

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
March 2, 2025
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music
Karl P. Dietmeyer, Conductor, Christ Our Shepherd Flute & Brass Choirs

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

*The prelude is the beginning of the worship service and is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.
Please be respectful of the worshippers around you who are using this time for that purpose.*

PRELUDE (11:00) *Beautiful Savior*

Christ Our Shepherd Flute Choir

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 take a pre-packaged kit with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer from the center communion server. Please tell an usher if you need communion brought to you where you sit.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(11:00)-M&Ms MUSICAL OFFERING

↑ **EXCHANGING THE PEACE**

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always

☑ **And also with you.**

We share a sign of God's peace.

↑ **GATHERING HYMN: *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; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904
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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.**

**Refrain-Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!**

**1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. Refrain**

2 Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. Refrain

**3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God;
to make all things new. Refrain**

Text: Marty Haugen b. 1950

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↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☞ Let us pray. 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.

☞ Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

see insert

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

see insert

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Listen to the Word**

ACS Hymn 974

**Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don't understand.**

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↑ **GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36**

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SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY: Dazzling Presence on the Mountain**

ACS 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.**

**4 Let our praise ring from each mountain, into deepest valleys pour,
where, with lives of grateful service, we adore Christ evermore.
To the Son, God's own beloved, and the Spirit endlessly,
may the church's praise be lifted to the blessed Trinity.**

Text: Paul E. Hoffman, b. 1956

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↑ **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

☞ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

☞ **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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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, "We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people." Please respond, "Amen."

A MINISTRIES AND SMALL GROUPS MOMENT

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We now dedicate the financial gifts we offer to the Lord and the Lord's agenda, gifts either already given online, or before or after the service in the offering box. Likewise, we prayerfully consider the ways we offer ourselves to God's kingdom throughout the whole week.

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



MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00) *This is My Beloved Son, Pepper Choplin*

Sanctuary Choir, COS Winds

↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| <p>P The Lord be with you.</p> <p>P Lift up your hearts.</p> <p>P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p> <p>P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:</p> <p>C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.</p> | <p>C And also with you.</p> <p>C We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p>C It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p> |
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- ELW S200*

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

- C** **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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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 either the chalice of wine or the white grape juice.

You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Lamb of God*

ELW S201

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

ACS Hymn 954

- 1** **You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave. You, the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.**

- 2** **Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross, shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier's toss, you, the everlasting instant; you, who are both gift and cost.**

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(cont.) *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

**3 You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our pilgrim guide.**

**4 Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry; worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our death and life.**

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† PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

☞ The Spirit of the triune God ✚ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

☞ Amen.

† SENDING 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 cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

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† SENDING

☞ Go in peace. Live in hope.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

☞ Thanks be to God.

† POSTLUDE (11:00) *Canzon per Sonare #2, Giovanni Gabrieli, arr. Marlatt*

The Christ Our Shepherd Brass

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Altar Guild: Carol Talbott

Lector: (8:30) Bill Grabill (11:00) Don Livingston

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Delee Rehak (11:00) David Byers

Tech crew: (8:30) Davida Kilgore

(11:00) Joni Siepert, Kendra Campbell-Milburn, Brad Milburn

Usher: (8:30) Bob Spruck, John Musil (11:00) Ethan Miller, Tom Smith

Communion servers: (8:30) Tom & Delee Rehak, Shelly Jones, Betty Schmidt

(11:00) Jeff & Mary Jeffrey, April Peterson

Christ Our Shepherd Flute Choir:

Conductor: Karl P. Dietmeyer

Rita DeNell, Sarah DeNell, Sara Turk, Sarah Wampler

The Christ Our Shepherd Brass:

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Dave Byers, Chelby Gambrel, Lauri Gambrel, Bert Groover, Mayson Groover, Morgan Hebert,

Ethan Hoellrich, Richard King, Xander Lee, Xavier Lee, Domenic Ravita, Liam Ravita

THE LESSONS

Sunday, March 2

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

The first reading is from Exodus, the 34th chapter.

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

ℒ The Word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

The second reading is from 2 Corinthians, the 3rd & 4th chapters.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ 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.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

ℒ The Word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter. ☒ Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² 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. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ 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.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☒ Praise to you, O Christ.

