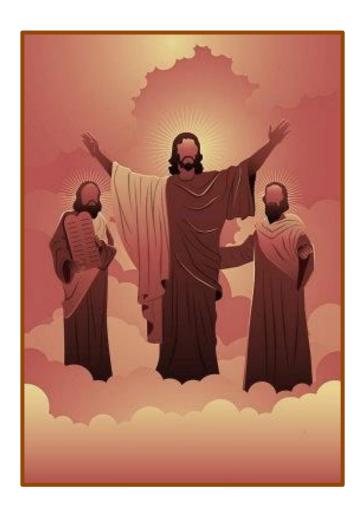
## **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

## **Divine Service One**

# The Transfiguration of Our Lord February 27, 2022





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8:00 and 10:30 AM

## **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

(Missouri Synod) 9770 Foothills Canyon Blvd. Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Sunday Worship Services......8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Bible Classes and Sunday School......9:25 a.m. Rev. Bruce Skelton, Pastor, Office......303-683-1300 Fax......303-470-0165

Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:
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#### **Prayer for the Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Dear Lord, we were not privileged as were Peter, James, and John to see the glory of Your transfigured body. And yet we thank You for revealing Your glory through the words of Scripture and the workings of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. Continue to fill our hearts with Your glory that we may always rejoice in the salvation You won for us on Calvary. Help us to live lives that reflect Your majesty and thus shine in the lives of our loved ones. Keep our eyes of faith focused on Your return when we shall see You as You are. Amen.



### **Confession and Absolution**

#### 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**Invocation** *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20* 

- P In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

**Exhortation** 1 John 1:8–9

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

#### **Confession of Sins**

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Absolution [John 20:19–23]

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.

Amen.



#### Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 84:1-2, 9, 11; antiphon: v. 4



Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,\* ever sing- | ing your praise!

How lovely is your | dwelling place,\*
O | LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;\*
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Behold our shield, O God;\*
look on the face of your a- nointed!

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.\*

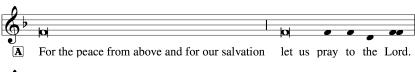
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,\* ever sing- | ing your praise!

Kyrie Mark 10:47





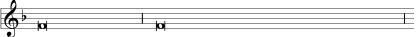




A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



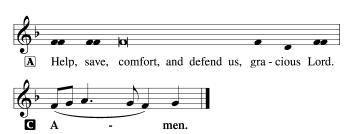
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



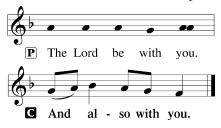




#### Gloria in Excelsis



#### Salutation and Collect of the Day



#### 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 co-heirs 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.



Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1–12**

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8* 



Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

#### Epistle: Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



#### Holy Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.



Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### 415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak

#### Sermon

"Seeing Jesus"

Text: Luke 9:28-36

#### 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

Stand



#### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life 

→ everlasting. Amen.

## **Prayer of the Church**

Sit

#### Offering

Stand



#### Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

#### **Closing Collect**

P Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



#### **Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26



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.

#### 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness



## Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

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#### How Good, Lord, To Be Here!



On the mount of transfiguration, Jesus gave to Peter and the brothers James and John a glimpse of His heavenly, "otherworldly" glory. As Peter would later write, "We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came

to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice from heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain" (2 Peter 1:16-18).

With the eyes of faith, we can see this glorious scene, and there we catch a glimpse of heaven. Yes, God has truly come to us that we might someday live with Him forever. In Jesus' transfiguration we see the glory of man, true man, mankind as he was meant to be, sharing in the glory of God. We are given a glimpse of ourselves, of the glory that is waiting for us in the resurrection.

Meanwhile, Jesus gives us the promise that even though we do not physically see Him, He is with us always. And so we join Peter in saying, "Lord, it is good for us to be here."

(The above article was edited from the May/June 2005 **Today's Light**Bible study published by Concordia Publishing House.)

The Epiphany season is the time between the close of the Christmas celebration and the beginning of Lent. It culminates in the Festival of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, when Jesus revealed His divine glory to the inner circle of His disciples. This year Transfiguration Sunday is celebrated today, February 27. The paraments are white to signify the Godhead and the robe of the glorified Christ.

#### **Burial of the Alleluia**

The deposition (discontinuance) of the Alleluia assumed in medieval times a solemn and emotional note of saying farewell to the beloved song ... the "Alleluia."



Despite the fact that Pope Alexander II ordered a very simple and somber way of "deposing" the Alleluia, a variety of farewell customs prevailed in many countries up to the sixteenth century. These customs inspired poems that were sung or recited during vespers in honor of the sacred word. The best known of these was Alleluia, dulce Carmen (Alleluia, Song of Gladness), composed by an

(Alleluia, Song of Gladness), composed by an unknown author in the 11<sup>th</sup> century and translated into English by John Mason Neale in 1866. This hymn now appears in the Lutheran Service Book as No. 417.

The "Alleluia" will return when the triumph of Jesus' Resurrection is proclaimed upon our earth.

