

JESUS REVEALS HIS GLORY

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

RISEN SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH | Chula Vista, California

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

At times, the truth hurts. We may not like to speak it to another or hear it spoken to us. This morning's worship shows us that it's not the rejection on which we focus, but that the Savior God calls for his truth to be preached in spite of rejection.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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DIVINE SERVICE

The Lutheran church is a liturgical church. Lutherans believe that the gospel is not only good news that Jesus has saved sinners, but also a power God uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus. Lutheran worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. In message and meal (Holy Communion), in specially selected Bible readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and confessions, the liturgy points to Jesus as the Savior of all.

OPENING HYMN

How Lovely Shines The Morning Star | **79 (1-2)**

INVOCATION

please stand

[M] In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

CONFESSION

[M] Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

[C] **The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

[M] Brothers and sisters in Christ, the glory of God has come into our world. Through Jesus Christ God has revealed his glory to us, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we have been claimed by God to be his children. Yet we have not lived as God's children ought to live.

[C] **All of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

[M] Most merciful God,

[C] **we are not worthy to be called your children. So often we have chosen to live in the darkness of sin rather than to reflect your glory in our lives. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved others as we ought. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions. Have mercy on us, kind Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ. "Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name's sake."**

M The good news is that before we were even aware of our sin and need for forgiveness, God sent his only Son into this world made dark by sin. He came among us as one of us, lived the perfect sinless life in our place, and died for us on the cross that we deserved. By his death the penalty for our sins was paid, and in his glorious resurrection we are assured of the gift of new life. As a called servant of the Word, and at the command and promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C From him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above | 236

All praise to God who reigns a - bove, The God of
I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, oh,

all cre - a - tion, The God of won - ders pow'r and
hear my call - ing! For death he gave me life in -

love, The God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing
deed And kept my feet from fall - ing. For this my

balm my soul he fills, The God who ev - 'ry sor - row
thanks shall end - less be; Oh, thank him, thank our God with

stills To God all praise and glo - ry!
me To God all praise and glo - ry!

PRAYER OF THE DAY¹

M Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24:29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai.

When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord. (NIV 2011)

¹ The Prayer of the Day helps the gathered guests in worship focus on a central theme drawn from the readings of the day. There is a specific Prayer of the Day for each Sunday and festival of the church year. In many ways these prayers reminds us that our prayers are not ours alone, but they are the prayers of the whole church -- past, present, and future.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 148

The Lord's goodness and glory fills all the earth with praise and thanksgiving.



Praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
 praise him in the heights above.
Praise him, all his angels;
 praise him, all his heavenly hosts.
Praise him, sun and moon;
 praise him, all you shining stars.

Refrain

Praise the Lord from the earth,
 you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,
 you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,
wild animals and all cattle,
 small creatures and flying birds,
kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,
 young men and women, old men and children.

Refrain

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
 for his name alone is exalted;
 his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.
And he has raised up for his people a horn,
 the praise of all his faithful servants,
 of Israel, the people close to his heart.
Praise the LORD. (NIV 2011)

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, 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 everyone's conscience in the sight of God. (NIV 2011)

RESPONSE

How Good, Lord, To Be Here | **95 (1-3)**

1. **How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.**
2. **How good, Lord, to be here! Your beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.**
3. **Fulfiller of the past, Promise of things to be,
We hail your body glorified And our redemption see.**

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

please stand

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men

standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen. (*NIV 2011*)

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Down From The Mount of Glory | 97

SERMON

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Sermon Theme

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 fully human.

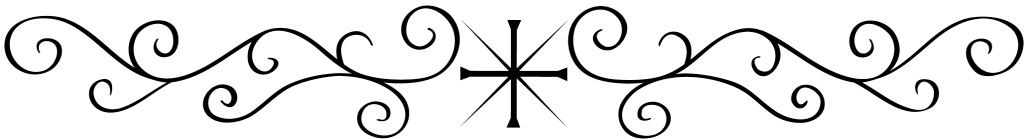
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

be seated

OFFERING

This is a moment in our worship when members and friends of Risen Savior respond to God's good news with gifts to support his saving work. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate. Everyone is asked to please sign a friendship register and pass it to the outside of their row.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- [M]** We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain.
- [C]** **Grant that with the eyes of faith we may behold the radiance of his heavenly beauty, the image of your own divine Being, and worship him in sincerity and truth.**
- [M]** Give us the firm resolve to listen to your Son, the joyful readiness to believe his promises, and the spirited willingness to heed his commandments. By their appearance Moses and Elijah show us that blessed are the dead who die in faith, blessed are they who live in Christ, and blessed are all who believe,
- [C]** **for they shall know the power of his resurrection and shall be “changed from glory into glory.”**
- [M]** O God and Father, let your Holy Spirit find a dwelling in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into radiance of goodness, purity, and righteousness. Transform our minds by the renewing grace that flows from you. Transform our vision, our understanding, our judgments, yes, our whole persons, to reflect the mind of Christ.
- [C]** **Take all these, O Father, and transform them by the touch of Jesus into noble impulses, pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, high courage, and true faith.**

Special prayers of intercession may follow.

