



EXALT  
*the LORD your God,*

BOW DOWN  
*before his holy mountain,*

BECAUSE THE LORD OUR GOD IS

*holy.*

*Psalm 99:9*

# The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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March 3, 2019

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are thankful that you've chosen to worship with us.

We love children worshipping with us. But we understand that kids can get restless. We have a few options for your convenience: Quiet Bags in the back of church, filled with activity pages and books; a Quiet Area in the library area of our Commons with a rocking chair, children's books and toys; Changing Tables in both washrooms down the hallway to the right as you exit the chapel.

Most of the service is projected on the front wall. You can also find the service and hymns in the hymnal. Bibles are available on request. If you want, you may follow along with the today's readings from your mobile device.

*Please be sure to silence your mobile device so you don't disrupt the service or distract people's worship.*

## SERVICE NOTES FOR THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Jesus is our glorious Savior. On a high hill, Peter, James, and John had a terrifying look at Jesus' perfect glory. His disciples saw a glimpse of what the future holds for all believers. The glorified Jesus enables us to look through our present struggles to our future glory.

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O God, by your holy Word and Sacrament, confirm our faith, make us coheirs with our King of his glory, and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven. Amen.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Liturgist**

Pastor Erich Westphal

**Organist**

Sasha Schallert

**Ushers**

Dan Gabrielson, Tom Gabrielson

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## **OPENING HYMN**

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here* | **95 verses 1-3**

## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON**

Exodus 34:29-35

Like the Lord's glory reflected in the face of Moses, the glory of the Old Covenant was a glory that passes away – replaced by the glory of the New Covenant established in Jesus Christ.

When 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 realize that the skin of his face was shining because he had been speaking with the LORD. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, they were amazed that the skin of his face was shining, so they were afraid to come close to him. <sup>31</sup>Moses called to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the community returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the people of Israel came close to him, and he gave them all of the commands that the LORD had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses was finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup>But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out again. Then he would come out and tell the people of Israel what he had been commanded. <sup>35</sup>Whenever the people of Israel saw Moses' face, they would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining. Then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the LORD again.

### **PSALM OF THE DAY**

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### **SECOND LESSON**

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Through the power of the Spirit, the glory of the New Covenant is ours, reflected in lives lived to the glory of the Lord.

If the ministry that brought death (which was engraved in letters on stone) came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look directly at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face (though it was fading), <sup>8</sup>how will the ministry of the spirit not be much more glorious? <sup>9</sup>For if the ministry that brought condemnation has glory, the ministry that brought righteousness has even more glory. <sup>10</sup>In fact, in this case, what was glorious is no longer very glorious, because of the greater glory of that which

surpasses it. <sup>11</sup>Indeed, if what is fading away was glorious, how much more glorious is that which is permanent!

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, since we have this kind of hope, we act with great boldness. <sup>13</sup>We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the Israelites could not continue to look at the end of the radiance, as it was fading away. <sup>14</sup>In spite of this, their minds were hardened. Yes, up to the present day, the same veil remains when the Old Testament is read. It has not been removed because it is taken away only in Christ. <sup>15</sup>Instead, to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup>But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> But all of us who reflect the Lord's glory with an unveiled face are being transformed into his own image, from one degree of glory to another. This too is from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Mark 9:7b

Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL**

Luke 9:28-36

The Son of Man is proclaimed to be God the Son with the approval of God the Father.  
The Christ has come and our salvation is at hand.

About eight days after he said these words, Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Just then, two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him! <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were talking about his departure, which he was going to bring to fulfillment in Jerusalem.

<sup>32</sup>Peter and those with him were weighed down with sleep, but when they were completely awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

<sup>33</sup>As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let's make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not realize what he was saying.

<sup>34</sup>While he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them. They were afraid as they went into the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>After the voice had spoken, they found Jesus alone. They kept this secret and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

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## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair* | 96

## SERMON

| 2 Corinthians 3:7-18  
*Sermon Notes on the following page.*

1. What is the **MAIN THING** that God teaches me in this passage?
2. What **SIN** does God lead me to confess, based on this passage?
3. What does God lead me to **GIVE THANKS** for, based on this passage?
4. What does God lead me to **PRAY** for or about, based on this passage?

## OFFERING

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.  
If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

*Please record your visit on the Connection Card. This is also where we register for Holy Communion.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## LORD'S PRAYER

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# THE SACRAMENT

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

*If you want to establish communing fellowship with us, **please wait to receive the Lord's Supper** until you have had a chance to speak with the pastor.*

## PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*If you have established communing fellowship with us and desire to receive the Lord's Supper today, please use the following questions to help you prepare:*

- Q: Do I recognize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment?
- Q: Do I want forgiveness for my failures (according to the Ten Commandments) to carry out the responsibilities of my calling(s)?
- Q: Do I believe that Jesus purchased forgiveness for me by his sinless life for me and death on the cross as the payment for all my sins?
- Q: Do I believe that Jesus gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of my sins?
- Q: Do I intend, with Christ's help, to fight temptation, do what I can to correct the wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works?

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face* | 315

## SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc Dimittis*

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## CLOSING HYMN

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here* | 95 verses 4,5

## MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE

In the Bible's biographical account of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, there are several striking "three word" statements. Join us to grasp an understanding of these powerful words. Our Lenten worship will feature an inspiring message, dynamic music, and a place to wonder at the height and depth of Jesus' love.



March 6

**"Love One Another"**

Pastor Westphal

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ASH WEDNESDAY-** To start the Lenten Mid-week services there will be a **spaghetti dinner** on Wednesday starting at **6 pm**.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES** are here! Pick up a copy on the table beneath the bulletin board.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TREATS** has a new sign-up sheet in the Information Center.

**TREATS AFTER THE MID-WEEK LENT SERVICE**  
A rotation has been set up for providing the treats.

<b>March 6</b>	<b>Elders</b>
March 13	Tuesday Bible Class
March 20	Pre-School
March 27	Men's Growth Group
April 3	Choir
April 10	Church Staff

**VOTER'S MEETING** - to be held this morning.  
Purpose of the meeting: To re-ratify the motion previously passed during the 2018 Voter's meeting to consider and grant congregational approval of an Option and Ground Lease Agreement with APC Towers III LLC, for construction of a telecommunications structure on the real estate owned by the Church and to authorize and empower the Elders of the congregation to designate the President of the congregation to execute any and all instruments in writing and to do any and all acts and things necessary or convenient to enter into the Agreement.

Reason for re-ratifying: Per Minnesota Statute, notice of the Voter's Meeting needs to be given to the Voters for 4 successive Sundays. Previous notice was only given for 2 successive Sundays.

**ELDER'S MEETING** after the voter's meeting.

## