we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
  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.
  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.

- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ♣ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### Stand

#### **GREETING**

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **C** And also with you.



## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO) Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. C Lord God, al-might-y God and heav - en - ly king, Fa - ther: We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You sin of the world; have mer take a-way the us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, For you a-lone are the Most Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, High, God the in the glo of Fa-ther. ry men

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the king in all his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

#### Sit

Later service only:

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG** *Big, Bold, Powerful God* Congregation sings the words in **bold:** 

He's the one true God (one true God)

He's an awesome God (awesome God)

He's my rock (he's my rock)

Big, bold, powerful God.

My Savior, Lord (My Savior, Lord)

My strength, my shield (my strength, my shield)

He's my rock (he's my rock)

Big, bold, powerful God – Big, bold, powerful God.

Shout it from the mountaintop:

Jesus Christ is Lord! Jesus Christ is King!

Let the whole world, Let the whole world sing!

He's the one true God (one true God)

He's an awesome God (awesome God)

He's my rock (he's my rock)

Big, bold, powerful God.

Big, bold, powerful God.

Big, bold, pow - er - ful--- God!

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### Sit

FIRST READING Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the LORD" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

### **A** reading from Exodus.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may 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 settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out 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. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

### Later service only:

**PSALM 99** (The congregation's verses are printed in in bold font.)

<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations | in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

<sup>2</sup>Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes | plot together,

against the LORD and against | his anointed?

<sup>3</sup>"Let us break their | yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their | bonds from us."

<sup>4</sup>He whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;

the LORD has them | in derision.

<sup>5</sup>Then he speaks to them | in his wrath, and his rage fills | them with terror.

6"I myself have | set my king upon my holy | hill of Zion."

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree | of the LORD:

He said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- gotten you.

<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance and the ends of the earth for | your possession.

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an | iron rod and shatter them like a | piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup>And now, you | kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers | of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the | LORD with fear, and with trembling | bow before him;

12 lest he be angry, | and you perish; for his wrath is | quickly kindled.

<sup>13</sup>Happy | are they all who take ref- | uge in him!

#### SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

### **A** reading from Second Peter.

<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 had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

- A The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

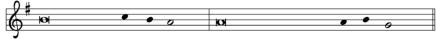
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#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



This is my | Son, my Chosen, lis- | ten to him!

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

### **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John 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 dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." The Gospel of the Lord.

- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

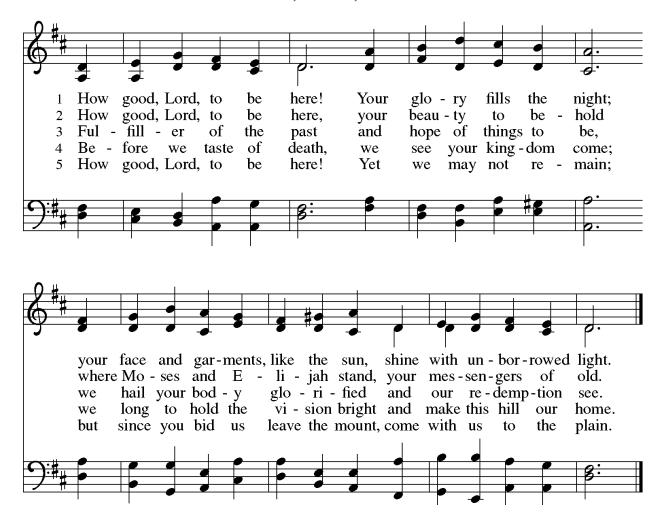
**SERMON** Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** How Good, Lord, to Be Here! Printed on the next page.

# How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



Stand

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

#### **NICENE CREED**

- P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

  Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

  Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.

  Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

#### **PEACE**

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

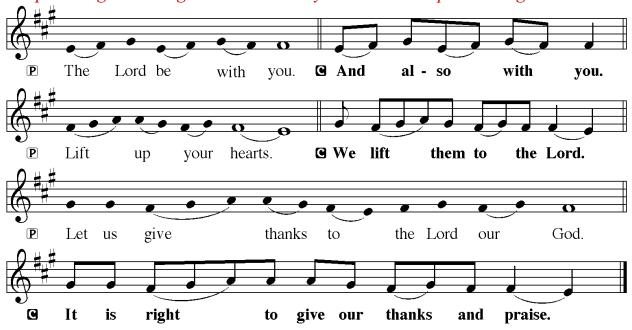
### LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

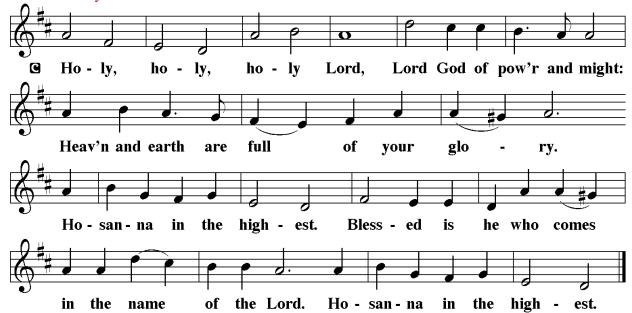
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



*The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:* 

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly continues with the SANCTUS:



The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

**P** 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.

#### 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.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Behold the Lamb of God,behold him who takes away the sins of the world.Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### Sit

#### **COMMUNION**

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond

Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

### Music during Communion:

### LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



### Later service only:

**ANTHEM:** Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

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Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John, we are dazzled by Your glory, light as blinding as the sun. There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there, that Your close companions saw? Your divinity revealed there fills us with the selfsame awe. Clothed in flesh like ours You go matched to meet our deadliest Foe.

