



“...and he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun,  
and his clothes became white as light.”

*Matthew 17:2*

## Transfiguration of Our Lord

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Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God  
by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through  
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

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On the center aisle of each pew is a folder known as the **Friendship Register**. Please sign the register and check if you are communing today. Be sure to review the sheet to identify visitors. Please hand the completed pages from the register to an usher during the singing of the Hymn of the Day.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Three*

*The paraments today are white calling to mind the purity of Christ, and to our light and joy in him.*

## **† GATHERING †**

### **ACCLAMATION**

William Stevens

*Alleluia. This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him. Alleluia.  
(Luke 9:35)*

### **VOLUNTARY Adagio from Sonata I**

Felix Mendelssohn

*Juliianne Zhu, Music Intern*

*We stand.*

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

**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.**

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister  
of the church of Christ, and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the  Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.*

**GATHERING HYMN** 308 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

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.**

## KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy.

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

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - - - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion. Bles - sing, hon-or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

*After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.*

*We sit.*

## WELCOME

## † WORD †

### FIRST READING Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now 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. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.*

### PSALM 2 sung by the assembly



<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations | in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

<sup>2</sup>Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes | plot together,  
against the LORD and against the | LORD'S anointed?

<sup>3</sup>“Let us break their | yoke,” they say;

“let us cast off their | bonds from us.”

<sup>4</sup>God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;  
the LORD holds them | in derision.

<sup>5</sup>Then in wrath God | speaks to them,  
and in rage fills | them with terror.



<sup>6</sup>“As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king  
upon Zion, my | holy mountain.”

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree | of the LORD,  
who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.

<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for | your possession.

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an | iron rod  
and shatter them like a | piece of pottery.”

<sup>10</sup>And now, you | kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers | of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the | LORD with fear,  
and with trembling | bow in worship;

<sup>12</sup>lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden | blaze of wrath.  
Happy are all who take ref- | uge in God!

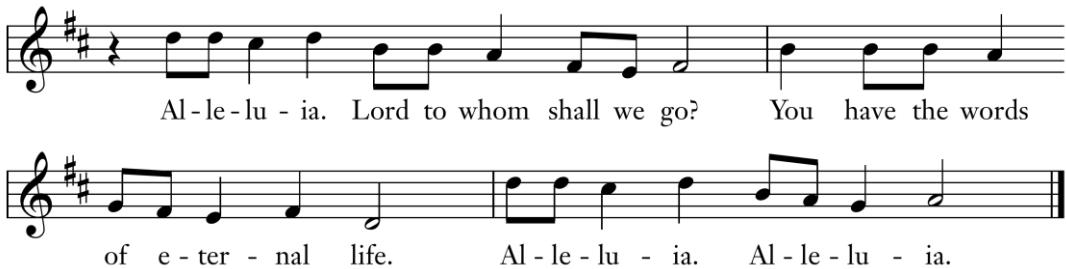
## **SECOND READING** 2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

## **GOSPEL** Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew.



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

Rev. Paul A. Wollner

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 307 Light Shone in Darkness

LUX IN TENEBRIS

### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Each portion of the prayers conclude:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*We sit.*

## **† MEAL †**

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Prayer for Transfiguration Day

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Christ, your Son,  
You have confirmed the mystery of the faith  
by the testimony of the apostles.

In the voice that came from the bright cloud  
you proclaimed him to be your Son,  
And told us to heed his teachings.

O God, make us heirs with Christ,  
in his glory forevermore, Alleluia.

text: traditional collect,  
adpt. Johan Weaver  
music: John Weaver

*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spi-rit with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pre-sence, and  
take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:

our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered,

in feeding the world with your love,

through the one who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## 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 . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san - na. 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.

## **EUCARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says*

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

*The assembly responds*

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

### AGNUS DEI



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.

*We sit.*

### COMMUNION

*Holy Communion is available to all who believe, through two options. Those who are able are invited forward to receive the bread and wine through the method of intinction. Please let an usher know if you need a gluten-free wafer or grape juice option. You may also choose to receive an individual pre-sealed communion kit from an usher that you are welcome to bring forward for the Eucharistic Proclamation. The pastors will come to the pews of those unable to come forward. Those who would like to receive a blessing instead of communion are asked to cross their hands when they come forward.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
and each person may respond Amen.

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

**HYMN 838 Beautiful Savior**

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

**HYMN 315 How Good, Lord, to Be Here!**

POTSDAM

*We stand.*

### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *Nunc dimittis*

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful - filled. My own  
eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry  
peo - ple: a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace.

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## ✚ SENDING ✚

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you ... and ✚ give you peace. A - men.

*The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.*

**SENDING HYMN** 867 In Thee Is Gladness

IN DIR IST FREUDE

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** In Thee Is Gladness, BWV 615

J.S. Bach

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