



The Transfiguration of our Lord—Feb. 14, 2010

9:00 A.M. Holy Communion Setting Six

The Rev. A. Elisabeth Aurand preaching and presiding

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us. If this your first visit here, please fill out the large white welcome card on the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

All baptized Christians are invited to Holy Communion. Those not yet baptized are also welcomed for a blessing (cross arms when approaching).

This morning we commune at the rail in continuous fashion. Take an empty cup from the tray at the head of the aisle or if you prefer grape juice, take a pre-filled cup from the center of the same tray. Ushers will guide you to an empty space beginning at the back of the rail. You are free to return by the side aisles as soon as you are ready.

Please join us after church downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship.

Gathering

PIANO & ORGAN

Beautiful Savior

arr. Lani Smith

Stand, as able

THE ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:

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

☩ **Amen**

☩ As God's beloved children, let us call to mind our sin and our need for reconciliation with God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☩ Strong and faithful God,

☩ **we confess that we have not lived as your holy people in the world. We have closed our hearts to your love. We have resisted your light. We have failed to proclaim your mercy. Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone, heal us with your abundant grace, and help us walk as children of the light. Amen.**

☩ In the mercy of almighty God, ... and of the Holy Spirit. ☩ **Amen**

THE OPENING HYMN We Are Marching in the Light of God #866

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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☩ 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.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

☩ Let us pray.

☩ Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29–35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

☩ A reading from Exodus:

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, 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 spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

☩ The word of the Lord. ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 99

Sung responsively

REFRAIN (sung by choir, then all):

Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD;

wor - ship up - on God's ho - ly hill.

VERSES (light=choir; bold=all):



Choir ¹The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

2 ²The LORD, | great in Zion,
is high a- | bove all peoples.

³Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;

God is the | Holy One.

4 ⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob. **5**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;

God is the | Holy One.

6 ⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who
call upon your | name, O LORD,
they called upon you, and you | answered them,

⁷you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

8 ⁸O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their | evil deeds.

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill;

for the LORD our God is the | Holy One. **6**

WE GATHER PARTICIPANTS FOR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

A A reading from Second Corinthians:

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; 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 all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected

in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

⁴¹Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

A The word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Choir: Repeat Alleluia
 This is my | Son, my Chosen,* lis - | - ten to him!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:28–43a

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

P ²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" — not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

☞ The Gospel of the Lord. ☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

THE SERMON

Pastor Elisabeth Aurand

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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CHOIR AND BAND FROM ARRANGEMENT

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS

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

Sit

THE PARISH CONCERNS and WELCOME TO VISITORS

THE OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

THE CHOIR

Put Your Trust in Jesus

Ray Schleicher

arr. Audrey Brolin

THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Elisabeth Aurand

Stand

THE OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards

#183

Meal

THE OFFERING PRAYER

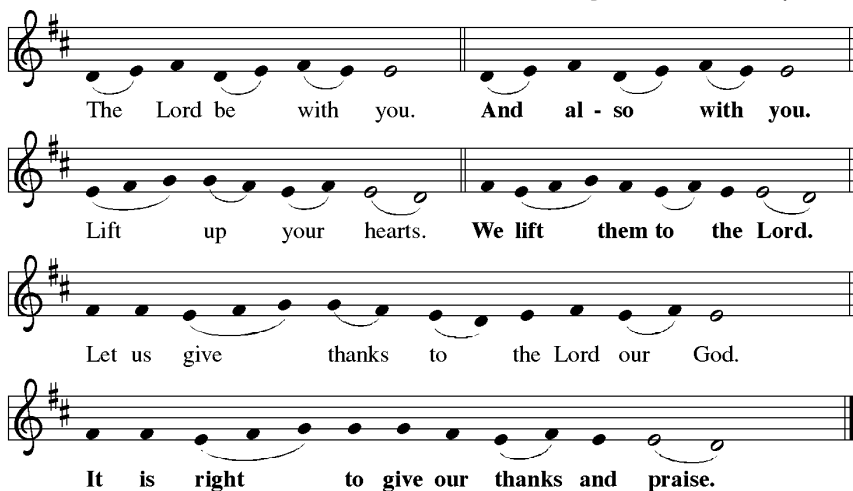
☞ Let us pray. God of all creation,

☞ **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE INITIAL DIALOG

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The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

THE INITIAL THANKSGIVING

THE HOLY

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THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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LAMB OF GOD

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THE COMMUNION HYMNS

This Little Light of Mine

#677

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

#318

Sending*Stand*

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

☑ **Amen**

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now, Lord

#200

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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☐ O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give

you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☩ **Amen**

THE PEACE

☩ The peace of the Lord be with you always. ☩ **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you. ☩ Peace be with you.

THE BENEDICTION

☩ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

☩ **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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☩ Go in peace. Share the good news. ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

THE BAND

Shout to the Lord

Zscheck, arr. Pethel

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK _____

Sunday, February 14, 2010: Cyril, monk, died 869;

Methodius, bishop, died 885; missionaries to the Slavs

These two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.



Thursday, February 18: Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546



Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.

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IN NEED OF PRAYER

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