

WELCOME!

We are glad to welcome you today as we gather together to worship God! Please be sure you complete the salmon insert inside your bulletin and turn it in to the usher at the time of communion.

This bulletin will assist you in participating in worship. All parts spoken by the congregation are listed in **bold print and preceded by "C:"**

There are also instructions printed in *italics* that will indicate other helpful descriptions of the service. Large Print Hymns are available. Please see an usher.

Thank you for turning off your cell phones or putting them on "silent" during the service.



We are committed to *invite* and *welcome* all to Jesus Christ, to *equip* all with an active faith that works in real life, and together go into the world to *serve* in Jesus' name.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL INSTALLATION (11:00am service)

PRELUDE: Beautiful Savior

Dale Wood

The prelude is an arrangement of this morning's sermon hymn, "Beautiful Savior." The name of the tune is "Crusaders' Hymn." It was an 18th-century folk melody from Silesia, which is now a part of Poland.

Please stand

INVOCATION, CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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 and self-examination]

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN 631 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

HYMN OF PRAISE

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!



All: 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



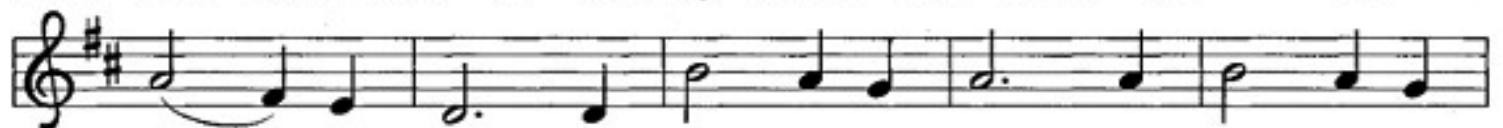
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



Refrain This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
 has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

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. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil

on his face; 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, 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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 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. 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. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 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. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. 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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

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You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 9th chapter of Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 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. 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. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 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. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. 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. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." 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. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CELEBRATION RINGERS (8:15am and 11am services)

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

arr. Joel Raney

SERMON

Pastor Seth Jersild

HYMN 838 "Beautiful Savior"

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Response: P: ...Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

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... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

- ◆ *Persons who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and believe in his real presence in the sacrament are invited to commune. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray.*
- ◆ *Children not yet communing may come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.*
- ◆ *Adults who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate you desire a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- ◆ *If you are not able to come forward to receive communion, please let the pastor know by raising your hand as he/she scans the congregation. The pastor will come to you.*

BLESSING, PRAYER and BENEDICTION

HYMN 820 "O Savior, Precious Savior"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

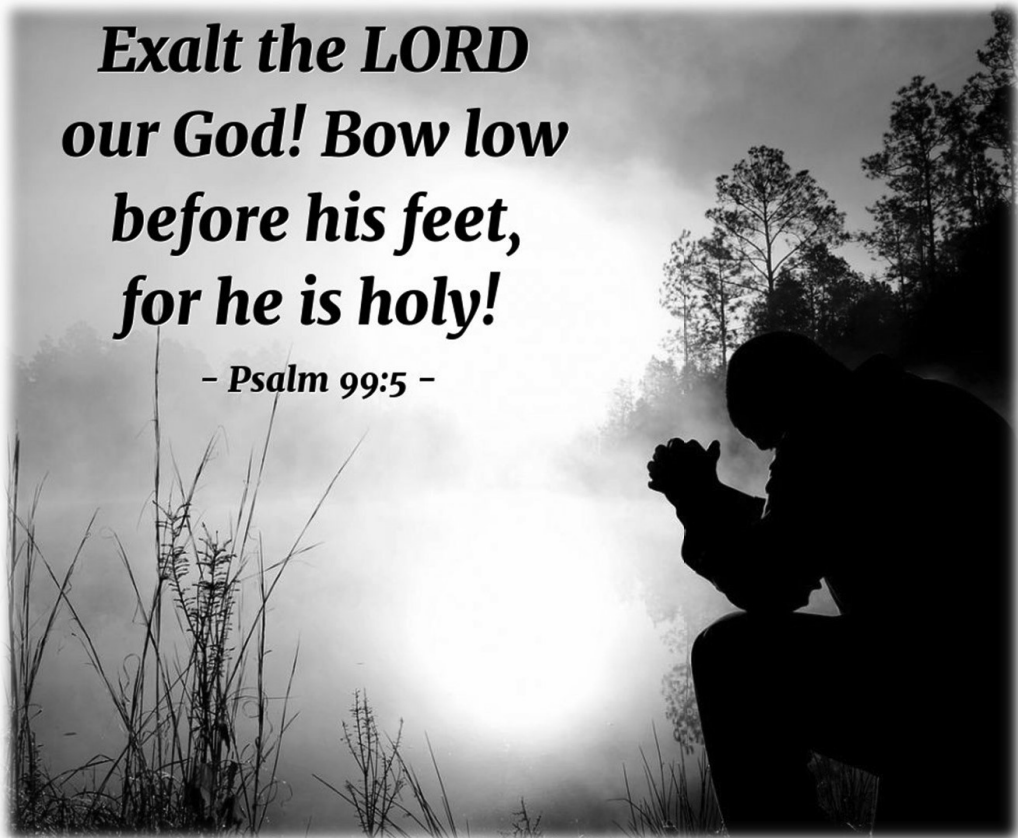
C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: Vorspiel

by Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)



The Lord reigns!
Let the peoples tremble.
He is enthroned above the cherubim.
Let the earth quake.
Yahweh is great in Zion;
He is exalted above all the peoples.
Let them praise Your great and
awe-inspiring name.
He is holy.
☞ Psalm 99:1-3 (HCSB)



***Exalt the LORD
our God! Bow low
before his feet,
for he is holy!***

- Psalm 99:5 -

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Transfiguration of Our Lord – February 27, 2022

“the appearance of his face was altered...” (Luke 9:29)

Today we remember the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain. These epiphanies, these special moments of revelation when the veil is pulled back and divine things become real to us, are not our making. Rather, they come as an unexpected and undeserved gift from God.

On the mountain, Jesus' face changed, and his clothes flashed like lightning. Moses and Elijah were talking with him. A cloud covered them and they were overcome with awe. A voice said, “This is my Son, my chosen one, listen to him!” Then the astonished disciples got up and followed Jesus back down to the valley and resumed their work. But they resumed their work with a different sense. They thought they knew Jesus, but they really didn't. They were astonished, confused, and maybe even repelled by some of his sermons. They had seen him perform miracles, yet, they knew little about his true identity and mission.

Through the transfiguration, the disciples discover Jesus is considerably more than a wise teacher or a great preacher. This man the disciples walked with was God's very Son, Immanuel, God present with us.

The Transfiguration is a revelation for the disciples. Not only is it revealed Jesus is God's Son, but also the peculiar way in which Jesus Christ is God with us. This Sunday is not only the end of the church season of Epiphany but the beginning of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is coming when we will gather, confess our sin, have ashes imposed upon our foreheads, and begin a forty-day walk with Jesus to the cross. But for one brief moment, the veil is pulled back, and we see. The Transfiguration is a moment for us to admit that our faith is utterly dependent upon God. This only comes to us as a gift. And the beautiful thing is, it does come!

Maybe you have not received as many mystical, revealing, epiphanic moments as you would like. Some of you are still waiting for that God-given moment when your fears will be taken away, your faith will be confirmed and strengthened, and you will see and believe. Today's scripture gives us a promise: keep walking with Jesus, whether he takes you up the mountain or down the valley. Keep listening and walking with him, no matter where he goes. God will be with you.