

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Nixa
February 13 & 14, 2021
The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Welcome and Greetings

Hymn of Invocation: (6pm & 8am) “’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here” LSB 414

- 1) 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2) 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.
- 3) Fulfiller of the past
And hope of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified
And our redemption see.
- 4) Before we taste of death,
We see Thy kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright
And make this hill our home.
- 5) 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

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10:45: Come, People of the Risen King

Call to Worship

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Opening Sentences *Isaiah 30:15, 18, 29*

P: For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,

C: **“In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”**

P: Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you.

C: **For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him.**

P: You shall have a song as in the night when a holy feast is kept,

C: **and gladness of heart, as when one sets out to the sound of the flute to go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.**

We Confess Our Sins

P: O God, our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

C: **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**

P: We confess that we have not always brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.

C: **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**

P: We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both that which we know and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.

C: **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**

God Forgives Us

P: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

C: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

The Psalm *Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9*

C: **Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!**

Women: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Men: The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.

Women: Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is He!

Men: The King in His might loves justice. You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

C: **Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. . . God of grace and glory, before Your Son turned His face to Jerusalem and Mount Calvary, on another mountain You revealed His glory as He appeared with Moses and Elijah. Sustain Your Church both by His glory and also by Your grace, and help us to reflect the glory of Your love to all; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Readings from God's Word

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35 (Moses speaks with God. His face becomes radiant)

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, 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 talked with them. ³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12–13; 4:1–6 (Paul writes of God's people being transformed.)

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. . . .

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing.

⁴In 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. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2–9 (Jesus is transfigured on a high mountaintop.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high ²After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

⁵And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

LSB 206

C: **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of The Day: (6pm & 8am) “O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair” LSB 413

- 1) O wondrous type! O 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
Bears record to the only Son.
- 3) With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above
Who joy in God with perfect love.
- 4) And faithful hearts are raised on high
By this great vision's mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
- 5) O Father, with the eternal Son
And Holy Spirit ever one,
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace
To see Thy glory face to face.

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10:45: Great are You Lord

Sermon

Commitment to Connection

Prayer of The Church

LSB 215

P: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [*name(s)*, and] all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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.

Offering Song (*communion assistants prepare for communion*)

(6pm & 8am)

"Give Thanks"

LSB 806

- 1) Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.

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10:45: Reckless Love

Announcement: Communion Process

Please remember to wear a mask as you walk to and back from the stations. You will commune yourselves in family groups. Remember to indicate to the usher how many will be communing, and if anyone requires gluten free or grape juice.

Communion Confession

P: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communing, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

C: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and under the form of the bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (Augsburg Confession-Article X)

Words of Institution

Music during Communion

6pm & 8am:

"O Savior of our Fallen Race" LSB 403

- 1) O Savior of our fallen race,
 O Brightness of the Father's face,
 O Son who shared the Father's might
 Before the world knew day or night,
 Alleluia!
- 2) O Jesus, very Light of Light,
 Our constant star in sin's deep night:
 Now hear the prayers Your people pray
 Throughout the world this holy day.
 Alleluia!
- 3) Remember, Lord of life and grace,
 How once, to save our fallen race,
 You put our human vesture on
 And came to us as Mary's son.
 Alleluia!
- 4) Today, as year by year its light
 Bathes all the world in radiance bright,
 One precious truth outshines the sun:
 Salvation comes from You alone.
 Alleluia!
- 5) For from the Father's throne You came,
 His banished children to reclaim;
 And earth and sea and sky revere
 The love of Him who sent You here.
 Alleluia!

- 6) And we are jubilant today,
For You have washed our guilt away.
O hear the glad new song we sing
On this, the birthday of our King!
Alleluia!
- 7) O Christ, Redeemer virgin-born,
Let songs of praise Your name adorn,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.
Alleluia!

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“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” LSB 849

- 1) Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev’ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.
- 2) Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert’s burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev’ry land.
- 3) Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

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“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense” LSB 741

- 1) Jesus Christ, my sure defense
And my Savior, now is living!
Knowing this, my confidence
Rests upon the hope here given,
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many_an anxious thought.
- 2) Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;
Likewise I to life shall waken.
He will bring me where He is;
Shall my courage then be shaken?
Shall I fear, or could the Head
Rise and leave His members dead?
- 3) No, too closely I am bound
By my hope to Christ forever;
Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,
Grasped it, and will leave it never;
Even death now cannot part
From its Lord the trusting heart.
- 4) I am flesh and must return
To the dust, whence I am taken;
But by faith I now discern
That from death I shall awaken
With my Savior to abide
In His glory, at His side.
- 5) Glorified, I shall anew
With this flesh then be enshrouded;
In this body I shall view
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
In this flesh I then shall see
Jesus Christ eternally.
- 6) Then take comfort and rejoice,
For His members Christ will cherish.
Fear not, they will hear His voice;
Dying, they will never perish;
For the very grave is stirred
When the trumpet's blast is heard.

- 7) Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave
And at death no longer tremble;
He, the Lord, who came to save
Will at last His own assemble.
They will go their Lord to meet,
Treading death beneath their feet.
- 8) O, then, draw away your hearts
From all pleasures base and hollow;
Strive to share what He imparts
While you here His footsteps follow.
As you now still wait to rise,
Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

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10:45: Come to the Table and Sanctuary/More Precious than Silver

Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you
in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

C Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through
this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would
strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward
one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Farewell to Alleluia

Ecclesiastes 3:1–4, 7

P: This week with Ash Wednesday, we begin our observance of Lent. To
highlight the penitential nature of the season, it is the Church's custom to
suspend the use of the word "Alleluia," which means "Praise the Lord." A
tradition has been in place since the fifth century not to use the joyful word
"Alleluia" in worship from the conclusion of worship on the final Sunday
before Lent, which is today, until the first service on Easter Sunday. The
text of our closing hymn, "Alleluia, Song of Gladness," dates back to the
eleventh century and links us to a millennium of God's people at worship.
We now repeat words from the Book of Ecclesiastes, which remind us that

there are appropriate times for all things, including a time to keep silence, which we will observe regarding use of the “Alleluia” throughout Lent.

P: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;

C: **a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;**

P: a time to break down, and a time to build up;

C: **a time to weep, and a time to laugh;**

P: a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

C: **a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.**

P: As part of our observance of a holy Lent as it begins this week, we now say farewell to Alleluia until the time of our rejoicing anew at the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day.

C: **Alleluia! Amen.**

Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

C: **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart: (6pm & 8am) “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

LSB 417

- 1) Alleluia, song of gladness,
Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem
Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding
Thus they sing eternally.
- 2) Alleluia, thou resoundest,
True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother,
All thy children sing with thee,
But by Babylon’s sad waters
Mourning exiles now are we.

- 3) Alleluia cannot always
Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions
Make us for a while forgo;
For the solemn time is coming
When our tears for sin must flow.
- 4) Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee,
Grant us, blessèd Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter
With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee forever singing
Alleluia joyfully.
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10:45: Your Grace is Enough