



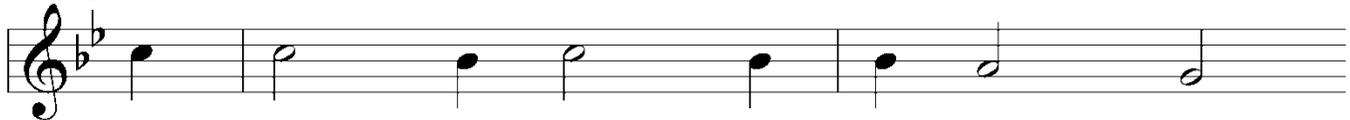
The Transfiguration of Our Lord
St. John's Lutheran Church Red Bud, Illinois
February 22-23, 2020



THE PRELUDE: "Deo Gracis" setting by Ruth Mackie
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)



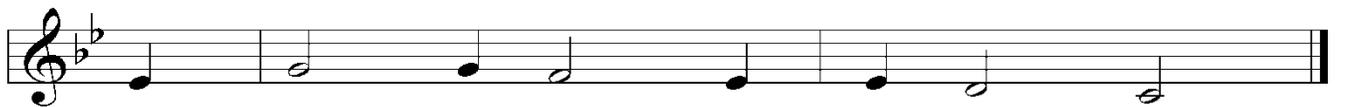
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah high
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
 The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace



Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

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Divine Service One, page 151ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 151

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

INTROIT: Psalm 99



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

for the LORD our God is | holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!

He sits enthroned; let the | earth quake!

The LORD is great in | Zion;

He is exalted over all the | peoples.

Let them praise Your | awesome name!

Ho- | ly is He!

The King in His might loves | justice. You have executed justice in | Jacob.

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

KYRIE: pages 152-153 (*we sing the responses*)

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

Refrain **This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

**Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. *Refrain***

**Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength,
and hon-or, bless-ing and glo-ry are His. *Refrain***

Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:

**Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry and might
be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. *Refrain***

For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Refrain*

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:

Exodus 24:8-18

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.” Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under His feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

Ps. 117:1–2a; 96:8

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 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son, with

whom I am well pleased,” we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain.

And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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:

Matthew 17:1-9

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.

C: *(sung)* Glory to You, O Lord.

And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light.

And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If You wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised 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”



1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy
 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past And
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, We
 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,
 beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -
 hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y
 see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the
 we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.
 glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
 vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
 leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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SERMON: "Worshipping on the Mountain, but Living on the Plain"

Matthew 17:1-9

(please stand if able)

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed

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 of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

HEALING AND COMFORT: Arlin Winkelman, Omer Liefer, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttman, David Guebert, Larry Ebers, Pastor Koen, Jim Walker, Stuart Langrehr, Pam Stellhorn, Randy Miller, Peggy Sitzes, Roger Kozora, Garon Schnepel, Lori Rees; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members*: Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Cheryl Zanders, Jason Brock, Ruth Hecht, Nancy O'Dell. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (*Please call with names.*) Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt, Benjamin Boeder, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Brent Knop, Keenan Turnure
+Pastor Nebel's call to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Eldora, Iowa
+those who are suffering from the Corona virus throughout the world

It is good that we are here, O Lord, upon the holy mountain of Your presence. Hear us as we pray for Your Church throughout the world, for each of us according to our needs, and for all people everywhere. *Brief silence*

Almighty God, on the Mount of Transfiguration You revealed Your Son to be the holy One who kept the Law You gave to Moses and fulfilled to Elijah and all the prophets the promise of a Savior. Grant to Your Church the grace to receive Your Son with faith, to rejoice in the revelation of Your saving glory in Him, and to live by the light of His Word and the food of His table all our days. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, from age to age You gave us glimpses of Your glory until the fuller revelation of Your Son. Grant to us pastors who will preach the whole counsel of Your Word and provide to us the faithful pastoral care we need. Bless us with church workers to teach our children and do the works of mercy that show forth Your love to those in need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, all the might of man pales before the demonstration of Your power. Bless, we pray, Donald, our president; the Congress of these United States; _____, our governor; and all judges and magistrates. Give them wisdom to fulfill the responsibilities entrusted to them, that justice may prevail, life may be protected, virtue encouraged, and all people kept safe and secure against threat and violence. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, give to all those in any affliction the comfort of Your presence and grace for their every need. Give healing to the sick according to Your will, give comfort to those who mourn, and give peace to the dying. Especially do we pray for _____ and those we name in our hearts, that they may have strength, patience and peace to bear up in the burdens of this life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You have manifested Your greatest glory by giving us Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. Help us to acknowledge Christ's presence in the bread and wine and to rejoice to meet our Lord who gives us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Open our hearts to receive Him with faith and to keep in holy lives what we have received upon our lips this day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, with many resources You have blessed us, but we pray You to teach our hearts to know contentment and peace in all the blessings You have supplied. Make us generous, that what we have received we may share with those in need and give to Your Church as the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart and a confident faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, until that day dawns and Christ, the Morning Star, arises with the light of the eternal day, keep us from being distracted by temptation or deceived by error. Guard the truth You have planted in our hearts, that when Christ comes in His glory, we may be found holy and blameless and enter into His presence with all the saints of old. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things we pray, O Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom You have made known to us the mystery of Your saving glory. As He has fulfilled all the Law and kept the promise of the prophets, keep us from error, that we may honor Your Word with an obedient heart and walk in His ways, doing all that is good and right and pleasing in Your sight. In Christ, with Christ and through Christ, be all glory, honor, worship and praise to You, Holy Father, with the Holy Spirit evermore. **Amen.** (*please be seated*)

OFFERING: “Potsdam”

setting by Mark Sendio

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

What shall I render to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to me?

I will offer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple,
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: page 160ff.

PREFACE: page 160 (*we sing the responses*)

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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right and salutary that we ...evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: page 161

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of pow’r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na.

Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est.

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth...To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER AND THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: page 162

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: **Our Father who..**

THE PAX DOMINI: P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: A-men.**

THE AGNUS DEI: page 163

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

409 “Hail, O Source of Every Blessing”

417 “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

527 “O Savior, Precious Savior”

Please stand if you are able

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: “Thank the Lord” page 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-‘ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is-es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

With shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: page 166

P: Let us pray. ...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: A-men.**

BENEDICTION: page 166

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.

C: A-men.

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



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
 Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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THE POSTLUDE: “The Ash Grove”

setting by Matthew Manthe

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