

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday, February 27, 2022

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Beautiful Savior"

M. McDonald

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Through water and the Spirit, God gives us new life. Therefore, let us confess our sins, that we may be renewed in our covenant of Holy Baptism.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and one another.

We have closed our hearts to your love.

We have resisted your light.

We have failed to extend your mercy.

Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone,

heal us with your abundant grace,

and help us to walk as children of light.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, let us serve the Lord in newness of life.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score begins with a 'Refrain' label. The lyrics are: 'Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry; blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!'. There are two verses of text: '1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the' and '2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -'. The lyrics continue: 'dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us, play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry, set us free by the truth you now bring us. mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.'. The score ends with a 'Refrain' label and the lyrics: 'Shine on me, shine on me: Shine on me, shine on me:'. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

Refrain
Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
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set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain
Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

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.

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.

Amen.

WORD

A Reading from Exodus

²⁹Moses 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. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but 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, ³⁵the 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. (Exodus 34:29-35)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99 (read responsively)

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool.

Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them;

you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the LORD our God,

and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

A Reading from Second Corinthians

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not 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. ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And 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. ²We 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.

(2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now 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. ³³Just 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. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶When 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.

(Luke 9:28-36)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“How Good, Lord, to be Here”

1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;

your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

THE NICENE CREED (Read in Unison)

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the people of the earth upon whom the light of Christ shines with grace and mercy.

A brief silence.

Let us pray for the church sent into the world to proclaim Christ's victory over death and the powers of destruction. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for God's creation so all that God has made good may grow, prosper, and bring forth abundance. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the nations of the world that Christ's reign of justice and peace will transform the darkness of despair into the light of hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who are sick, ill, or injured, and especially for everyone on our prayer list. As Christ's servants, teach us to respond to those who suffer with patience and gentleness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for this community of faith where God's Word and Sacraments illuminate our hearts, our minds, and our spirits. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray that like saints who have gone before us, we may follow Christ throughout this earthly life until we are transfigured into a glorious and eternal life. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(The Pastor concludes): Hear our prayers, eternal God, and cast your mercy over us and all that you have made. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

(8 AM)

"Melody"

F. Arne

(10:30 AM Anthem)

OFFERTORY HYMN "As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second and third staves contain the melody for the second and third lines of the hymn, respectively. The lyrics are written below the notes.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God, with joyful hearts we offer you these gifts which you have given us; fruit of the field and vine, the work of human hands. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING


The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us and bless this meal.
Awaken your people and fill us with your light.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Read in Unison)

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Through Jesus Christ, a banquet of heavenly food has been set on this table. Come,
let us eat and drink.

INSTRUCTIONS

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, are welcomed to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please move into the center aisle when instructed to do so. When you stand before the Pastor, please open your hand to receive a wafer of bread, and then move toward the Communion Assistant to dip the tip of the wafer into the chalice of wine. After you have consumed the Sacrament, you may return to your seat by the side aisle. Those who are unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament as they sit in their pews. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing."

