



**Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota
Transfiguration Sunday
February 11, 2024**

HYMN 507 (Maroon): Holy, Holy, Holy

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP, Psalm 99

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

¹The 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.**

⁴The 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.**

⁶Moses 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.**

⁸LORD 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.**

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.**

WE SING: HYMN 803, verse 1 and HYMN 416, verse 3

**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**

**Lord, transfigure our perception With the purest light that shines,
And recast our life's intentions To the shape of Your designs,
Till we seek no other glory Than what lies past Calv'ry's hill
And our living and our dying And our rising by Your will.**

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.



Readers: 6:30pm Dick Higgins; 8:30am Darlyn Egge; 10:30am Sadie Jenkins

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. (ESV)

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EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 and 4:1-6

¹² Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶ But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ² 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. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ 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. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ 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. (ESV)

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6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 413 (Maroon): O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

10:30am Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:2-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

² 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, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white,

as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ 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." ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹ 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. (ESV) **This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.**

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.

Children's Message

HYMN G693 (Green): Shine, Jesus, Shine

MESSAGE

OFFERING

Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.

8:30am & 10:30am Installation of Officers

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SONG: 10,000 Reasons

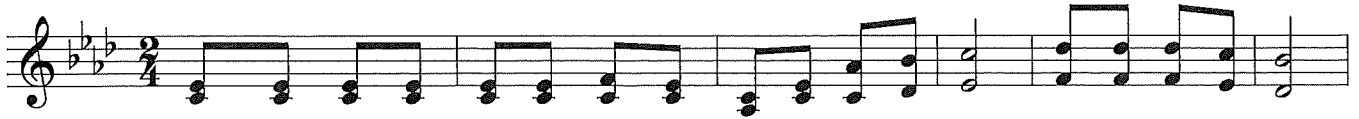
BENEDICTION

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.**

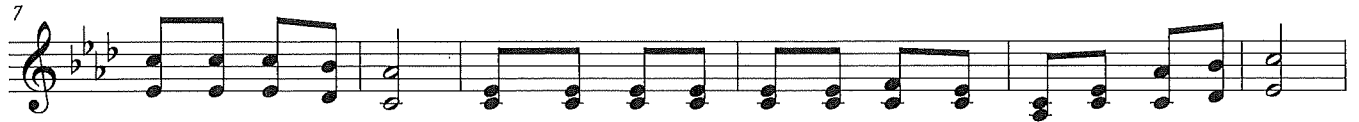
Sing, Dance and Celebrate!

Based on the Baruska Polka.

Joan DeVee Dixon



1. Wor - ship God and sing to - geth - er, Cel - e - brate to - day! Cel - e - brate to - day!
2. Fa - thers, Mo - thers, Sis - ters, Bro - thers, Cel - e - brate to - day! Cel - e - brate to - day!
3. Send us forth to seek and serve You, Bless us on the way! Bless us on the way!



Cel - e - brate to - day! Sound the or - gan, ring the hand - bells, cel - e - brate to - day!
Cel - e - brate to - day! O - ma, O - pa, lit - tle child - ren, Cel - e - brate to - day!
Bless us on the way! May God keep and guide us safe - ly each and ev' - ry day!



Stand and shout an Al - le - lu - ia! Cel - e - brate, O Hutch - in - son!



Stand and shout an Al - le - lu - ia! Cel - e - brate, O Hutch - in - son!



Sing, dance and cel - e - brate God's time - less rev - e - la - tion!



Sing, dance and cel - e - brate God's price - less gift of grace! _____