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**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

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*LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD*

## Sunday Schedule

Adult Bible Study – 9:15 a.m.

Traditional Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Rodney E. Bitely, Pastor  
Mr. Bill Moats, Choir Director  
Mr. Roger Sethmann, Organist  
Mr. Eric Burcham, Guest Organist  
Mrs. Debbie Harris, Church Secretary

### A Word About Communion

We Lutherans believe in the Real Presence, namely that Christ's body and blood are actually present with the bread and wine in a very special way (1 Cor. 10:16). Because we want to honor Christ and to grow closer to Him through this precious gift of forgiveness we practice close communion. Our faith in Christ brings us closer to Him and to each other. This sacrament is His way of keeping us close, that is, in union or communion with Him and fellow Christians. In order to build closeness, please read below before communing. As a Baptized Christian:

- ✦ I confess my sins to God and rely on Jesus Christ to save me from them.
- ✦ I believe that Christ is truly present in this Sacrament and that with the bread and wine I actually receive His true body and blood.
- ✦ I intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful life and live a life that is pleasing to God.



#### As We Gather

*The light of Christ is no mere metaphor. Christ is our light and He shines with the brightness of the one true light. Where the world lives in the darkness of doubt, Christ brings confidence to approach the throne of grace. Where the world lives in the faded glory of our aspirations and dreams, Christ's light of forgiveness and hope never fades. Where the world imagines a future, Christ's light*

*shines on a new and everlasting tomorrow. As Christ shone with His light, so do we shine with the borrowed light of our Savior that those living in darkness and in the shadow of death might be shown the way.*

#### **Key:**

- △ – Stand
- ▣ – Pastor
- ▣ – Assistant/Reader
- ▣ – Parents/Sponsors
- ▣ – Congregation

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

*Stand*

## 795 Voices Raised to You We Offer



1 Voice - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for  
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your  
 3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with  
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -  
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer Mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute  
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,  
 heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,  
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;  
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!

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## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession & Absolution

*1 John 1:8-9; [John 20:19-23]*

- 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.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9*

- P** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
- C** **for the LORD our God is holy!**
- P** The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
- C** **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**
- P** The LORD is great in Zion;
- C** **he is exalted over all the peoples.**
- P** Let them praise your great and awesome name!
- C** **Holy is he!**
- P** The King in his might loves justice.
- C** **You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**
- P** Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!
- C** **Holy is he!**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- C** **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
- C** **for the LORD our God is holy!**

# Kyrie

Mark 10:47

- P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.  
**P** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.  
**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

## 537 Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

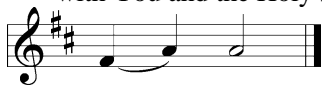
*Transfiguration*

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** 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.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 34:29–35*

*Moses comes down the mountain with the Law in his hands and the glory of the Lord upon his face.*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, chapter 34.

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6

*We all, with unveiled face, behold the glory of God.*

**A** The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians, chapter 3.

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, 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. 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. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 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. 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. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. 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. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Choral Anthem

*Stand*

## Gradual

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

- P** Praise the LORD, all nations!
- C** **Extol him, all peoples!**
- P** For great is his steadfast love toward us,
- C** **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**
- P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
- C** **bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 9:2–9*

*With Moses and Elijah at His side, Jesus reveals His glory.*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 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.” For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

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.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## Children's Message

*All children, preschool age through elementary school, are invited to come forward for a special message.*



## 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 - Mark 9:2-9, "My Beloved Son"

*"And a cloud overshadowed them,  
 and a voice came out of the cloud,  
 'This is my beloved Son;  
 listen to him.'"*  
**Mark 9:7**

*Stand*

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs... For the eyes to see, ears to hear, and faith to believe Christ is the glory of the Father who has accomplished salvation by fulfilling the Law and the prophets for us; Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** For the Church, where the glory of God shines through the voice of His Word and by the sacraments of Christ, and for our life together in the unity of this Word believed and this Gospel proclaimed; Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** For the pastors who preach the glory of the cross and the church workers who serve us in Christ's name and for those preparing for church work; Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

**P** For the faded glory of the world, of nations in conflict, of the victims of violence and hate, and of the inequities of our broken world and for those who serve us on every level of government, especially for President Biden and Governor Youngkin; Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** For those afflicted in mind or body, those bearing the pain of grief or loss, and for the dying, *especially...*, and for comfort, peace, healing, and faith to sustain them in their trouble; Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** For our wisdom in the face of falsehood, our strength in the face of temptation, and our courage in the face of threat and persecution; Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** For faithful worship where Christ and His gifts are the center of why we gather and all we do and for grace to receive His gifts with faith and repentance; Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*Additional petitions may be offered.*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Offering**

**Voluntary**

*Stand*

## 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711  
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois  
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## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And al-so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Holy Lord*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

*Peace of the Lord*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

# Agnus Dei

*Lamb of God*

**C** 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, grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

*Stand*

# Thank the Lord

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: "Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord rejoice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-ises and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia." The score ends with a double bar line.

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks 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

- P** Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

- 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.



## Service Dismissal

- P** Go in peace.  
**C** Serve the Lord!

## 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
 Δ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
 See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re-treat;  
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—  
 Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,  
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
 Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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## Postlude

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By Grace...  
Through Faith...  
Revealed in Scripture...  
Alone.