

March 2, 2025
Transfiguration of the Lord

PRELUDE "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"
with "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arr. Larson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 9:28-43a N.T. page 53
Jesus is transfigured on the mountain

OPENING SENTENCES

"The LORD is king; Ps. 99:1-2, 9
let the people tremble."

**The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord
and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.
Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ **HYMN:** GTG #327 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
"From All that Dwell Below the Skies"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending
compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved
as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared
for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we
intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace.
Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words,
and deeds, our lives might come to honor you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... as newborn children of God. **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN: GTG #666 PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... To you, O Lord, we pray. **Answer us with mercy.**

Younger children are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

+ Those who are able may stand. 1 GTG = *Glory to God* (purple hymnal)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.

...
... we offer ourselves in your service
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION 1 Cor. 11:23-26

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table of the Lord.

*Partake of the bread when it comes to you,
mindful of your communion with Christ.
Hold the cup and we will all drink together,
mindful of our communion with one another.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,
for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand.
Now send us forth to reflect your light,
proclaiming your saving death and resurrection
until you come again in glory. Amen.**

Older children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Bound for Glory" arr. Waldrop
Sanctuary Bells

+ **RESPONSE:** GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Confession of Belhar*
(South Africa, 1986)

**We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the
church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though
the authorities and human laws might forbid them and
punishment and suffering be the consequence.**

**Jesus is Lord.
To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the
honor and the glory for ever and ever.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 34:29-35 O.T. page 63
Moses' face shone

PSALM Psalm 99 O.T. page 424
Worship upon God's holy hill

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2 N.T. page 138
We will be transformed

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Mark 9:7
And from the cloud there came a voice, saying:
This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "This Is My Beloved Son" Choplin

SERMON "Wild Wonders" Rev. Dr. Jim Hegedus

+ **HYMN:** GTG #192 SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
"Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"

+ **CHARGE**
Since we have such hope, live and act with boldness! 2 Cor. 3:12, 17
Love and serve the Lord in the freedom of the Spirit. **Amen.**

+ **BLESSING**
May the glory of the Lord shine upon you,
the Word of the Lord live within you,
and the Spirit of the Lord give you peace. **Alleluia!**

CHORAL BENEDICTION Sevenfold Amen Stainer

POSTLUDE "Kum Ba Yah, My Shepherd" arr. Rogers

*You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Rev. Bill Pinches
Greeters: Debi and Mike Buchman
Communion Servers: Jerry Ambrose, Donna Archer,
Rick Cote, Debbie Markiewicz, Steve Sowles
Next Week's Greeters: Susan Chien and Joann DePeel
Sound: Tami Chapman
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Today's flowers are given by Ginnie Gibson
in memory of LesLee and Barb Gibson

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#20: Pillars:

Three years after his conversion, Saul comes to Jerusalem, and meets Peter and James. Then he goes to Tarsus, in modern Turkey. (Acts 9:23-30; Gal. 1:18-24) (c. AD 36-37)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 46. What do you affirm when you say that “on the third day he rose again from the dead”?

That our Lord could not be held by the power of death. Having died on the cross, he appeared to his followers, triumphant from the grave, in a new, exalted kind of life. In showing them his hands and his feet, the one who was crucified revealed himself to them as the Lord and Savior of the world.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Class (<i>The False White Gospel</i>)	11:30 am
Monday	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	
	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Ash Wednesday worship service	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday	4:00—6:00 pm
	Ash Wednesday worship service	6:00 pm
	Lenten Meal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Administration Committee	7:00 pm
	Board of Deacons	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Mar. 2: Isaiah Hawkins

Mar. 6: Ben Pinches

Mar. 8: Jacob Castle

Mar. 5: Ruth Sablich

Mar. 7: Travis Archer

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Transfiguration
by Duccio di Buoninsegna, c. 1310

“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called the children of God.”
(Matthew 5:9)