# **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

## **Divine Service One**

# The Transfiguration of Our Lord February 19, 2023





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February 19, 2023

8:00 and 10:30 AM

## **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.



**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood

to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



## **Confession and Absolution**

#### 415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Stand

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.
- **G** Amen.

#### **Exhortaation**

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.

C Amen.



## Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9



Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;\* for the LORD our God is | holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!\*

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!

The LORD is great in | Zion;\*
he is exalted over all the | peoples.

Let them praise your great and | awesome name!\*
Ho- | ly is he!

The King in his might loves | justice.\*

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in | Jacob.

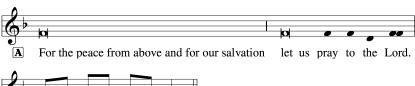
Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!\*
Ho- | ly is he!

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.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;\* for the LORD our God is holy!

**Kyrie** Mark 10:47









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







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







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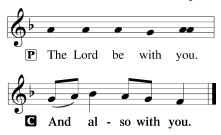
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## Salutation and Collect of the Day



## 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: Exodus 24:8–18

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 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. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

- 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: 2 Peter 1:16-21

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 were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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



## Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.



After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



### 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

#### Sermon

"Listen to Him"

Text: Matthew 17:1-9

Stand



#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the **Scriptures** and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayer of the Church**

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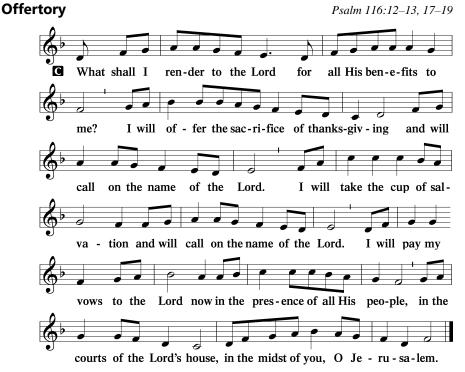
- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

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## Offering

(Please add your name to the red fellowship book and pass it to your fellow worshipers.)

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## Service of the Sacrament

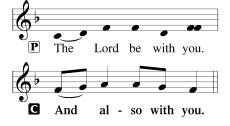
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Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.

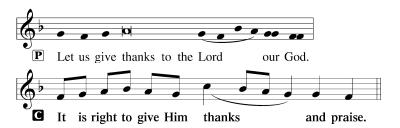
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#### **Preface**

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



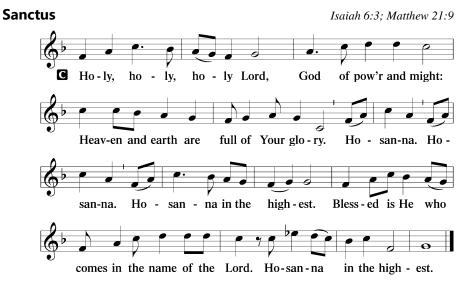




## **Proper Preface**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection

and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your onlybegotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

**Lord's Prayer** Matthew 6:9-13

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.

#### The Words of Our Lord

C

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took  $\mathbf{P}$ bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

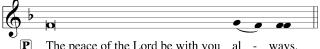
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My 

→ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



#### Pax Domini

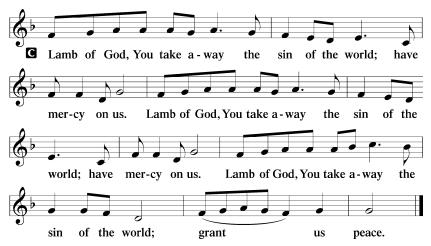
John 20:19



The peace of the Lord be with you al -



Agnus Dei John 1:29



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## Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

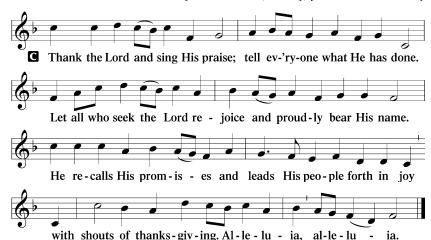


## **Distribution**

## Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## 631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### **Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26



 ${f P}$  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



(To God alone be the glory.)

