

Transfiguration of Our Lord



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308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Welcome to worship, as we celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. May God's grace nurture and strengthen you today.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" ELW #553

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.

C **Help us to look forward to where you would have us go.**

P Help us to listen carefully to the words of your healing love.

C **Open our hearts and spirits to receive your glorious directions.**

P Place your trust in the Lord in all your ways.

C **Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you.**

OPENING PRAYER

P Lord, it seems so long ago that we heard your words at Jesus' baptism. You reminded us that he is your beloved Son with whom you are well pleased. Again today we hear your words that we are to listen to him, to pay attention. Open our hearts this day, Lord, to hear the words of Jesus, to follow in his footsteps, and to serve You. For we ask this in Christ's Name.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,
C **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In † Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

C **Amen.**

GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **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.**

LESSON: 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.*

PSALM 99

L ¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble.
The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

C ²**The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

L ³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.

C ⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

L ⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;
God is the Holy One.

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

L ⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

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

L ⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

LESSON: 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

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 The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here!”

ELW #315
(Alt. tune: ELW #669)

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

JINGLE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (vs. 1-2) ELW #686

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”	ELW #631
	“Beautiful Savior”	ELW #838

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C Amen.

BLESSING *Luke 9*

P Led by the Spirit, go forth in God’s love.
Illumined by the Spirit, shine with Christ’s light.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Alleluia, Song of Gladness” (vs. 1, 3 & 4) ELW #318

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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