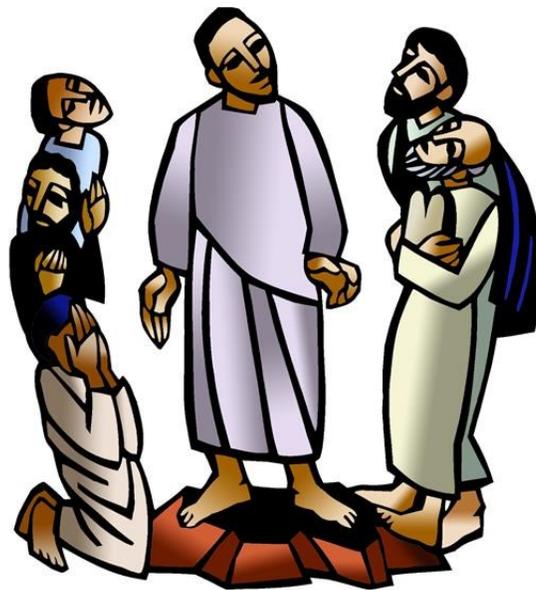


# The Transfiguration of Our Lord



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The Transfiguration of Our Lord ☩ February 27, 2022 ☩ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.  
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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal)

## PRELUDES

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.*

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

### ↑ GATHERING HYMN: *How Good, Lord, to Be Here*

*ELW Hymn 315*

- 1 **How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;  
your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.**
- 2 **How good, Lord, to be here! your beauty to behold  
where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.**
- 3 **Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,  
we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.**
- 5 **How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.**

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## ↑ 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.**

## ↑ KYRIE

*ELW Page 138*

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| ☒ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.   | ☑ <b>Lord, have mercy.</b> |
| ☒ For the peace from above, and for our salvation,<br>let us pray to the Lord.   | ☑ <b>Lord, have mercy.</b> |
| ☒ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,<br>and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. | ☑ <b>Lord, have mercy.</b> |
| ☒ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,<br>let us pray to the Lord.                            | ☑ <b>Lord, have mercy.</b> |
| ☒ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.   | ☑ <b>Amen.</b>             |

## ↑ HYMN OF PRAISE: *Come, Beloved of the Maker*

*ELW Hymn 306; Alternate Tune: GALILEE*

- 1 **Come, beloved of the Maker, come, behold the Firstborn One;  
see revealed creation's splendor crowned in glory like the sun.**
- 3 **Follow to the birth of newness; follow to the life of peace;  
follow to the hill of anguish; follow to the garden bliss.**
- 5 **Christ, bright image of the Maker, God, whose glory none may pass,  
Spirit, sun of love and splendor, bear us into light at last.**

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

- L** This morning's lesson is from Paul's second letter to the Corinthian Christians, the third chapter.
- S**ince, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.
- L** Word of God, Word of life. **C** Thanks be to God.

## ↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

*ELW Hymn 317*

- 1** Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing;  
let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia, alleluia!
- 4** This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before him,  
first and last and only One. All creation shall adore him! Alleluia, alleluia!

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## ↑ HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

- P** The Holy Gospel according Luke, the ninth chapter.
- C** Glory to you, O Lord.

**N**ow about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus,

- C** "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"

**P** —not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

- C** "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

**P** <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen

<sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted,

- C** "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." **▶**

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**P** <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43a</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to you, O Christ.

### SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *O Wondrous Image, Vision Fair* ELW Hymn 316; Alt. Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

1 Oh, wondrous image, vision fair of glory that the church may share,  
which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!

2 With Moses and Elijah nigh the’incarnate Lord holds converse high,  
and from the cloud, the Holy One says, “This is my beloved Son.”

3 With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to manifest today  
what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.

4 And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision’s mystery;  
for which in joyful song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

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### ↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**P** Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes “God of grace,” please respond, “hear our prayer.”*

*The prayers are ended with these words, “Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.” Please respond, “Amen.”*

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>



### ↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

- ☐ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.** —ELW page 144

### ↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- ☐ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### ↑ 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.**

### SHARING COMMUNION IN THE SANCTUARY OR WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD AT HOME

*As the pastors and worshipers commune, please join them and the whole Church in the sanctuary or remotely by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:  
“The body of Christ for you” and “The blood of Christ for you.”*

### HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *Dazzling Presence on the Mountain* All Creation Sings Hymn 917

- 1 **Dazzling presence on the mountain: human eye had never seen  
such a wonder, such resplendence, heav’n and earth in cloud convene.  
“This is my Son, the beloved,” thund’rous voice from cloud exclaimed.  
Word made flesh to heal creation, to disciples God proclaimed.**
- 2 **From this mount of mystic splendor to the cross Christ presses on;  
here no Moses nor Elijah, only thieves Christ’s wings adorn.  
“Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,” was one’s penitential sigh.  
With transfiguring assurance, Christ rejoins his fervent cry.**
- 3 **From the heights of new creation, Christ beholds his world, redeemed;  
as with Peter and companions, brings us now to sights unseen.  
Justice, mercy, and compassion: these the booths he bids us build,  
that the earth he loves may flourish as each life with grace is filled.**

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### ANTHEM: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

Sanctuary Choir, Joyful Noise Ringers, and Congregation

- 1 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.”*
- 2 *Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o’er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore”?*
- 3 *Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day. ►*

*Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.*

- 4 ALL: Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.  
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,  
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.**

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#### ↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- ☞ God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,  
✚ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.
- ☞ **Amen.**

#### ↑ SENDING HYMN: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

*ELW Hymn 671*

*Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!*

- 1 Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain**
- 2 As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain**

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#### ↑ DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.  
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

*Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Kathie Manes, in celebration of Anna Manes's birthday.*

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