

# **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

**Saturday, February 26, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.**

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church**

**4101 Washington Street NE**

**Columbia Heights, MN 55421**

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**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”**

**Jesus, take us to the mountain, Where with Peter, James, and John**

**We are dazzled by Your glory, Light as blinding as the sun.**

**There prepare us for the night, By the vision of that sight.**

**What do You want us to see there, That Your close companions saw?**

**Your divinity revealed there, Fills us with the selfsame awe.**

**Clothed in flesh like ours You go, Matched to meet our deadliest Foe.**

**What do You want us to hear there, That Your dear disciples heard?**

**Once again the Voice from heaven, Says of the Incarnate Word:**

**“Listen, listen, everyone, This is My beloved Son!”**

**Take us to that other mountain, Where we see You glorified,**

**Where You shouted “It is finished!”, Where for all the world You died.**

**Hear the stunned centurion: “Truly this was God’s own Son!”**

**We who have beheld Your glory, Risen and ascended Lord,**

**Cannot help but tell the story, All that we have seen and heard;**

**Say with Peter, James and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”**

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## **INVOCATION:**

**L:** Our worship begins the way our lives in Christ begin in baptism: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES AND PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 99:**

**L:** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

**C:** For the LORD our God is holy!

**L:** Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling,

**C:** Fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest.

**L:** Christ is faithful as the Son over God’s house.

**C:** And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

**L:** A voice came from the cloud, saying,

**C:** “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.”

L: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

**C: For the LORD our God is holy!**

L: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble;

**C: He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.**

L: Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

**C: Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.**

L: The King is mighty, he loves justice—you have established equity;

**C: In Jacob you have done what is just and right.**

L: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool;

**C: He is holy.**

L: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name;

**C: They called on the LORD and he answered them.**

L: He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;

**C: They kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.**

L: LORD our God, you answered them;

**C: You were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds.**

L: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain,

**ALL: For the LORD our God is holy.**

**RESPONSE: “Holy, Holy, Holy” – Blue Hymnal #168, st. 1& 3**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**

**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**

**Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,**

**Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,**

**Perfect in pow’r in love and purity.**

### **CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:**

L: Let’s come before our Lord relying on His mercy:

**C: Transforming, Radiant Lord: you call us to draw near to your Holy Mountain today, yet we fail to hear your voice. We sleepwalk through life, ignoring the needs of people all around us and worrying about our own desires. Forgive us when we shut out the call to climb into your presence, when we make excuses to put off that journey. Have mercy on us, O Lord, as we silently open our hearts and confess our sins. *(Time of silence)***

L: Hear our pleas, O God, and lift us to newness of life. Amen.

### **FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED**

## **SONG OF PRAISE: "I Saw the Light"**

**I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin, I wouldn't let my dear Savior in,  
Then Jesus came, like a stranger in the night. Praise the Lord, I saw the Light!**

**CHORUS: I saw the Light, I saw the Light, No more darkness, no more night,  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight. Praise the Lord, I saw the Light!**

**Just like a blind man, I wandered alone, Worries and fears I claim for my own,  
Then like a blind man who God gave back his sight, Praise the Lord, I saw the Light!**

**CHORUS:**

**I was a fool to wander and stray, Straight is the gate and narrow is the way,  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right. Praise the Lord, I saw the Light! CHORUS:**

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**L: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

**L: Let us pray.**

**C: Radiant Lord, you shine with purity, power, and truth. Your mercy reflects your compassion, your care, and your love. Transform us into your image as we seek to follow you. Use us to make your presence known throughout the world. In your strong name we pray. Amen.**

## **GREETING TIME**

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## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. Then the LORD said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it." And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses. Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

**L: Worship at the holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy. The Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 3:1-6**

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. But Christ is faithful as

the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

**L:** Worship at the holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy. The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

#### **HOLY GOSPEL:**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter nine.

**C:** **Glory to You, O Lord!**

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

**L:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C:** **Praise to You, O Christ!**

#### **SONG OF THE DAY: "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"**

**Just a closer walk with thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.**

**Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;**

**I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.**

**Through this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares?**

**Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.**

**When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;**

**Guide me gently, safely o'er To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.**

**Just a closer walk with thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.**

**Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**MESSAGE:** "You Can't Un-See It" – Pastor Bill Hugo

#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**+ EMPOWER +**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

*(Prayer response – P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.)*

**P:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG: “When the Saints Go Marching In”**

**Oh, when the saints go marching in, Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in.**

**Oh, when they gather ‘round the throne, Oh, when they gather ‘round the throne,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, When they gather ‘round the throne.**

**And when they crown him king of kings, And when they crown him King of kings,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, When they crown him King of kings.**

**And on that hallelujah day, And on that hallelujah day,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, On that hallelujah day.**

**Oh, when the saints go marching in Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number When the saints...go...mar...ching...in!**

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