



Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about **“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”**

If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in the **10:30a.m. service** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service**. If you are physically unable to commune at the altar, the pastor would be happy to serve you in your pew. Please, notify an usher before the service begins.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 11, 2024

Today in Worship

- Within the pandemonium of the transfiguration, the voice speaks: “This is My beloved Son; listen to Him” (Mark 9:7). Moses is there and gone. Elijah is there and gone. The disciples are with Him on the mount and then head down into the valley. But the glory of the Lord will not depart. It will remain: lifted high upon the cross, revealed in the empty tomb, and placed upon the followers of Jesus. It is the Word that endures forever, the Word made flesh, and the Word who speaks through the voice of Scripture. The call remains: “Listen to Him.”
- We continue our look at the Christian Questions & Answers from Luther’s Small Catechism today.



Ringling of the Bells

Announcements (10:30am Service)

Welcome

Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #414
“Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession & Absolution

Psalm 99:4, 9

P The King in His might loves justice.

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

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

C **for the LORD our God is holy!**

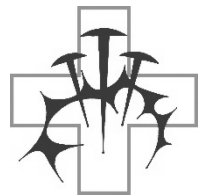
Silence for reflection.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.



Litany for the Epiphany Season

P “Alleluia,” said the prophets of old;

C **Christ is coming; prepare His way.**

P “Alleluia,” said the angels and shepherds;

C **Christ is born; the Word made flesh is come to earth.**

P “Alleluia,” said the Magi from the east;

C **Christ is King; bow down in worship and bring offerings to Him.**

P “Alleluia,” said the Baptizer John;

C **Christ is here; the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**

P “Alleluia,” said the servants and disciples;

C **Christ is Lord; revealed clearly in water changed to wine.**

P “Alleluia,” said the people;

C **Christ is Messiah; fulfiller of God’s promise and the prophets’ word.**

P “Alleluia,” said the fishermen;

C **Christ is Master; follow Him and fish for men.**

P “Alleluia,” said the sick and suffering;

C **Christ is healer; trust Him for healing and hope in Him for life brand new.**

P “Alleluia,” said the students;

C **Christ is teacher; listen to His word and wisdom.**

P “Alleluia,” said Moses and Elijah;

C **Christ is God; the light of light has come to shine on us the love from on high.**

Hymn of Praise

*Lutheran Service Book #821, vv. 1-3
“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”*

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O Lord, our God, You shone Your love to us through Your Son and in His light is our hope and joy. Take us up to the mountain of His brightness that when we descend in the valleys of our lives, His light may remain upon us to guide our way. Grant that we may receive the testimony of Moses and Elijah fulfilled in Christ and make known Christ's light to the world; through 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

"Elijah is taken up to heaven."

L The Old Testament Reading for the Transfiguration of our Lord is from 2nd Kings, chapter two.

¹ Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² And 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. ³ And 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."

⁴ Elijah 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. ⁵ The 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."

⁶ Then 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.

⁷ Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then 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.

⁹ When 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." ¹⁰ And 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." ¹¹ And 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. ¹² And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

10:30am service

Choir Anthem

"Prayer Of Communion"

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6

"We all, with unveiled face, behold the glory of God."

L The Epistle Reading is from 2nd Corinthians, chapters three and four.

¹² Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³ not 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.

^{4:1} Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ² But 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.

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In 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. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Mark 9:7

P Alleluia. This is my beloved Son;

C **listen to Him. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

"With Moses and Elijah at His side, Jesus reveals His glory."

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

² And after 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, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.

⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ And 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." ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹ And 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.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Christian Questions with Their Answers *LSB p. 329*

“Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the sacrament.”

P Do you hope to be saved?

C Yes, that is my hope.

P In whom then do you trust?

C In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

P Who is Christ?

C The Son of God, true God and man.

P How many Gods are there?

C Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

C He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

P Did the Father also die for you?

C He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

P How do you know this?

C From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

Message for Children from God’s Word

Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book #413

“O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Responses after each petition:

P ...let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude:

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son’s divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful, believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offering

“And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, ‘This is my beloved Son; listen to him.’” – Mark 9:7

We encourage you to place your offering in the dropbox in the narthex before service. As the usher brings the offering forward at this time you may also hold it up and place it in the plate as the usher walks by. Please also use this time for prayer and reflection upon what we have heard from the Lord’s Word this morning.



Offertory “What Shall I Render” / Psalm 116 LSB p. 159-160

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8:00 a.m. Service

The Lord's Prayer

The Closing Prayer

P Let us pray. O Lord, You have brought us to the mountain where the glory of Christ has been revealed in the Gospel. Lead us now down the mountain that we may not be lost in the darkness of doubt nor surrender to the shadow of death without faith in Him who died that we might live. Keep us in this glory of Christ until time surrenders to eternity, finding perfect fulfillment in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Greeting of Peace & Announcements

Farewell to Alleluia

P On this day, alleluias are sung for the last time in the Church until the resurrection of our Lord. Alleluia is not heard during Lent as we turn in penitence to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ to be renewed in our baptismal faith. Though every Sunday is a “little Easter,” we restrain our praise until Easter Sunday, when all of Christendom joins in singing alleluias to our King. Let us now raise our voices in song as we anticipate not only our coming Easter celebration, but that ultimate feast of victory when we shall all sing “alleluia” with saints and angels, cherubim and seraphim, Moses and Elijah, apostles, martyrs, prophets, and all the company of heaven before the Lamb on His throne.

Closing Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #417
“Alleluia Song of Gladness”*

Thank the Lord

LSB p. 164

The Closing Prayer

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