

Transfiguration Sunday

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Celebrate (Introduction)

"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."

Opening Hymn: [ELW 673 – Thou, Whose Almighty Word](#)

Prayer of the Day

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: [ELW 318 - Alleluia, Song of Gladness](#)

1st Reading: [Exodus 24:12-18](#)

Psalmody: Psalm 2

God's Promise to His Anointed

- ¹ Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?
² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and his anointed, saying,
³ "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast their cords from us."

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the LORD has them in derision.
⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
⁶ "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."

⁷ I will tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to me, "You are my son;
today I have begotten you.
⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage
and the ends of the earth your possession.
⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear;
with trembling ¹² kiss his feet, ^[a]
or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are all who take refuge in him.

Anthem: ["His Eye Is On the Sparrow," Debbie and Brad Bondhus](#)

2nd Reading: [2 Peter 1:16-21](#)

The Gospel: [Matthew 17:1-9](#)

Hymn: [ELW 510 – Word of God, Come Down on Earth](#)

The Message: [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

Offering*: [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#)

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The Prayer

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially: Angela Hays, Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, the Fleming family, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Samuel Edward Hawkins Jr., Angela Hayes, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack, and the family of William Lambert.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you;
The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters
Live on knowing God's love,
The joy of living this life of love,
And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.
So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

Closing Hymn: [ELW 597 – My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less](#)

Announcements

- Pancake Supper – Tuesday, 2/21/2023 from 5 pm – 7 pm sponsored by Crew 851
- Ash Wednesday Service, 2/22/2023 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday** Lenten Series and Bread & Soup Dinners starting 3/1/2023 6:00 pm

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