

The Transfiguration of
OUR LORD

March 2, 2025



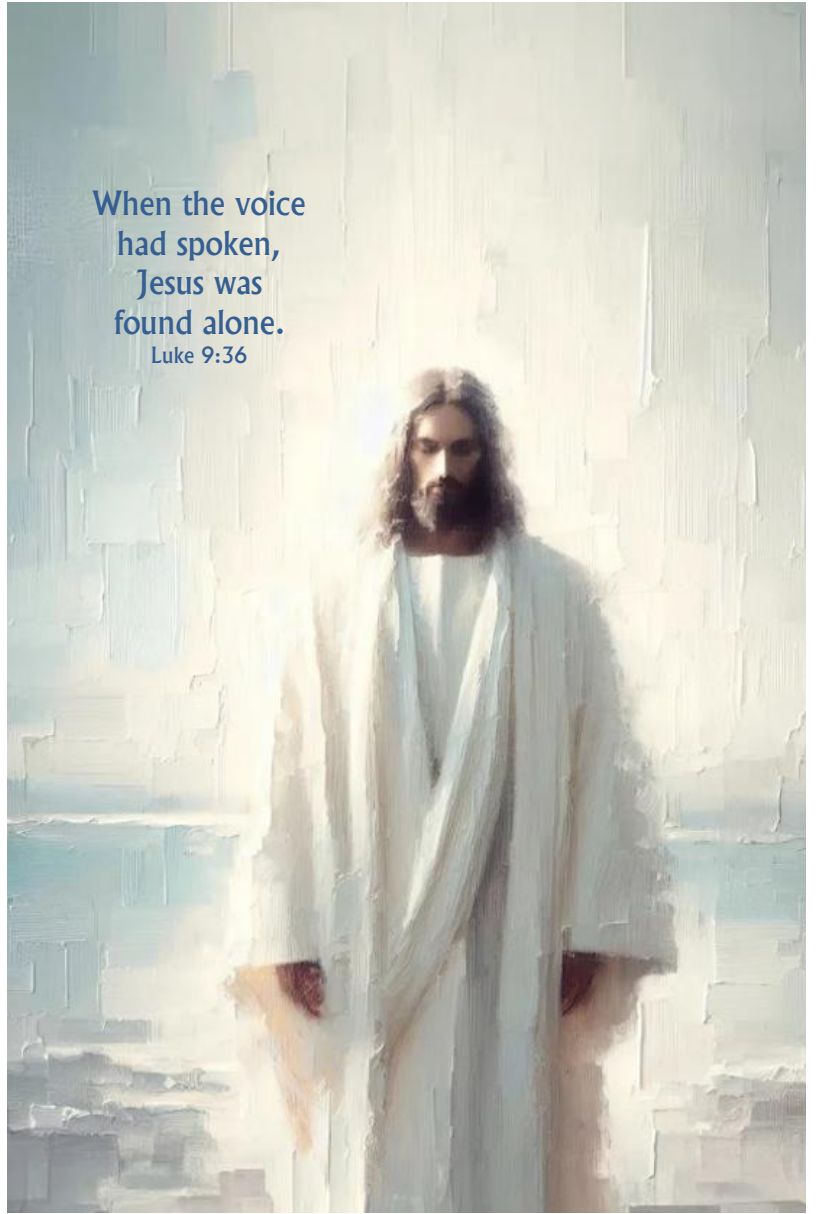
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When the voice
had spoken,
Jesus was
found alone.
Luke 9:36



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PRELUDE

"Alleluia"

Clément Loret

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Beautiful Savior"

LSB 537



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!

INVOCATION Mt 28:19

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

People:  Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 99:2-3, 5, 9

Pastor: Exalt the Lord our God; worship at His footstool!

People: **Holy is He!**

Pastor: The Lord is great in Zion;

People: **He is exalted over all the peoples.**

Pastor: Let them praise Your great and awesome name!

People: **Holy is He!**

Pastor: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

People: **for the Lord our God is holy!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Loving God, You desire a relationship with all people that is grounded in Your love, nurtured by truthfulness, and experienced as freedom living under Your gracious reign.

People: **We admit that we are turned away from Your love, we are at home in dishonesty, and we are enslaved by ways of sin and death. Because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection for us, we ask that You go on forgiving us, transforming us, and healing us according to Your steadfast love, which endures forever.**

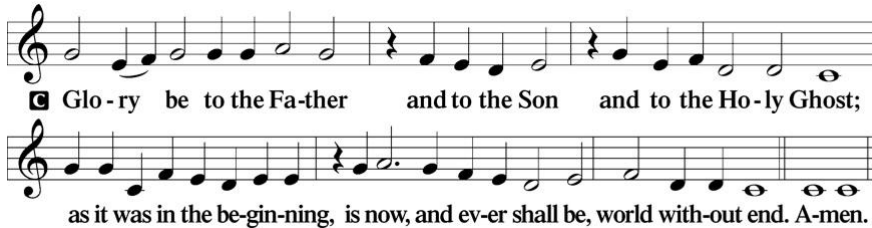
Pastor: God is gracious and merciful and has come in the person of Jesus giving His life to demonstrate how much He loves you and all people. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

THE INTROIT *Psalm 84:1-2, 9, 11a; antiphon: v. 4*

Pastor/Choir: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

THE GLORIA PATRI



TRANSFIGURATION KYRIE

Pastor: O Lord, who spoke face-to-face with Your servant Moses,

People: **have mercy on us.**

Pastor: O Christ, who is the faithful apostle and High Priest of our confession,

People: **have mercy on us.**

Pastor: O Lord, who in Your transfiguration was revealed in Your glory as the Father's Chosen One,

People: **have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Lk 2:14*

"Gloria"

[P] Glory be to God on high: [C] and on earth peace, good - will toward
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE SALUTATION 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



■ And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: ♪ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

(The Lord gives Moses one final view of the Promised Land.)

