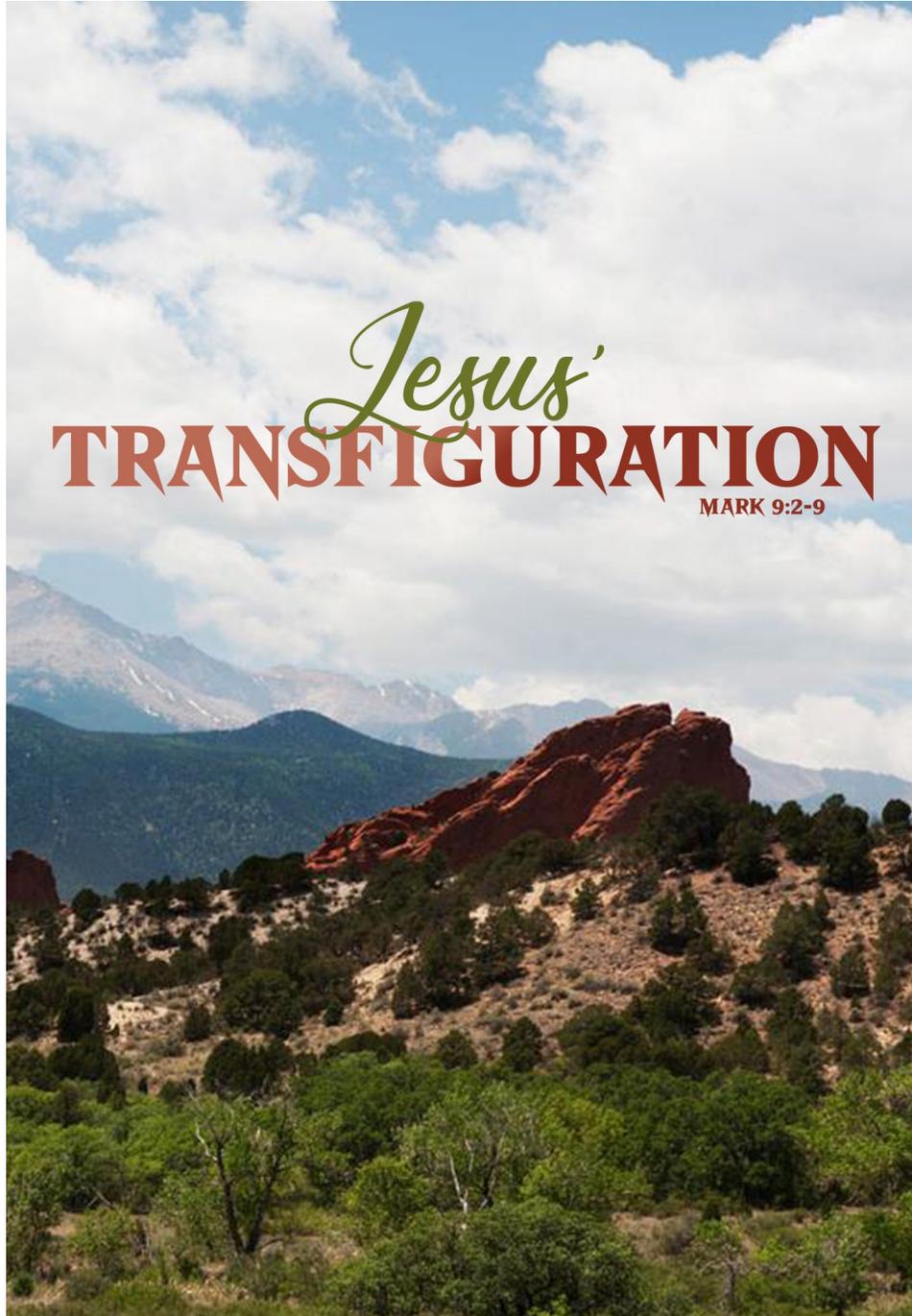




GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH • SCHOOL



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 13, 2021 - 5:00 PM

FEBRUARY 14, 2021 - 10:45 AM

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”
(Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)

Hymn 413

**O wondrous type! O vision fair
Of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,
Where brighter than the sun He glows!**

**With Moses and Elijah nigh
The incarnate Lord holds converse high;
And from the cloud the Holy One
Bears record to the only Son.**

**With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above
Who joy in God with perfect love.**

**And faithful hearts are raised on high
By this great vision’s mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.**

***THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

People: Amen.

