

# ***Transfiguration of Our Lord***

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## **INTRODUCTION**

*Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.*

## **WELCOME**

*Please stand*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 99**

When the ground moves beneath our feet,

**the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

We worship the One who loves justice,

**for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

With Moses and Aaron, we lift up your name,

**for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

We worship the One who forgives our wrongs,

**for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

***Every Praise***

**Every praise is to our God.  
Every word of worship with one accord  
Every praise every praise is to our God.**

**Sing hallelujah to our God  
Glory hallelujah is due our God  
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## **GREETING**

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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. 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.**

*Please sit*

## **FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35**

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 99**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD, great in Zion,  
is high above all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;  
God is the Holy One.

<sup>4</sup> **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;  
God is the Holy One.

<sup>6</sup> **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your  
name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,**

<sup>7</sup> you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

<sup>8</sup> **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2**

<sup>12</sup> Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup> but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

*Please stand*

## **GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36**

The holy gospel according Luke. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

## **HOMILY**

*Please stand*

***Abide***

**For my waking breath for my daily  
bread  
I depend on You I depend on You  
For the sun to rise for my sleep at  
night  
I depend on You I depend on You**

**You're the way the truth and the life  
You're the well that never runs dry  
I'm the branch and You are the vine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide**

**Where the Spirit leads as I'm following  
I depend on You I depend on You  
For the victories still in front of me  
I depend on You I depend on You**

**You're the way the truth and the life  
You're the well that never runs dry  
I'm the branch and You are the vine**

**Draw me close and teach me to abide  
Be my strength my song in the night  
Be my all my treasure my prize  
I am Yours forever Your mine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide**

**When I pass through death as I enter  
rest  
I depend on You I depend on You  
For eternal life to be raised with Christ  
I depend on You I depend on You**

**You're the way the truth and the life  
You're the well that never runs dry  
I'm the branch and You are the vine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide  
Be my strength my song in the night  
Be my all my treasure my prize  
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Draw me close and teach me to abide**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils. Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people. We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

*The gifts we use and share matter! Thank you for sharing your gifts for the sake of the world. Use the green Give button on our church's website to support our mission of nurturing lives for following Christ. Offering baskets will be passed by the ushers.*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Here Again*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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:

### ***Holy Is The Lord***

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty**

**The earth is filled with His glory**

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## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Please sit*

## LAMB OF GOD



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
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Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

### SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, when your Son Jesus gathered a crowd and blessed the loaves and fish, all ate and were filled. And still there was more. In your love and care, extend this meal to all who will come after to receive it. Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence and the courage to be the body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **FAMILY TIME**

## **BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God ✝️ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## **SENDING HYMN**

**Glorious, Shout it out and  
Glorious, Make it louder  
Jesus we shout Your name  
Jesus we make Your praise  
Glorious, You are glorious**

**My God You reign  
Forever and ever  
How great Your name  
Your love remains  
Forever and ever  
You stay the same**

**Shout it out, shout it out If you know  
He's good  
Sing it out, sing it out For the Lord is  
good  
Shout it out loud You are glorious**

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*(Repeat X 3)*

**Shine Jesus, You shine for all the  
world to see**

**You are glorious (You are glorious)  
You are glorious (You are glorious)**

**Oh God You are glorious**

**Glorious, Shout it out and  
Glorious, Make it louder  
Jesus we shout Your name  
Jesus we make Your praise  
Glorious, You are glorious**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, nurturing lives for following Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

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*"Every Praise"*

*"Abide"*

*"Glorious"*

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## ***Faithworks***

Sunday Mornings at 11am, following the church service.



Ash Wednesday – Lenten Service 11:00 am & 7:00 pm, March 5, 2025

Beginning Wednesday March 12 – April 9, 2025, during Lent - 6:15 pm Soup Supper  
A light meal with soup by you! Please see the Signup Sheet in the Church  
Lobby/Narthex if you can offer a soup.

Following the soup supper we will gather together for a service of prayer in  
the sanctuary at 7pm.

**Monthly Financial Summary**

	Monthly: January 2025		
	Total	Church	Little Lambs
Budgeted Expenses	\$87,441	\$30,200	\$57,241
Actual Expenses	\$79,382	\$27,726	\$51,656
Budgeted Giving / Income	\$71,738	\$15,488	\$56,250
Actual Giving / Income	\$69,454	\$11,968	\$57,487
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*Annual Deficit will be funded from Good Shepherd Money Market Account*

Balances as of January 31, 2025	
General Money Market Account	\$291,843