- [M]** Look upon your church, O Lord, here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer up to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving, and loving obedience.
- [C]** **Hear our prayer and by your mercy grant our petitions for Christ’s sake. Amen.**

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.



THE SACRAMENT

Risen Savior practices close communion. We ask, therefore, that only members of this congregation and our fellowship (the Wisconsin Synod) partake of the sacrament. If you are a member of another Lutheran denomination or Christian church and would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with our pastor after the service and he would be delighted to explain what that entails.

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is good and right so to do.

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through him. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



With ser - a - phim fly - ing, Their glad an- thems cry - ing, All



heav- en and earth show God's glo - ry a - right. "How



ho - ly! How ho - ly!" Re - peat it: "How ho - ly, The



Lord God of hosts, God of pow - er and might!" God's



child- ren, re- ply - ing, "Ho - sann - a!" are cry - ing. "He



comes in the Lord's name, most bless- ed is he!" Ho -



sann - a! Ho- sann - a! The high - est ho- sann- as To



God and the Lamb, by whose blood we are free!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[M] Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ✝ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ✝ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

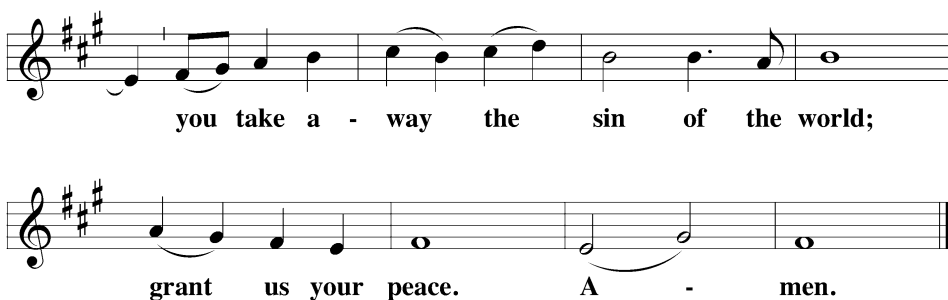
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C] Amen.

LAMB OF GOD²

The musical notation is written on four staves in 4/4 time. The first two staves are in B-flat major (two flats). The third and fourth staves are in D major (two sharps). The lyrics are: "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,"

² In this ancient song of the church, believers think of their Old Testament counterparts and their Passover celebration. They come to Christ as spiritual beggars. Seeing their own emptiness, they seek fullness and satisfaction only in the Christ, the Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) who takes away the sin of the world.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Beautiful Savior | **369**

CLOSING PRAYER

please stand

- [M]** We praise you King of heaven. We praise you Lord of earth. You reign in glory. You reign in majesty. Now we bless your name for you are our Savior. You are the One who has fulfilled the saving promises of the Father. Life is in your name.
- [C]** **Great is your love towards us, O Christ. Great is your love to all the earth.**
- [M]** We give thanks to you for in this eating and drinking we have been forgiven by your love once again. Beloved Son of God, reign in our hearts now and forever.
- [C]** **In your name we pray. Amen.**

BLESSING

- [M]** Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, the exalted God and reigning King.
The whole earth is full of his glory.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- [C]** **Amen.**

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

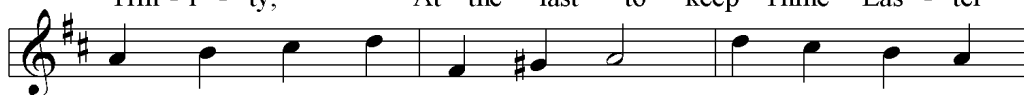
It is an ancient custom in the Christian church, dating back at least to the fifth century, that "alleluia" be omitted during the season of Lent. The custom of bidding "Farewell to Alleluia" on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday developed in the middle ages. Our closing hymn contains a translation of an 11th century Latin text that compares an alleluia-less Lent to the exile of the Israelites in Babylon. The text then anticipates the joy of Easter when glad alleluias will return in all their heavenly splendor. "Alleluia" will not be spoken or sung in the church from Ash Wednesday until Easter symbolizing our voluntary restraint of praise during the penitential season of Lent. The banner bearing the word "Alleluia" is carried away as the hymn is sung, to be laid away until Easter dawn when it is unfurled and hung in the church in triumph.



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