Vicar: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Vicar: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Vicar: Almighty God, in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE “From All That Dwells Below the Skies”

Hymn 816

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator’s praise arise; Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung
Through ev’ry land by ev’ry tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***THE SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Vicar: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Vicar: Let us pray. 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.

THE FIRST READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "but do not speak of it." ⁴Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. ⁵The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "but do not speak of it." ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. ¹⁰"You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours - otherwise not." ¹¹As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹²Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

¹Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

THE ANTHEM

"Cantate Domino" (Ps. 96:1-3, sung in Latin)
(Mixed Quartet)

H. L. Hassler

*Sing a new song to God, praise the Lord always, give praise to the Lord, all ye people
O praise the Lord with joy, O praise the Lord with joy, and bless His holy name,
sing with a loud voice, and bless His holy name, sing with a loud voice:*

*Proclaim His glory, proclaim His glory, each day tell of His salvation with a new song,
Proclaim His glory to all nations, praise the Lord always, and sing of His mighty works
to all people forever, sing with joy and praise the Lord, sing with joy and praise the Lord.*

*THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

Vicar: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters - one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶(He did

not know what to say, they were so frightened.)⁷ Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Vicar: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

[10:45] CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*SERMON HYMN

"'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

Hymn 414

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.

Before we taste of death,
We see Thy kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright
And make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

THE SERMON

"Highpoints are Important"

Mark 9:2-9

***PROFESSION OF FAITH - 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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Vicar: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

***WORDS OF PREPARATION**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

***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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Worshippers are self-dismissed to exit after communing.)

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Hymn 821

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise: “I am with you evermore”?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav’n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”**

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”

Hymn 822

**Alleluia! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring
Our songs of adoration.
To Him through everlasting days
Be worship, honor, pow’r, and praise,**

**Whose hand sustains creation.
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy;
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory.**

**Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing,
In whom we are elected.
He bought His Church with His own blood,
He cleansed her in that blessed flood,
And as His bride selected.
Holy, holy Is our union And communion.
His befriending Gives us joy and peace unending.**

**Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing
For our regeneration.
The saving faith in us He wrought
And us unto the Bridegroom brought,
Made us His chosen nation.
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal;
There is manna And an endless, glad hosanna.**

**Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto our triune God we sing;
Blest be His name forever!
With angel hosts let us adore
And sing His praises evermore
For all His grace and favor!
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy;
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory!**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Hymn 643

**Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,**

**Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

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WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

The Preacher	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
The Organist	Wynn Bonner
The Communion Deacon	Roger Walker
The Post-Communion Blessing	Bill McComb
The Lector	Jan Struck
The Usher/Greeter Team	Chuck & Carol Smith

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

The Preacher/Celebrant	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
The Liturgist	Vicar Michael Duffy
The Organist	Wynn Bonner
The Mixed Quartet	Wynn Bonner, Vicar Michael Duffy, Peggy Jo Griffin, Leah Welter
The Sound Technician	Rodney Steffen
The Elder on Duty	Janet Pabor
The Communion Deacons	Carl Locke, Cindy Sensabaugh, Jennifer Smith
The Lectors	Martha Martinez, Jim Martinez
The Crucifer	Mina Ullrich
The Welcome Team Greeter	Mary Ranheim
At the Welcome Center	Sally Anderson
The Welcome Team Ushers	Steve Hnatiuk, Dr. Ken Rogers, Barry Walker, Chris Zinsmeister