What do you want us to hear there, that Your dear disciples heard? Once again, the Voice from heaven says of the incarnate Word: "Listen, listen, everyone, This is my beloved Son!"

Take us to that other mountain where we see You glorified, where You shouted "It is finished!" where for all the world You died. Hear the stunned centurion: "Truly this was God's own Son!"

We who have beheld Your glory, risen and ascended Lord, cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard; say with Peter, James, and John: "You are God's beloved Son!"

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#### Stand

#### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

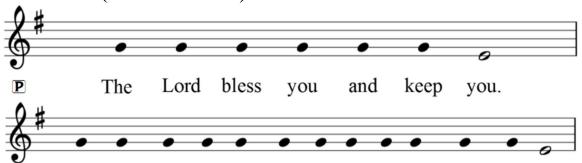
**A** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

#### **SENDING**

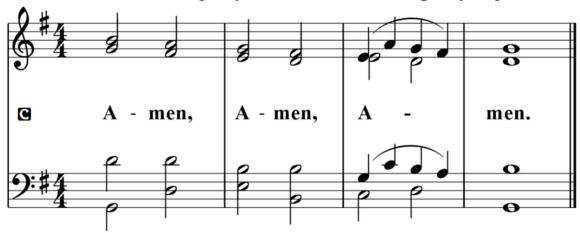
# **BLESSING (BENEDICTION)**



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



The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



### **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory Printed on the next page.* 

# Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



#### **OFFERING**

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

**POSTLUDE:** O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair arr. Johnson

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The Christmas Cycle celebrates the events surrounding Christ's coming — the prophecies, his birth, his manifestation (epiphany) to the Gentiles, and his baptism — through the Advent season, the Christmas season, and the Epiphany season.

**The liturgical color white,** symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, is used on the festivals of Christ.

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Ushers: Dick Allebach, Shane Elison, Frank DePaul, and Scott Halteman.

Elevator Attendant: Mike Taylor Lectors: 8:00 am: Laurie Mueller

10:30 am lessons: Cheryl Camuso 10:30 am prayers: Matt Vera

Communion Assistant: Sherry Jessee

Acolyte: Charlie Richvalsky

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine and Sally Sweeney

10:30 am: Jim Lien and Mike Van Blaricum

Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Sherry Jessee, and Shane Elison Video Production: Jim Lien, Jeannie Funk, or Jonathan Mueller

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Karen Lachenmayer in loving memory of father, Thomas Lachenmayer, on his birthday.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Shirley Latshaw in loving memory of son-in –law Raymond Anderson, and son-in-law Harry Rauch.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mrs. Dorothy Luft and daughter Leesa in memory of loved ones.

**Soup Sale!!** It's February and that means it's time for the annual soup sale fund raisers for the Youth Group. The soup sales will take place on February 19<sup>th</sup> (TODAY!) and March 19<sup>th</sup>. Price will be \$4.00 a pint. If you would like to order soup and are not able to make it to church please call Jerry Wentworth (484 948 5129) and he will make sure you get it.

**February Book Club:** Our next meeting will be on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Vestry Room. We'll discuss <u>The Hunting Party</u> by Lucy Foley. Refreshments always served! For more information, contact Karen McClain at <u>office@augustustrappe.org</u>.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: The Sr. Youth Group will hold their annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 from 4-6 pm. Come for pancakes and all those breakfast trimmings. This dinner is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be accepted in support of youth programs.

Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm on February 22, 2023: Members of the First Communion and Confirmation classes will take leadership roles in the liturgy. Please come out and support our young folks as they take an ever more active role in the life of the church.

Long time member, Sandy Trauger, has been battling cancer. She recently "rang the bell" with great joy. Unfortunately, she just found out the cancer returned but not one that can be treated with chemotherapy. Her doctors will try a newly approved treatment. Please keep Sandy and her family in your prayers. If you would like to send her a card, her address is: Mrs. Sandy Trauger, 9831 Del Webb Parkway, Unit 4104, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium Lenten Wednesday Services: The Churches of the Ministerium will host services each Wednesday in Lent this year. These services take place at 7:30 pm. The schedule is as follows:

March 1	St. James Episcopal	Preacher: Betty Wright-Riggins
March 8	Augustus Lutheran	Preacher: Suzanne Schwarz-Green
March 15	Trinity Reformed UCC	Preacher: Andrew Weber
March 22	Thomas Paine UU	Preacher: Michael Sowards
March 29	Augustus Lutheran	Joint Choir Cantata Service

# Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 21st 4:30 – 6:00 pm



Free (your donation benefits the SYG)

No reservations required!



### **Augustus Lutheran Church**

717 W. Main Street, Trappe
All Welcome!