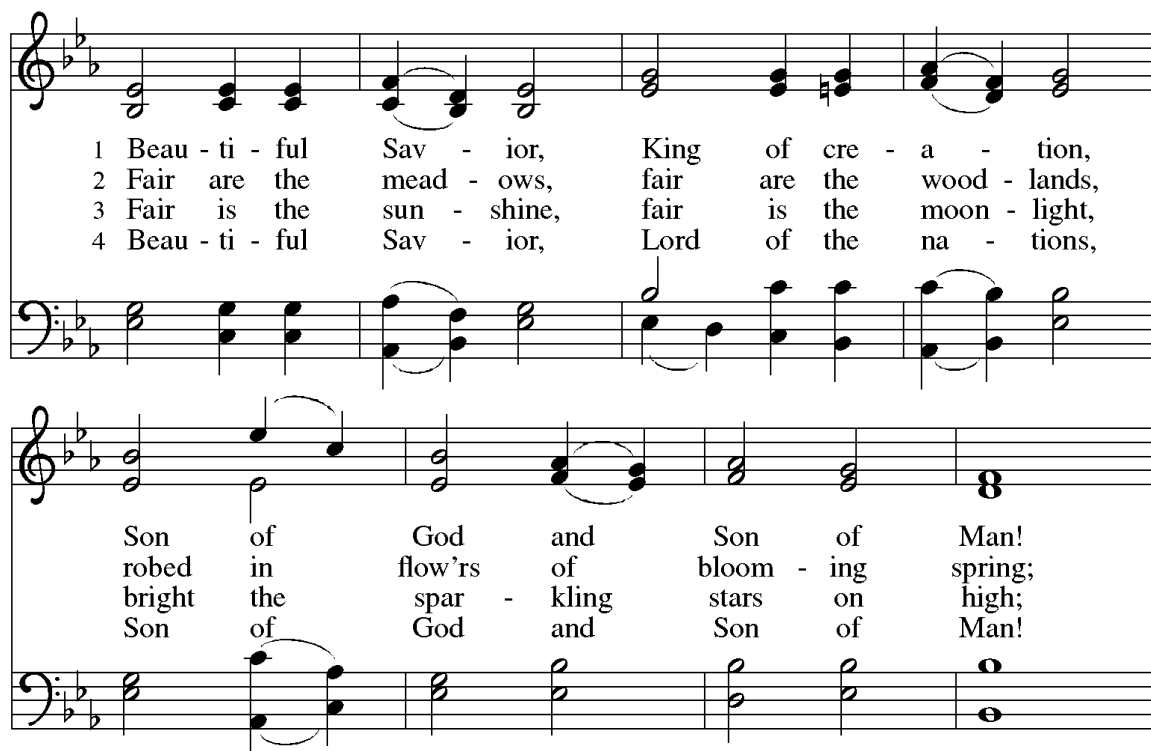
AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Beautiful Savior"



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,
Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, through this meal you reveal your faithfulness to us and to all of humanity. Anoint us with your Spirit, that we may be signs of your grace and compassion, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May the wonder of the transfiguration of Christ strengthen your faith and gladden your hearts. And may Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,

al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;

in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

THE DISMISSAL

Refreshed in faith and renewed in spirit, go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Festive March"

G.F. Handel

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Altar Flowers are presented in loving memory of Harry W. Lafko by his family.

Chancel Flowers are presented in honor of Mikey Petresky's 27th birthday by his Mom and Dad.

Bulletins are presented in memory of Rachel Zehner by her family.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, February 27	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, March 1	1:00 PM	STiC
Wednesday, March 2	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday
Thursday, March 3	6:30 PM	Evangelism
Saturday, March 5	5:30 PM	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, March 6	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (2/27/22)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Amy Dewald

COMMUNION ASST.: Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

GREETER: Wayne Lutsey; USHER: Jim Spotts; LECTOR: Sarah Eger

COMMUNION ASST.: Sue Reier

ALTAR GUILD: Joanne Emerich and Gwen Wehr

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

SERVING ASH WEDNESDAY (3/2/22)

7:00 PM

GREETER: Doug Travor; USHER: Barb Sterner; LECTOR: Mary Timpany

COMMUNION ASST.: Juli Schenck; ALTAR GUILD: Barb Lafko and Beth Post

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (3/06/22)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers

COMMUNION ASST.: Ruth Ann Withers

10:30 AM

GREETER: Evan Davis; USHER: Joanne Emerich; LECTOR: Jim Emerich

COMMUNION ASST.: Doug Travor; ALTAR GUILD: Barb Lafko and Beth Post

COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr, and Glenda Bright

Introduction to the Day: Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES

We will continue to host a Sunday School for children every second Sunday of the month. Children ages 1-10 are invited to join us during the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, March 13th for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship. Teenagers are also invited to participate as helpers. Please contact Sarah Eger at swoodring86@hotmail.com or 570-394-3522.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Ash Wednesday service is set for Wednesday, March 2nd at 7: 00 p.m. The imposition of ashes and the sharing of Holy Communion will be offered at this service. Let us faithfully gather to worship together on Ash Wednesday as we begin the season of Lent.