

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

The Transfiguration of Our Lord ☩ February 19, 2023 ☩ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.
Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor John Weber, Guest Preacher
Cheryl Dietmeyer, Musician Leader James C. Hagberg, Choir Conductor

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship*
↑ Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDES

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may 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 Miriam

↑ EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

↑ GATHERING HYMN: *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

ELW Hymn 318

- 1 **Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.**
- 2 **Alleluia you are sounding, true Jerusalem and free;
alleluia, joyful mother, bring us to your jubilee;
here by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles still are we.**
- 3 **Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
alleluia our transgressions make us for a while forgo;
for the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin shall flow.**
- 4 **In our hymns we pray with longing: Grant us, blessed Trinity,
at the last to keep glad Easter with the faithful saints on high;
there to you forever singing alleluia joyfully.**



Text: Latin hymn, 11th century; translated by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, altered

↑ GREETING

- ☐ Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.
☑ **And also with you.**

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray. O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

LESSON: Exodus 24:12-18

▣ The Lesson is from Exodus, the twenty-fourth chapter, beginning at the twelfth verse.

The 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.

▣ Word of God, Word of life.

▣ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *O Wondrous Image, Vision Fair*

ELW Hymn 318

Alternate 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!**

**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.**

Text: Sarum, 15th century; translated by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, altered Text is in Public Domain.

↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9**

▣ The Holy Gospel is from Matthew, the seventeenth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

▣ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus 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 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.”

▣ The Gospel of the Lord.

▣ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Weber

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Beautiful Savior*

ELW Hymn 838

**1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I’d love thee, truly I’d serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; he makes our sorrowing spirit sing. ►**

- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; translated by Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

↑ 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 PEOPLE

*When the petition concludes "Merciful God," please respond, "receive our prayer."
The prayers are ended with these words, "We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified." Please respond, "Amen."*



OFFERING

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OFFERING MUSIC: *How Good, Lord, To Be Here (11:00)*

Sanctuary Choir



- 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.*
- 4 *Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come;
we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.*
- 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.*

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, altered

↑ 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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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:
- C** 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 OF THE MEAL

*Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.
You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in the chalice of wine or white grape juice.
You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.
At home commune each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:
"The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."*

↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- ☐ The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✚ bless,
strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. ☑ **Amen.**

↑ SENDING HYMN: *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

ELW Hymn 553

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.**
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.**



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

↑ SENDING

- ☐ Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
☑ **Thanks be to God!**

↑ POSTLUDE

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Altar Guild: Carol Jensen-Linton

Tech crew: David Kilgore, Dakota Atkins (8:30); Joni Siefert, Linda Volckmann, Brad Milburn (11:00)

Ushers: Bob Spruck and John Musil (8:30); Paul Talbott and Tom Conrad (11:00)

*Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Carol Jensen-Linton, in celebration
of her son Adam's birthday, and her own birthday.*