
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 14, 2021 - Transfiguration of Our Lord

“Jesus was transfigured before them.”

[Mark 9:2]



WELCOME

We're glad you chose to worship with us.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with the disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision, The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

PRELUDE

Meditation for The Transfiguration Jean Langlais

BELL

Stand as you are able

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

God be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things.

Your voice thundered over the waters at creation.

You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys.

You refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood

you carried those in the ark to safety.

**Through the sea you led your people Israel
from slavery to freedom.**

In the wilderness you nourished them
with water from the rock.

**You brought them across the river Jordan
to the promised land.**

By the baptism of his death and resurrection,
Your Son, Jesus, has carried us to safety and freedom.

**The floods shall not overwhelm us,
and the deep shall not swallow us up.**

Christ has brought us to the land of promise.
He sends us to make disciples,
Baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Pour out your Holy Spirit;
wash away sin in this cleansing water.**

Clothe the baptized with Christ;
and claim your daughters and sons –
no longer slave and free, no longer male and female –
but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus.

**He lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen!**

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GATHERING HYMN Arise, Your Light Has Come ELW 314



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838



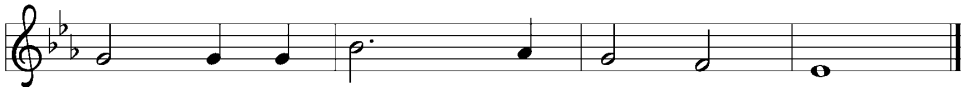
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Sit

READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

Elijah taken up to heaven

1Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 2Elijah said to Elisha, "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. 3The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

4Elijah said to him, "Elisha, 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.

5The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

6Then Elijah said to him, "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. 7Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

9When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." 10He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." 11As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. 12Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Stand as you are able

ALLELUIA VERSE (*Tune: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the Words of Life!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!

Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son

2Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. 4And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 6He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" 8Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. 9As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*Sit***TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN****SERMON***Stand as you are able***HYMN OF THE DAY****Shine, Jesus Shine****ELW 671****SUNG APOSTLES' CREED** (*Tune: Thy Strong Word*)

**We believe in God the Father,
 God almighty, by whose plan
 Earth and heaven sprang to being,
 All created things began.
 We believe in Christ the Savior,
 Son of God in human frame,
 Virgin-born, the child of Mary
 Upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
 Like a lamb to slaughter led,
 Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 He descended to the dead.
 We believe in Jesus risen,**

Heaven's king to rule and reign,
To the Father's side ascended
Till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit;
In one Church, below, above:
Saints of God in one communion,
One in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Savior, Lord and friend,
We shall rise with him in glory
To the life that knows no end.

Stand as you are able

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all who suffer this day (*especially*), that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For companions on life's journey in this worshipping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage (*especially missionaries Cyril and Methodius*), that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our living, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

Stand as you are able

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We bless you, God, Sovereign of all things.
We praise your mystery, ever one, always three.

Radiant Source of creation, you brought light
out of darkness.

Planets and stars, plants and animals
receive their life from your throne.

Your dominion enlivens us all:
apostles, monarchs, parents, children.

We praise your majestic power.

Blessing and glory to you, our God.

Christ Jesus, Ruler and Guide, you call us
to follow your path.

Your scepter is your hand reaching out to the needy.

Wisdom and thanks to you, our God.

We remember his life of service,
his suffering and death, and his rising to eternal life.

Honor to you, our God.

Holy Spirit, transform this meal into the banquet of life.
Gather all the sick and the poor into your palace
of safekeeping.

Govern the nations with your justice and peace.

Power and might to you, our God.

God the Father, you uphold the universe
that you create. **Amen.**

God the Son, you are crowned with compassion
for all. **Amen.**

God the Spirit, you protect your saints
with arms of love. **Amen.**

We praise you today, tomorrow, and forever.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

Stand as you are able

SENDING PRAYERS

O God, in our global distress we pray earnestly to you:

God our Sanctuary,
Gather us, when separated, into your presence.

God our Physician,
Heal those who have contracted the Coronavirus.

God our Comforter,
Embrace all who mourn the dead.

God our Homeland,
Mother all who are quarantined.

God our Friend,
Accompany all who are alone or afraid.

God our Guardian,
Protect medical workers, nurses, and physicians.

God our Hope,
Assist researchers searching for vaccines.

God our Mighty Fortress,
Preserve our societies from devastation.

God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Bless and preserve us. Amen.

BLESSING

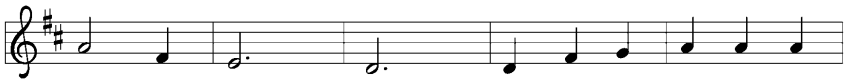
SENDING HYMN

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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of high - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

DISMISSAL

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE