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**Transfiguration  
of our Lord**



Sunday,  
February 26,  
2017

8:30 a.m.  
& 11:00 a.m.

**Holy  
Communion  
& New Members**

## Prelude

### GATHERING

Gathering Hymn

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

Hymn No. 533

#### Greeting

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

Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God”

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#### Prayer of the Day

*(Together)* **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.**

### WORD

Teaching Moment

Children’s Sermon

First Lesson

**Exodus 24:12-18**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*(After the reading)* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 2 (Responsively, Lector and People)**

<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

<sup>2</sup>**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes plot together, against the LORD  
and against the LORD's anointed?**

<sup>3</sup>"Let us break their yoke," they say;  
"let us cast off their bonds from us."

<sup>4</sup>**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;  
the LORD holds them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup>Then in wrath God speaks to them,  
and in rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup>**"As for me, I have anointed my king  
upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me,  
"You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup>**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for  
your inheritance and the ends of the earth  
for your possession.**

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an iron rod  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup>**And now, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

<sup>12</sup>**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.  
Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

**Second Lesson****2 Peter 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*(After the reading)* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel****Matthew 17:1-9***(Spoken after the announcement)* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

*(Spoken after the reading)* **Praise to you, O Christ.****Sermon**

Pastor David Echelbarger

**Hymn of the Day**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Hymn No. 705

**Reception of New Members***(8:30 am)*

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism....

(Council representative – The following persons.....)

Let us pray. "Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers,... We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**"

...Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

*(New Members)* **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.***(Continued on next page)*

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**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Pastor) You have made public profession of your faith....and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*(New Members) I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray....

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **Apostles Creed**

*(11:00 am)*

*(Together) 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

*(After each petition) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Peace**

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



### **Blessing**

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

**Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

*(Together)* **O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now— today, tomorrow, every day— that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.**

### **Benediction**

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Hymn No. 671

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**



*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 the mount of transfiguration 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.*