

Holy Cross Lutheran
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 14, 2021 – 9 AM



AS WE GATHER There is nothing quite like being an eyewitness, giving a special perspective to share on the event. Peter writes about being on the Mount of Transfiguration as he, James, and John were privileged to have a special vision of the Lord Jesus Christ. He states: "We were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For 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,' we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain" (2 Peter 1:16b–18). Today, through the words of Scripture, we, too, become eyewitnesses and are given a glimpse of glory in the vision of our transfigured Lord!

† IN DOMINE JESU †

(In the Name of Jesus)

PRELUDE

WELCOME "This is the Day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." *Ps. 118:24*

GATHERING HYMN "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory" *LSB 416 TUNE: LSB 770 CONVERSE*

- 1** Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, Heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent, Turning from the summit's rise
Downward toward the shadowed valley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
- 2** Glimpsed and gone the revelation, They shall gain and keep its truth,
Not by building on the mountain Any shrine or sacred booth,
But by following the Savior Through the valley to the cross
And by testing faith's resilience Through betrayal, pain, and loss.
- 3** 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.

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INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalms 99:1–5

P: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

C: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

P: The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.

C: Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is He!

P: The King in His might loves justice. You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

C: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: O God, our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

C: Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.

P: We confess that we have not always brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.

C: Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.

P: We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both that which we know and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.

C: Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.

P: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together. **LORD 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 LIVING WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 34:29–35

(Moses speaks with the Lord, and his face becomes radiant.)

²⁹When 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. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴Whenever 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, ³⁵the 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.

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

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:6

(Paul writes of God's people being transformed.)

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not 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. ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And 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. ²But 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. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In 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. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For 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.

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

VERSE

Mark 9:7b

Alleluia! "And a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." **Alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

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

(Jesus is transfigured on a high mountaintop.)

P: ²And 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, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And 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." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹And 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. ¹⁰So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean.

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



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 "Listen to Him! The Glory of the Lordto be Continued - The Glory of Love!"

Mark 9:2-10

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (after petitions, Pastor prays "Lord in your mercy" please pray, "Hear our prayer")

(after all the petitions have been prayed, we commend all the prayers with these words)

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.

† CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In preparation for the Lord's supper, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us)

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 PREPARATION *(please take your communion vessel in hand for our Lord's Words of Institution)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His 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 after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also, with you.**

ONE BODY IN CHRIST *(As brothers and sisters in Christ, as one body we communion with the invitation of the following words)*

P: Take and eat this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given into death for all your sin.

P: Take and drink this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sin.

P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast, in the one true faith, to life everlasting. Know that His peace, joy, love and forgiveness is yours now and forever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together. **Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church, which is our fellowship of faith. By Your Holy Spirit, help us to live in faith and fellowship and do all that You have planned for us to do as Your witnesses in your time; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom with You and the same Spirit be all honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Ecclesiastes 3:1–4, 7

P: This week with Ash Wednesday, we begin our observance of Lent. To highlight the penitential nature of the season, it is the Church's custom to suspend the use of the word "Alleluia," which means "Praise the Lord." A tradition has been in place since the fifth century not to use the joyful word "Alleluia" in worship from the conclusion of worship on the final Sunday before Lent, which is today, until the first service on Easter Sunday. We now repeat words from the Book of Ecclesiastes, which remind us that there are appropriate times for all things, including a time to keep silence, which we will observe regarding use of the "Alleluia" throughout Lent.

P: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;

C: a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

P: a time to break down, and a time to build up;

C: a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

P: a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

C: a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

P: As part of our observance of a holy Lent as it begins this week, we now say farewell to Alleluia until the time of our rejoicing anew at the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday.

C: Alleluia! Amen.

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 His favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

SONG OF SENDING

“Great Are You Lord”

By: All Sons and Daughters

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission! **C: Amen! We will! Amen!**

† SOLI DEO GLORIA †

(To God be the Glory)

POSTLUDE

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HOLY CROSS HAPPENINGS

February 14 – February 21, 2021

WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS! Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – The OT book of Nahum led by Rev. Robert Nowak continues today.

