

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 26, 2017 + 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Church + St. Peter, Minnesota

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Renewed by Christ in Word, water, bread & wine we serve the community and the world.

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 the mount of transfiguration 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.

Gathering

Gathering Music "Wie Schön Leuchtet"

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome

+Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Loving God,

**we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.**

Forgive us for the times

we have spoken or acted too quickly;

we have not spoken or acted at all;

we have hurt those closest to us;

we have hurt those we have yet to know;

we have thought more about ourselves than others;

we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.

Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,

so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.

Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.

God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

+Gathering Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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+Greeting

+Kyrie

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+Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

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

L: A reading from Exodus.

¹²The 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." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To 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."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The 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. ¹⁷Now 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. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99 (sung responsively between Leader and Congregation)

Refrain: (sung first time by Leader and by ALL thereafter):

Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD;
wor - ship up - on God's ho - ly hill.

Tone:

The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

²**The LORD, | great in Zion,
is high a- | bove all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;
God is the | Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob. R**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;
God is the | Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your
 I name, O LORD;
 they called upon you, and you I answered them,**
⁷you spoke to them out of the pil- I lar of cloud;
 they kept your testimonies and the decree I that you gave them.
⁸**O LORD our God, you answered I them indeed;
 you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their I evil deeds.**
⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's I holy hill;
 for the LORD our God is the I Holy One. **R**

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

L: A reading from Second Peter.

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.

¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷For 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." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So 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. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

+Gospel Acclamation (*sung by ALL*)



+Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in a mountaintop experience of divine glory

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then 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." ⁵While 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!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to

called the
transfiguration.

the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As 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.”

L: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Alan Bray

+Hymn of the Day “*Jesus on the Mountain Peak*”

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+Apostles’ Creed

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+Prayers of Intercession

+Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Meal

Offering (8:15 a.m.) “*Schönster Herr Jesu*” (see ELW 838)
(10:30 a.m.) “*Epiphany Medley*”

Charles W. Orr
Various

+Offertory Prayer

+The Great Thanksgiving, Preface, Sanctus

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+Eucharistic Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

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Communion Distribution Hymns

“*Many Are the Lightbeams*” Stanzas 1 & 5

(refer to card in pew rack)

“*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*”

ELW 587

“*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*”

ELW 318

+Post-Communion Prayer

Sending

+Sending Hymn “*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*”

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+Prayer, Announcements, Blessing, Dismissal

A: We join in proclaiming:

C: Renewed by Christ in Word, water, bread and wine, we go in peace to serve our community and the world. Thanks be to God!

+Sending Music “*Wie Schön Leuchtet*”

Mark Sedio

