



**Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota
Transfiguration Sunday
February 14, 2021**

Prelude: Bell Tree Solos, Joan Dixon and Hazel Sitz

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP, Psalm 99

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

¹ The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble;
he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

² **Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.**

³ **Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.**

⁴ The King is mighty, he loves justice—you have established equity;
in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

⁵ **Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.**

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel was among those who called on his name;
they called on the LORD and he answered them.

⁷ **He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;
they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.**

⁸ LORD our God, you answered them;
you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds.

⁹ **Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain,
for the LORD our God is holy. (NIV)**

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

HYMN 507 (Maroon): Holy, Holy, Holy

**1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

CONFESSION

Our God is indeed Holy! He created us to worship Him. Yet, far too often, we choose to worship other people and other things. We choose to follow our sinful natures, the world, or the temptations of the devil. Though we confess that Jesus is our Lord, we are more concerned about ourselves than others. Let us come before God in confession:

Father in heaven, I confess my sins to You:

I have not listened to You or followed You as I should.

Instead, I have listened to other people and sought out the glamour of this world.

I have sinned against You in action.

I have sinned against You in my thoughts.

I have sinned against You in my desires.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. (Psalm 51:1-2)

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

THE PRAISES
Alleluia!
CONTINUES

This is the Feast (Maroon, Divine Setting One, page 155)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
And honor, blessing and glory are his. (Refrain)

Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor, glory and might,
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)



8:30 / 10:30 Children's Sermon

After the children's sermon, we will sing:

Jesus Loves Me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong
Yes, Jesus Loves me. Yes, Jesus Loves Me.
Yes, Jesus Loves Me, the Bible tells me so.



OLD TESTAMENT READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

³ The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet."

⁴ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

⁵ The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet."

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on. ⁷ Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. ¹⁰ "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not." ¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two. (NIV)

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EPISTLE READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

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HYMN 413 (Maroon): O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

**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.**

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:2-9

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. (NIV)

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HYMN G693 (Green): Shine, Jesus, Shine

**1. Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me**

Chorus: **Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow, Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light**

**2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me. *Chorus.***

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me. *Chorus.*

MESSAGE

The Love of Jesus Pastor Pasche

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Agnus Dei (Alleluia) by Michael W. Smith

Alleluia, Alleluia, For our Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, Alleluia, For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia.
Holy, Holy, Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
You are Holy, Holy, Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb. Amen

Alleluia, Alleluia, For our Lord God Almighty reigns
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Holy, Holy, Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
You are Holy, Holy, Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb.
You are Holy, Holy, Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
You are Holy, Holy, Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb. Amen

OFFERING

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 417 (Maroon): Alleluia, Song of Gladness

**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 for-go;
For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.**

**4 Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee for ever singing Alleluia joyfully.**

BURYING OUR ALLELUIAS FOR LENT

When Jesus came down from the mount of Transfiguration, he began to tell his disciples that he would be betrayed and crucified.

Sometimes we lose our Alleluia.

Jesus did not enter into glory before he stretched out his arms on the hardwood of the cross.

Sometimes we lose our Alleluia.

Jesus told his disciples, "If you want to become my followers, deny yourselves and take up your cross and follow me." (*Matthew 16:24 adapted*)

Sometimes we must let go of our Alleluia.

At Easter we will again celebrate the Resurrection and sing "Christ is risen."

In God's time, we will find our Alleluia!

For the forty days of Lent, we discontinue singing and saying, "Alleluia."

Prayer: Lord Jesus, it is our joy to sing and say "Alleluia"

As a response to Your conquering sin and death.

Now, during the days of Lent,

we say farewell to "Alleluia"

so that we may take it up anew on Easter. Amen.

(We place our "Alleluias" in their hiding place and cover them.)

10:30am Communion - Come forward to receive communion continuously, then return to your pews for the communion blessing and dismissal. Please maintain social distancing as you depart the sanctuary.

BENEDICTION - 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. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Who are we? **We are a loving community called by God's grace.**
Our purpose is? **That all know the Peace of God.**

Worship Schedule – February through August

Wednesday, Midweek Lenten Services

February 17th through March 24th

11:30am (Lunch to follow) and 6:45pm in the Sanctuary
(No 5:15pm worship services in Lent. No evening meals.)
Communion on February 24th at 6:45pm

Palm Sunday, March 28th

Sunday at 8:30am in the Sanctuary.
Family Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. Communion.

Wednesday, March 31st

No Wednesday evening worship services
8th grade rehearsal for First Communion at 6:15pm

Maundy Thursday, April 1st

Worship in the Sanctuary at 11:30am (Lunch to follow). Communion.
First Communion for confirmation students at 5:15pm in the Sanctuary.
Worship at 6:45pm in the Sanctuary. Communion.

Good Friday, April 2nd

Tenebrae at 12:00 (Communion) and 6:45pm
No meal service.

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Worship at 7:00am, 8:30am (communion) and 10:30am (communion).
No Sunday School. No Easter Breakfast.

Wednesday, April 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Wednesday night worship returns to 5:15pm.
(Confirmation classes meet at 6:15pm.)

Wednesday – May 5th through the summer (until confirmation classes begin in the fall)
Beginning on May 5th, Wednesday evening worship moves to 6:45pm

Sunday, May 16th

After Sunday School finishes for the year, we will begin our summer worship schedule.
8:30am in the Sanctuary and 10:00am in the Parking lot (rain or shine).