ASH WEDNESDAY Feb. 17. Worship Service is at 7 PM. Our Sermon Series will be based on Luke 4:18-19 when Jesus opened the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and read, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." The theme for Ash Wednesday: "The Spirit Anointed Christ for Mercy."

FELLOWSHIP SOUP SUPPER THIS ASH WEDNESDAY beginning at 6 PM. We will also be collecting a free will offering for PABLO support during the Lenten Soup Suppers.

ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY: Ashes are available to take home today for you to apply safely for you and your family Wednesday morning or before coming to worship or zooming the service from home. Please take instructions a devotion sheet about Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent.

BASIC YOUTH GROUP – The BASIC Youth Group is doing a food shelf drive to benefit the CAP Agency. Please place your non-perishable food items in or near the designated boxes in the narthex by Sunday, February 14th. If you're not attending church but would like to donate, please email Kelly Kruse at kpjkruse@att.net to coordinate a contactless pick-up.

INFORMAL PRAYER TIME – We will continue the informal time of prayer at Holy Cross on Wednesday evenings after the Lenten service until 8:00 pm in the sanctuary.

PRAY AND PLAY EVENT – WINTER FUN! SUNDAY, February 21

Sledding/Snowman Building/Snowball Battle/Snow Shoeing! First,...PREPARE! Are you prepared for winter fun in the outdoors? How do you prepare? What items do you need for safety and being smart outside in the cold temperatures? How did you gain this knowledge? Think about it and bring your list of being prepared to share and discuss and everything you need to have fun and be ready for this special Sunday Pray & Play event. * I challenge you to invite, and then bring, a friend along for winter fun at church during the SS time. (Big "kids at heart" are encouraged to participate as well!)

MCKENNA VISITING UPDATE - If interested in visiting Lohart, please call McKenna Crossing's office. Currently they have visiting on Thursday by appointment, two persons per week. Pastor and Janean visit on Wednesday however, currently because of Covid restrictions they are the only ones to visit on Wednesdays.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith, His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you.

SERVING TODAY– SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2021 9:00 am

Elder/Communion Jon Dobberstein
Lector: Mary Deluhery
Ushers: Meg Batchelder
Acolyte: Jonas Petrie
AV: Rostina Vannett
Offering Counters: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SERVING ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2021 7:00 PM

Elder/Communion: Brit Weimer
Lector: Dinah Gilberts
Ushers: Denny Case
Acolyte: Blake Dobberstein
AV: Jason Eickhoff
Offering Counters: Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2021 9:00 am

Elder/Communion Dave Albrecht
Lector: Diane Mullenbach
Ushers: Jason Kruse
Acolyte: Colin Kruse
AV: Rostina Vannett
Offering Counters: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

Contributions needed/month (General Fund): \$20,928.50
Contributions received in January \$20,837.57

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 ATTENDANCE

Worship:	33	Drive-up Communion:	2
Communion:	31	Bible Class:	12
Zoom:	19	Sunday School:	4 kids, 3 teachers

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Sun.	February 14	Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday
	9:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion also via Zoom
	10:00 am	Bible Study
	10:15-10:45 am	Drive-Up Communion
Mon.	February 15	
	5:30 pm	Elder/Leader Meeting zoom
Tue.	February 16	
	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Wed.	February 17	Ash Wednesday
	12:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due
	6:00 pm	Lent Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
	7:30 pm	Informal Prayer in Sanctuary
Thu.	February 18	
Fri.	February 19	
	9:30 am	Cleaning Crew
Sat.	February 20	
Sun.	February 21	First Sunday in Lent
	9:00 am	Worship W/ Holy Communion also via Zoom
	10:00 am-11am	"Nahum" Bible Study in back of the Sanctuary
	10:15 am-10:45	Drive-Up Communion



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