



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 E. Blersch

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 414 "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

(8 a.m.) Holy Baptism, page 268ff.

Divine Service Two, page 167ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 167 *(please stand if you are able)*

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

INTROIT: Psalm 84



Blessed are those who dwell / in Your house,
 How lovely is Your / dwel-ling place
 My soul longs for the courts / of the Lord;
 Behold our shield, / O God;
 For the Lord God is a sun / and a shield;
 No good thing does / He with-hold
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
 as it was in the be- | gin-ning,
 Blessed are those who dwell / in Your house,

ever sing- / ing Your praise!
 O / Lord of hosts!
 I sing for joy to the / liv-ing God.
 look on the face of Your a- / nointed!
 the Lord bestows favor and / honor.
 from those who walk up- / right-ly.
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 is now, and will be forever. | A-men.
 ever sing- / ing Your praise!

KYRIE: (pages 168-169) and **HYMN OF PRAISE:** "This Is the Feast" (pages 171-172)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* And also with you.

P: 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:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there."

So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, and He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him.

So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

Praise the Lord, all nations!

For great is His steadfast love toward us,

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

Extol Him, all peoples!

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

bring an offering, and come into His courts!

THE EPISTLE READING:

Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are His house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if you are able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** (page 173) *(sung)*

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 9:28-36

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

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with Him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as He was praying, the appearance of His face was altered, and His clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with Him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His departure, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and those who were with Him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. And as the men were parting from Him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said.

As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!” And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C:** *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(please be seated) **HYMN OF THE DAY: 416 “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”**

SERMON: “When God Closes a Door, He Opens Up Heaven” Deuteronomy 34:1-12

- I. God Closes the Door
 - A. Moses Would Not Enter the Earthly Promised Land
 - B. We Do Not Get What We Have Promised Ourselves
- II. God Opens Up Heaven
 - A. Moses Enters Into God’s Heavenly Promised Land
 - B. We Enter Into God’s Promised Land of Eternal Life
- III. God Sends Us His Greater Prophet
 - A. Moses Led God’s People Out of Their Slavery in Egypt
 - B. Jesus Leads Us Out From Our Slavery to Sin and Death

(please stand if you are able)

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed: page 174

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition ends “let us pray to the Lord” and we respond, “Lord, have mercy.”)

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+our grade school girls and families returning from Chicago after Lutheran State b-ball and cheer

(please be seated) **OFFERING:** “Beautiful Savior”

arranged by John A. Behnke

(please stand if you are able) **OFFERTORY:** page 176

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: page 177ff.

PREFACE: page 177

SANCTUS and PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: page 178

LORD’S PRAYER and THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: page 179

THE PAX DOMINI:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C:** *(sung)* **Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI: page 180

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

415 “Jesus on the Mountain Peak”

417 “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

625 “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: “Thank the Lord” page 181

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT AND BENEDICTION: page 183

CLOSING HYMN: 413 “O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair” *(sung “A-men”)*

THE POSTLUDE: “Shades Mountain”

arranged by John Eggert

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