#### **Announcements**



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Scott Schlapkohl 10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver



## 30th Anniversary of Pastor's Ordination

A brunch will be held today, February 27, from 9-10:15 a.m. to commemorate Pastor Skelton's 30th Anniversary of his ordination.



The Church Council and the Board of Trustees are happy to announce that we have reached a 3 year lease agreement with the

Arma Dei Academy and they will be occupying our lower lever beginning May of this year. A special "Thank you" goes to Randy Shelton, Brandon Ceglian, and Chris Heger for their hard work and long hours in making this happen. Once again, happy young voices and Christian education will be filling our preschool area!



Please join us this Wednesday, March 2, 2022 for Ash Wednesday Lenten worship. At 6 p.m. we will have a Potluck Supper downstairs followed by our Ash Wednesday Communion Worship Service with Imposition of Ashes. For the Potluck Supper we ask that you bring a main dish and a side or desert. Drinks will be provided.

We look forward to coming together as we prepare and reflect on our Lord's suffering and death and what it means for us.

## The Transfiguration of Jesus

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> THREE ELIJAH



# Pathway To Hope ministry Update



Through Lutheran World Relief, there are quilts on the way to Uganda! Only Solomy has a bed. All 21 children and Gerald (Solomy's son) sleep on the hard floor, with only a mat to lay on. When they

relocated to their new home (on February 4, 2022), they left behind the infested foam pads and are in need of new ones. The plan is to build bunk beds for the children.

Other immediate needs are mosquito netting, food and water.

Currently the children are learning the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles Creed. They know how to sing "Jesus Loves Me." They have religious classes every day studying Luther's Small Catechism..

Solomy lost her husband over a year ago and Gerald, their son, lost his job when he had to sell his motorcycle during the Covid lock down to buy food. Their Website was hacked and they lost any money from that.

To see the children sing and see day-to-day videos and photos check out their Facebook page **Pathway To Hope ministry.** 

To help out monetarily, you can use Paypal and send your chosen dollar amount to <u>waltschedler@yahoo.com</u>. (see below)

If you prefer to send a check, make it out to *Walter Schedler* with *Pathway to Hope* on the memo line. Put the check in Marie McQuarrie's box and she will get it to her brother, Rev. Walter Schedler.



## **Pathway to Hope Orphanage**

## **Directions for Gifting**

Using: Paypal.com

Hit: Send...and...Request

Hit: Send Money and dollar amount

Hit: Recipient: waltschedler@yahoo.com

Hit Send: To Someone you Trust

(Note: if this is not "hit," 3 percent is taken off total

Gifted as a fee.)

#### OR: Prefer using a check,

- \* write check to Walter Schedler with Pathway to Hope in MEMO.
- \* Put in Marie's box. She will get it to her brother, Rev.Walter Schedler.
- \*He sends it on to Mityana, Uganda via Western Union. It gets to Salomy, the children's substitute Mother. Gerald, 21-year-old son and Salomy handle all orphanage monetary issues.





## The Lutheran Chorale presents:

## St. John Passion

by Bob Chilcott



Sunday March 13, 2022 2:30pm

Concordia Lutheran Church 13371 W. Alameda Pkwy. Lakewood, CO

Sunday March 13, 2022 6:30pm

Mount Olive Lutheran Church 11435 E. Wesley Ave. Aurora, CO

No tickets required but we appreciate and ask for your generous support of free will offerings.



**Petitions and Prayers:** In love, God gives us His Holy Spirit to help us in prayer. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us, but always "according to the will of God."



#### **Health concerns:**

God of everlasting power, enable those people with illnesses to bear them with a measure of forbearance. Stay with them, granting them Your peace. Bless the efforts of the doctors and nurses involved in caring for them. We pray in the name of Your Son who helps us keep our eyes of faith focused on our eternal home. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris who is waiting to get on the heart transplant list.
- Jamie and young daughter Jade (Jamie is missing and has mental health issues)
- Sonja Bowles Cancer
- Julie Ann Zamora on-going health issues
- Gary Fuller former Orphan Grain Train Coordinator has liver cancer

#### Prayer of intercession:

A Prayer for Transfiguration Sunday

Glorious Lord, You revealed a bit of Your glory to Moses on Mount Sinai and to Peter, James, and John on the Mount of Transfiguration. Your glory was reflected in their message. Transform us that we may reflect Your saving light to those who have not yet seen Your light. Guard us and keep us from the foot of the cross to the foot of the throne, where we will see You face-to-face and share in Your glory, the glory of the only begotten Son of God. Amen.

### "Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life February 27, 2022

"There's so much work to be done, so many lives to protect. The unborn, the mentally ill, the hungry, the broken, and many others still need to hear about our hope in Christ and the love He has for us, and it's our duty to bring it to them."

Katie Reid, 2021 Y4Life intern
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Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10



## Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:23

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I am not a Christian because I am strong and have it all together.

I am a
Christian
because I
am weak and
I need a savior.