

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

537 GRAND AVENUE

BILLINGS, MONTANA

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 19, 2023

Worship - 8:00am & 10:30am

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class - 9:30am

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AS WE GATHER

In one sense, the Transfiguration of Our Lord provides a sort of climax to the first part of the story of Jesus in the liturgical year. In the glorious vision, Moses and Elijah appear as if to prove that everything written in the Bible in the Law and the Prophets has come true in the advent and appearance of Jesus, “true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary” (explanation of the Second Article). Yet this climactic event is not yet the true and complete climax of the story, but a transition now into the season of Lent and the road to the true climax: the cross of Good Friday, the resurrection of Easter, His ascension into heaven, and the sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. There is so much more to tell. This brief glimpse of glory and Peter’s eyewitness account is to give us the strength and encouragement now to bring the story to completion in us, that we become witnesses in possession of the glorious hope of eternal life through the forgiveness of our sins.

We encourage all of our worshippers to sign *The Record of Fellowship Book* that is in the pew. If you have a special need or concern, write it in this book and we will respond this week.

An unattended nursery is available for you and your child if needed. Please do not leave children alone in the nursery.

ORDER OF WORSHIP DIVINE SERVICE 2, (pg.167)

Opening Hymn

“O Day Full of Grace”

#503

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

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 upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion,*

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!*

Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.*

**You have established equity; you have executed justice and
righteousness in Jacob.**

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!*

Holy is he!

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, 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!

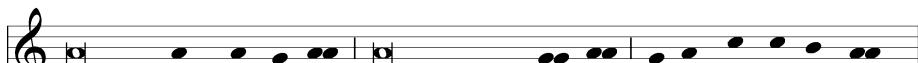
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



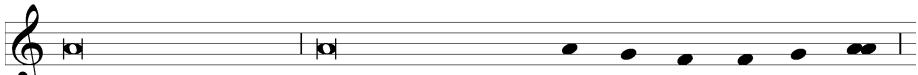
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



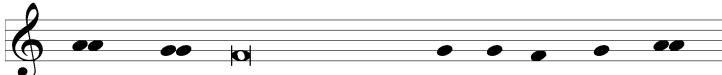
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.



Hymn of Praise “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”
(Stzs. 1, 3-4 – All; Stz. 2 – Choir & All)

Note: Orchestra plays through entire stanza as an introduction.

We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

Based on “The Te Deum”
Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955

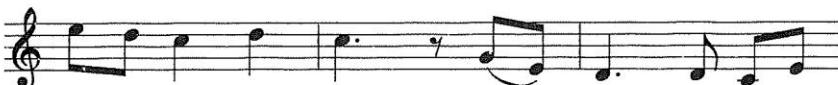
THAXTED
Gustav T. Holst, 1874–1934
Setting by Mark Bender



All: 1 We — praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the
Choir: 2 The — band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your
All: 3 You, _ Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing
All: 4 You — sit in splen-did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right



Lord, The — Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by
praise; The — fel - low - ship of proph - ets their
Son, Yet — You, with bound-less love, sought to
hand, Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by



all the earth a - dored. To — You all an - gel
death-less voic - es raise. The — mar - tyrs of Your
res - cue ev - 'ry - one; You — laid a - side Your
forc - es You com - mand. We — know that You will



pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav-ens sing, The —
king - dom, a — great and no - ble throng, Sing —
glo - ry, were — born of vir-gin's womb, Were —
come as our — Judge that fi - nal day, So —

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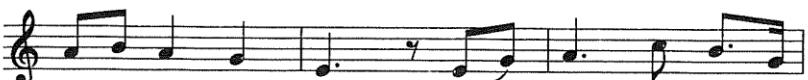
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cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim their prais - es to You
with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this
cru - ci - fied for us ____ and were placed in - to a
help Your ser - vants You ____ have re - deemed by blood, we



bring: "O ____ ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord
song: All: "O ____ all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your
tomb; Then - by Your res - ur - rec - tion You
pray; May - we with saints be num - bered where



God of Sab - a - oth; Your - maj - es - ty and
true and on - ly Son, And - Ho - ly Spir - it,
won for us re - prieve— You - o - pened heav - en's
prais - es nev - er end, In - glo - ry ev - er-



glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"
Com - fort - er - for - ev - er Three in One!"
king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

Salutation and Collect of the Day



A 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 foreshadowed 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.



Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:8-18 (Pg. 82)

⁸And 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.”

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and 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. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

¹²The 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.”

¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And 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.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The 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. ¹⁷Now 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. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21 (Pg. 1299)

¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷For 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,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And 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, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9 (Pg. 1045)

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And 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.” ⁵He 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.” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And 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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

A musical score for a hymn. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The melody consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics "Praise to You, O Christ." are written in a bold, sans-serif font. The letter "C" is enclosed in a small square box to the left of the lyrics.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day *“Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”* # 414

Sermon *“Jesus Only!”* *Matthew 17:1-9*

The Apostle’s 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.

Offering

Offering Hymn *“Take My Life and Let It Be”* #783

Prayer of the Church

After each petition, the Pastor will say: “Lord, in Your mercy,”
Congregation response will be: “Hear our prayer.”

The 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.

Rite of Retirement for Rev. Daniel W. Rinderknecht

Psalm 121:1 & 2, and Psalm 90 – Selected verses

I lift up my eyes to the hills.*

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,*

who made heaven and earth.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place*

in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed
the earth and the world,*

from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength
eighty;*

**yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone,
and we fly away.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,*

that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let your work be shown to your servants,*

and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the
work of our hands upon us;*

yes, establish the work of our hands!

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Prayer

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn “*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*” #411

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Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht

LITURGIST:

Rev. Daniel Keinath

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Arnie Schultz (8:00), Rob Reeves (10:30)

ACOLYTES:

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Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

Empowered by the Holy Spirit through His Word and Sacraments, Trinity Lutheran Church and School is committed to preparing people who are being shaped for service, passionately proclaiming the Father's grace and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.