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## **Transfiguration of Our Lord**

*Welcome in Jesus' name.*

*We extend a special welcome to guests and visitors.*



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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Prelude/Procession/Bell

Welcome and Announcements

## **\*Confession and Forgiveness:**

L: Blessed be the holy trinity, ☩ one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

L: Loving God,

**C: We confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

L: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together, God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **\*Gathering Hymn:** "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

ELW #671

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**

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**\*Apostolic 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.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** “This is the Feast” ELW Setting 4, page 149

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.  
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,  
and honor and blessing and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
blessing and honor and glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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**\*The Prayer of the Day:**

Almighty God, **the dazzling 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. Amen.**

**Scripture Acclamation:** “Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path.  
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**Scripture Reading:**

2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." <sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. <sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.****Responsive Psalm Reading:**

Psalm 50:1-6

L: The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**C: Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.**

L: Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

**C: God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.**

L: "Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

**C: The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.**

**Scripture Reading:**

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

<sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Sermon

**\*Gospel Acclamation:**

"Alleluia"

ELW, Setting 4, Page 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

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**\*Holy Gospel:**

Mark 9:2-9

L: The Holy Gospel according to the Book of Mark.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

**\*Hymn:** "Beautiful Savior"

ELW #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.

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.

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**\*Apostles' Creed:**

**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:**

**L:** God of grace, **C:** receive our prayer.

**\*Peace:**

**L:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **C:** And also with you.

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn:** "Arise, Your Light Has Come! ELW #314 (vs. 1,4)

1 Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.

4 Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.

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**\*Offertory Prayer:**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**\*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.**

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy:**

ELW Setting 4, Page 153

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of Pow'r and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

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**\*Words of Institution**

**\*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.**

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

## Communion Hymns:

“Lamb of God”

ELW, Setting 4, Page 154

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.

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“Lord, Be Glorified”

ELW #744

1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.

2 In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in our song, Lord, be glorified today.

3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.

4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

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“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

1 I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul;  
I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

2 I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul;  
I’ve got joy like a fountain I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.

3 I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul;  
I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.

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“Christ Be Our Light”

ELW #715

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

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## **\*Communion Blessing**

### **\*Communion Prayer:**

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.  
Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

### **\*Benediction:**

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠  
bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **\*Sending Hymn:** "We Are Marching in the Light" ELW #866

We are marching\* in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, Oo,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, Oo,  
we are marching in the light of God.

**\*Alternate text: dancing, singing, praying**

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### **\*Dismissal:**

**L:** Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **C: Thanks be to God.**