

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

The Transfiguration of Our Lord ☩ February 14, 2021 ☩ 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister of Music
Sandra Bohlken, Soloist Marty and Jim Hagberg, Musician Leaders

P = Pastor **L** = Lector [reader] **C** Congregation *ELW* = *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (hymnal, if you have one at home)

PRELUDES

Jim Hagberg

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate to the number in your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." So in these days of required distancing, longing to share the Lord's Supper again soon physically together at one table of the Lord, we acknowledge communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space. This will be another form of that connection. We understand no precedents are being set in these unique times.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Miriam

GATHERING SONG: Transfiguration (Hillsong)

Sandra Bohlken

GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

READING: Psalm 24

—*Good News Translation*

- L** Today's Lesson is Psalm 24. Please read responsively with me—you at home, too.
L The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord; the earth and all who live on it are his.
C **²He built it on the deep waters beneath the earth and laid its foundations in the ocean depths.**
L ³Who has the right to go up the Lord's hill? Who may enter his holy Temple?
C **⁴Those who are pure in act and in thought, who do not worship idols or make false promises.**
L ⁵The Lord will bless them and save them; God will declare them innocent.
C **⁶Such are the people who come to God, who come into the presence of the God of Jacob.**
L ⁷Fling wide the gates, open the ancient doors, and the great king will come in.
C **⁸Who is this great king? He is the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, victorious in battle.**
L ⁹Fling wide the gates, open the ancient doors, and the great king will come in.
C **¹⁰Who is this great king? The triumphant Lord—he is the great king!**
L Word of God, word of life.
C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**ELW Hymn 834*

- 1 **Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**
- 2 **Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

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GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9—*Common English Bible***P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain where they were alone. He was transformed in front of them, ³and his clothes were amazingly bright, brighter than if they had been bleached white. ⁴Elijah and Moses appeared and were talking with Jesus. ⁵Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, “Rabbi, it’s good that we’re here. Let’s make three shrines—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He said this because he didn’t know how to respond, for the three of them were terrified.

⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice spoke from the cloud, “This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Human One had risen from the dead.

P The Gospel of the Lord.**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**Copyright © 2011 by *Common English Bible***SERMON**

Pastor Miriam

HYMN OF THE DAY: *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! Now we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.**

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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 "Lord, in your mercy" please respond, "Hear our prayer."

*The prayers are ended with these words, "Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, 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; 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.

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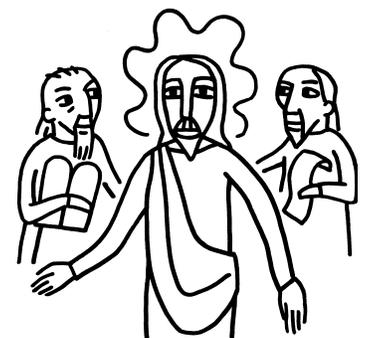
P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: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

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.**

SHARING COMMUNION WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

*As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church 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: *Oh, Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair**ELW Hymn 316
Alternate Tune MARYTON*

- 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."**

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PASTORAL BLESSING**BENEDICTION**

- ☞** God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace. **☩** **Amen.**

CLOSING 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 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: Brad Milburn, Debra Myers, Joni Siefert,
Carol Jensen-Linton*

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

*Last week, February 7, Gloria Wilkins gave the flowers
to honor her daughter, Maya.*

Our thanks to you all!