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." ⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Pastor: Exalt the Lord our God for He is holy (*Ps* 99:9). This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Hebrews 3:1–6

(Christ is our leader and ultimate source of hope.)

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Pastor: Exalt the Lord our God for He is holy (*Ps 99:9*). This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM @9am

“The Heavens Are Declaring”

Ludwig von Beethoven

arr. Dudley Buck; The Cathedral Choir

@10:30am

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Johann Pachelbel

Valparaiso University Chorale

Nun danket alle Gott
Der große Dinge tut an allen Enden,
Der uns von Mutterleibe an lebendig erhält
Und tut uns alles Gut.

*Now thank we all God
Who does great things in all places
Who from our mother's womb sustains our lives
and does good for us all.*

Er gebe uns ein fröhlich Herz
Und verleihe immerdar Friede
Friede zu unsern Zeiten in Israel
Und dass seine Gnade stets bei uns bleibe
Und erlöse uns, solange wir leben.

*He gives us a joyful heart
and grants peace forever
Peace at our time in Israel
And that his grace remains with us
And redeems us as long as we live.*

Nun danket alle Gott mit Herzen,
Mund und Händen,
Der große Dinge tut an uns und allen Enden,
Der uns von Mutterleib und Kindesbeinen an
Unzählig viel zugut und noch jetzund getan.

*Now all thank God with hearts,
mouth, and hands
Who does great things for us and in all places,
Who from our mother's womb and infancy on
has given countless blessings and still does now.*

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:28–36

(The transfiguration of Jesus.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.

People:



²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah" — not knowing what he said. ³⁴ As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" ³⁶ And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



THE APOSTLES CREED

Early tradition suggested that the Apostles Creed was formulated by The Twelve, each contributing a phrase (as seen below), but history—dating back to the fifth century—suggests that the Apostles Creed was a confession of the faith of the Apostles, asked by pastors for the baptisms of their catechumens: Do you believe in God the Father? Do you believe Jesus, conceived by the Holy Spirit... etc.

¹I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

²And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

³who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

⁴suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

⁵He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

⁶He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

⁷From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

⁸I believe in the Holy Spirit,

⁹the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

¹⁰the forgiveness of sins,

¹¹the resurrection of the body,

¹²and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

"O Worship the King"

LSB 804 v. 1-2, 4, 6

1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
 2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 6 O mea - sure - less Might, in - ef - fa - ble Love,
 O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
 While an - gels de - light to hymn Thee a - bove,
 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 Thy hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,
 Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
 And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 With true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to Thy praise.

SERMON

"Summit Talks"

Luke 9:30

*Rev. Peter Nickel, Cathedral Pastor
 Historic Trinity Lutheran Church*

OFFERTORY *Ps 51:10-12*

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (one at the back of the church and one at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.



VOLUNTARY

"O Worship the King"

Flor Peeters

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

9am continues with the benediction

+ The Order of Holy Communion +

@10:30am

THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People: 
 ☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People: 
 ☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People: 
 ☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: 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 *Is 6:3*

LSB p. 195

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

THE PAX DOMINI *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People: ♪ Amen.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

For those with health concerns, there are gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white wine available.

TWO STATION COMMUNION:

If you would like to receive communion at the altar, take the path to the left before the chancel step.

If you would like to receive communion in a continuous line, take the path to the right before the chancel step.

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

LSB 680



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more

lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree

Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly

sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the

vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

DISMISSAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

People: ♪ Amen.

ANTHEM @9am

“Contemplation of the Holy Cross”

*arr. K. Lee Scott
The Cathedral Choir*

@10:30am

“I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light”

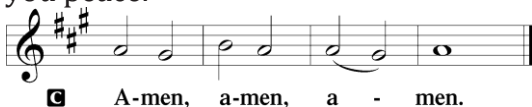
Kathleen Thomerson

arr. Erik Dewar and Dan Forrest; Valparaiso University Chorale

BENEDICTION Num. 6:24-26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The † Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

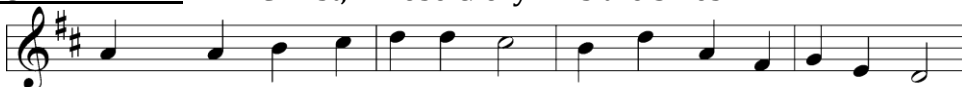
People:



RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

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1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa-nied by Thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri - umph o'er the shades of night.
Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine, Scat-ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
Till they in - ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
More and more Thy - self dis-play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”
(Baroque Suite)

Craig Penfield