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## **Announcements**



Assisting Elders: 8 a.m. – Steve White 10:30 a.m. – Andy Olson



**Lent Services 2023** 

Ash Wednesday,
February 22, 2023
11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Imposition of Ashes and Communion

One Midweek Lent Service Wednesday, March 8, 2023 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Communion Worship Service 6 p.m. Potluck Supper

## 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 19. The paraments are white to signify the Godhead and the robe of the glorified Christ.

# Farewell to the "Alleluias" for the Time of Lent

The Alleluia has been sung for the last time today in our final service before

Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. During the next forty days we will concentrate on our sins and their consequences.

The Alleluia shouted in heaven will not be heard again until Easter morning when we shout: "Christ is risen!"

The deposition (discontinuance) of the Alleluia in medieval times assumed 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 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.



Heart 2 Heart provides start-up goods for the homeless who are moving into their own housing. This includes Veterans, sheltered families and battered women, and young people transitioning from foster care. Other organizations find the housing and basic furniture, we provide the start-up needs.

*Heart 2 Heart* is in need of **queen or king size sheets**, pots and pans, cups, etc. We really went through our donations over the holidays!

If you have any items that you no longer need, you can bring them to church and Steve and Becky White will drop them off at Linda's.



# **LWML Prayer Service**

Saturday, February 25, 2023 8:30 am – Coffee & pastries 9:00 am – Service

All members are welcome to attend.
Childcare available

### **Collection of Mites for Mission Projects**

Trinity Lutheran Church 4225 West Yale Avenue Denver, CO 80219

The prayer service is a balance of God's Word, hymns and prayers along with time of spiritual reflection authored by Rev. Dr. Mitchel Schuessler

The service will be hosted by Trinity's Rev. Dr. Adam C. Koontz and accompanied by Rev. Thomas E Lock (Kantor)

Sponsored by LWML South Central Zone

## ASH WEDNESDAY WORD SEARCH

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# The 5 Finger Prayer

Thumb: Those closest to you, your

family.

**Pointer:** Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, pastors) ask for wisdom and support.

Index: (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance and wisdom.



**Ring**: (weakest) Those that are weak, in trouble or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

**Pinkie**: (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves and our own needs.

# The Transfiguration

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Luke 9:29 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 9:28-36 (NIV).





FI ASH CLOUD **JAMES** TAI KING LIGHTNING PETER PRAY FACE MOSES CHANGED CHOSEN BRIGHT JOHN VOICE CLOTHES APPFARED MOUNTAIN **JESUS** FIIJAH DISCIPLES

# A Prayer of Martin Luther

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.

My Lord, fill it.

I am weak in the faith; strengthen me.

I am cold in love:

warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor.

I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether.

O Lord, help me.

Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have.

I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.

I am a sinner:

you are upright.

With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness.

Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.

Amen.



Please check the **Sunday Greeter schedule**, posted on the bulletin board, to find out when you're scheduled to serve. Thank you!

**Petitions and Prayers:** We pray in response to God's loving invitation, "Call upon Me..." and "Ask, and it shall be given you."



#### Health concerns:

Precious Lord and Savior, You alone are able to help us. Be with those people who are physically sick and in need of Your healing touch. We ask You to guide their doctors so that they receive the best possible care. Heal and restore them to health as suits Your wisdom. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Devon Hanson (grandson of Connie and Terry Mitchell) mental health issues
- Roger Frank (brother of Connie Mitchell) cancer
- Mary (relative of Tabris') pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris having a heart pump implanted while waiting for heart transplant
- Jamie (is missing and has mental health issues) and young daughter Jade (is being adopted by family in Colorado)

## Prayer of intercession:

\*God of glory, Your magnificence reaches to the heavens and never ends. On this day, we recall that You shared a glimpse of Your Son's glory as Jesus was transfigured. Touch our hearts and open our eyes to the glimpses of glory that You send us, even in our fallen world. Remind us of our destination, an eternity of sharing in the glory of Your Son, Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.

## "Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life February 19, 2023

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit' (John 15:16). Those words are meant for every one of us. We should never cease to be amazed at God's gifts and timing to bear the fruit of God's love."

Lynette Auch, former President of Lutherans For Life A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



# And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

Revelation 21:22

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Sunday Worship Services	8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Bible Classes and Sunday School	9:25 a.m.
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