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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD | Sunday, February 11, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INVOCATION *and* GATHERING PRAYER

P: We gather under the sign of the cross, and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: God of majesty, through Jesus' transfiguration you reveal him as your beloved Son. Keep us faithful in the promise that through the cross and the empty tomb we are joint heirs with Christ and will one day enjoy the fullness of your glory for eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: How Good, Lord, to Be Here (*see back of the bulletin*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: The psalmist writes: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the path everlasting." We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about the mistakes we make. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God:

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change and grant us grace to grow more and more into your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

P: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. It is true that we have sinned. But it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God He says, "your sins are forgiven."

C: Amen!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices. It consists of five staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings like "div." and "unis."

S, A
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
div. *unis.*
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
div.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

As Moses descended Mount Sinai with the second set of stone tablets, his face was shining like the sun so that all were afraid to approach him. As Moses instructed the leaders to follow the Lord's commands, he covered his face with a veil so they wouldn't be blinded.

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, 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 talked with them.³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai.³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.³⁴Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded,³⁵the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 50:1-6

God shines forth over the whole creation. He alone judges the people because he is the one who put the sun in the sky and the heavens above the earth. He calls to the faithful to gather before him.

R: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

C: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

R: Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

C: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

R: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

C: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6

Paul told the church in Corinth that in the days of Christ, the veil has been lifted for those who are ministers of the new covenant. The Israelites were looking at that which faded away rather than that which in Christ is now permanent. The Gospel is only veiled to those who are perishing.

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold,¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of

Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:2-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 9th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Wait and See

HYMN: Beautiful Savior.....RECLAIM No. 252

OFFERING PRESENTATION

As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in this peace and in community with one another, let us confess our faith:

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 PEOPLE

Each petition ends with the words "Lord, in your mercy." Respond by saying, "Hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

BENEDICTION

HYMN: Immoral, Invisible, God One Wise.....RECLAIM No. 40

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Reader: Helen Meschke

Greeters: Michal Clobes and Karen Junker

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Ushers: Kevin Leffel and Don Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

Thank-you for your **tithes and offerings** to help further the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church. An offering plate has been placed by the entrance doors into the Sanctuary for your convenience. Venmo users can scan the QR code found in the pew racks.

There will be a **meeting after worship** this morning in the conference room for all those interested in teaching Sunday School! We will review the curriculum, brainstorm ideas, and pray over Resurrection Lutheran's Christian education program.

The solemn and holy season of Lent begins this Wednesday, February 14th with our **Ash Wednesday** worship service in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm. The imposition of ashes will be offered. There will not be a soup supper before this week's midweek service.

Midweek Lenten worship services will be held in conjunction with a soup supper beginning next Wednesday, February 21st. Soup will be served in the fellowship hall at 6:15pm with a brief worship service to follow in the Fireside Room Chapel at 7:00pm. Are you interested in bringing soup, bread or a dessert for these meals? A sign-up sheet can be found on the Welcome Center desk.

Birthdays this week: Dave Blum (12th)

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	February 11	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	February 12	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	February 13	11:00am	EEO Committee
		6:30pm	Church Council
Wednesday	February 14	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
Thursday	February 15	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	February 18	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

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