



The Transfiguration of Our Lord
St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois
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THE PRELUDE: "Alleluia! Song of Gladness"

arranged by Jeffrey Blersch

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 413 "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair" (*please stand for the last stanza*)

Divine Service One, page 151ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 151

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

INTROIT: Psalm 99



Exalt the LORD and worship at His holy mountain;	for the LORD our God is holy!
The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!	He sits 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!	Ho- ly is He!
Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool!	Ho- ly is He!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son	and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the be- ginning,	is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Exalt the LORD and worship at His holy mountain;	for the LORD our God is holy!

KYRIE: pages 152-153 (*We sing the responses in bold.*)

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "This Is the Feast" page 155

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you. **C: (sung) And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

C: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT 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. ² And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please 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. ³ And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁴ Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please 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. ⁵ The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Please 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. ⁷ Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." ¹⁰ And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." ¹¹ And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL:

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol Him, all peoples!

For great is His steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

bring an offering, and come into His courts!

THE EPISTLE READING:

2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not 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.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But 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. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing.

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. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(please stand if able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 156 *(sung)*

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Mark 9:2-9

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter. **C: *(sung)* Glory to You, O Lord.**

And after 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, and His clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

And 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." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son; listen to Him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And 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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: *(sung)* Praise to You, O Christ. *(please be seated)***

HYMN OF THE DAY: 414 "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

SERMON: "Christ Comes Down to Us Because We Cannot Climb Up to Him" Mark 9:2-9

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(please stand if able)* **The Nicene Creed: page 158**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition ends "Lord, in Your mercy" and we respond, "hear our prayer.")

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+those who mourn: the families of David Koch and Ethel Montroy

+those elected to leadership positions at our S. Illinois District convention this past week in O'Fallon

(please be seated)

OFFERING: "'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

arranged by Kevin Kolander

(please stand if you are able) **OFFERTORY:** pages 159-160

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: page 160ff.

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THE PAX DOMINI:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI: page 163

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

415 "Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

416 "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

417 "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Nunc Dimittis" page 165

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: page 166

BENEDICTION: page 166

CLOSING HYMN: 643 "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

THE POSTLUDE: "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

arranged by Kevin Hildebrand

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