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Family Worship – Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 27, 2022 ✙ 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The people rise as they can comfortably. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.
Amen.

Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness,
for God is full of gentleness and compassion.

Pause for reflection.

Lord Jesus, you came as a child in the fullness of humanity that we may know God's love for us.
Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you called the children to you and blessed them that we may know God's love for
children. Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you will judge us by how we care for the least of these our brothers and sisters.
Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Our hope is in Christ Jesus. For his sake ✙ our sins are forgiven.

In him the veil of God's glory is lifted. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

GREETING p. 147

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE # 318 Alleluia, Song of Gladness! verse 1

**Alleluia, song of gladness,
voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem
ever dear to choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding
thus they sing eternally.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ANTHEM (9:00 service)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35 (Easy-to-Read Version)

A reading from Exodus.

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. Seeing it made the Israelites afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking off the veil when he spoke directly with God.

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, he carried the two stone tablets of the agreement. Because he had talked with the Lord, his face was shining, but he did not know it. ³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw that Moses' face was shining bright. So they were afraid to go near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them. So Aaron and all the leaders of the people went to him. Moses talked with them. ³² After that all the Israelites came near Moses, and he gave them the commands that the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³ When Moses finished speaking to the people, he put a covering over his face. ³⁴ Any time Moses went before the Lord to speak with him, Moses took off the covering. Then Moses would come out and tell the Israelites what the Lord commanded. ³⁵ The people would see that Moses' face was shining bright, so he would cover his face again. He kept his face covered until the next time he went in to speak with the Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2 (International Children's Bible)

A reading from Second Corinthians.

In writing to the Corinthians, Paul compares the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and we are transformed into Christ's likeness.

¹² We have this hope, so we are very brave. ¹³ We are not like Moses. He put a covering over his face so that the people of Israel would not see it. The glory was disappearing, and Moses did not want them to see it end. ¹⁴ But their minds were closed. Even today that same covering hides the meaning when they read the old agreement. That covering is taken away only through Christ. ¹⁵ Yes, even today, when they read the law of Moses, there is a covering over their minds. ¹⁶ But when a person changes and follows the Lord, that covering is taken away. ¹⁷ The Lord is the Spirit. And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ Our faces, then, are not covered. We all show the Lord's glory, and we are being changed to be like him. This change in us brings more and more glory. And it comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

⁴ God, with his mercy, gave us this work to do. So we don't give up. ² But we have turned away from secret and shameful ways. We use no trickery, and we do not change the teaching of God. We teach the truth plainly. This is how we show everyone who we are. And this is how they can know in their hearts what kind of people we are before God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a] (ERV)**

The holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The disciples have a dazzling preview of Jesus' resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity and the disciples are stunned speechless.

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said these things, he took Peter, John, and James and went up on a mountain to pray. ²⁹ While Jesus was praying, his face began to change. His clothes became shining white. ³⁰ Then two men were there, talking with him. They were Moses and Elijah. ³¹ They also looked bright and glorious. They were talking with Jesus about his death that would happen in Jerusalem. ³² Peter and the others were asleep. But they woke up and saw the glory of Jesus. They also saw the two men who were standing with him. ³³ When Moses and Elijah were leaving, Peter said, "Master, it is good that we are here. We will put three tents here—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While Peter was saying these things, a cloud came all around them. Peter, John, and James were afraid when the cloud covered them. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud and said, "This is my Son. He is the one I have chosen. Obey him."

³⁶ When the voice stopped, only Jesus was there. Peter, John, and James said nothing. And for a long time after that, they told no one about what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY # 779 Amazing Grace – verses 1 and 2

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We see the love of God in God's own son. As brothers and sisters of Jesus, let us bring our prayer to God, saying, "Lord, hear your children's prayer."

For the Church of God, that we follow Jesus, who taught us that whoever would be first must be the servant of all, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear your children's prayer.

For elected officials, that they may lead with courage and wisdom and be blessed with integrity and creativity; that we build up safe and joyful communities for all people, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear your children's prayer.

For all the people of the world, especially children and families who do not have money for food and lodging; for people suffering from injustice; for all who are sick and suffering; we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear your children's prayer.

For ourselves and our community; that we recognize your face every child and that we love and bless all children as Jesus welcomed them; we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear your children's prayer.

Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop before we enter the season of Lent. For blessings on all who lead us in worship and who contribute to our worship life; we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear your children's prayer.

(*Pastor*) God of love, who shelters us like a mother hen and welcomes us like a father, hear the prayers we offer in confidence and faith, through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE p. 152

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

***GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE p. 152**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today as we celebrate communion, we join with millions around the world, and all who down through the ages have joined in this feast.
When we do this we take part in a story that tells us God loves us completely and unconditionally.
When we do this we remember that Jesus invites us to this ancient yet always-new meal, to share the feast and remember God's love. You are all welcome to share in this celebration.

In the Bible we read that Jesus enjoyed a meal with his closest friends the night he was arrested.
On the night he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit,
in your church, now and forever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION p.154

Come to God's table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

The Body of Christ, given for you.

The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG #838 Beautiful Savior verses 1 and 3

**1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, to proclaim your truth every day, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG #836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

**1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**

**2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.**

**3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!**

DISMISSAL

Christ is with you. Share the good news!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:
THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING: (27 February 2022)**

Lex Stolle, Carmine Colasanto, Richard Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]
Margo Naranjo, John Hochuli [requested by Barbara English]
Norma Martin [requested by Sue Rorke]
Chanelle (Dugan), Carol Kaelin, Robert Richards, Pamela Catania (Justine Hoffman's mom), Lise Gunther, Don & Marianne Spagna [requested by Mary Fjellstad]
Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]
Mia Kaiser [requested by Emilie Diehl]
Nicholas Mauceri and Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]
Noelle Miller, Marlene Demetri, the Nason family [requested by Leslee Mathieson]
Richard Wiles [husband of Joan Wiles]
Stanley Ulc, Stefanie Spath [requested by Marianna Ulc and family]
Jim Cahote, John Sullivan [requested by Dottie & Jim Clavell]
Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]
Ruth Aiello [requested by Cindy Davis]
Laura Garlock [requested by Darlene Klouda]
Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther, Ralph Gunther and Stephanie O'Neill [requested by the Hoffman family]
Zach Hills, Joann Pagnani [requested by Brian & Diane Marley]
Bernadette Uneberg [requested by John Hinsch]
Joan Young [requested by Sue Dresch]
Kim Council, Roger Schleef, the Hinsch family, the Fesselmeyer & Pascale families, Jim Flaherty, Carol Pascale, the Schleef family, the Davour and Aveli families, Walter Henning Sr., Pastor Frank Modr, Martha Hahn, Gary Weymer [requested by Pastor Shelhart]
David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]
Carolyn Martin [requested by Linda Overton]
The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella]
Bill Feigin [requested by Jessica Michalski]
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg, Liz Solomon, Warren Hemming, Susie Gillen [requested by the Breimann family]
Bill Davey [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice]
Fred Eichorn [requested by James Flaherty]
Suzie DiSanza [requested by Donna Ihlen]
Viola Giovinco [requested by Liz DeLuca]
Amy Kitay [requested by Diana Smiloff]

THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Captain Zachary Hinsch [nephew of Judy & John Hinsch]
Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin]
Sergeant Charlee Seto [granddaughter of Jacci & Mike Milo]
Corporal August Detting
Major William Fortin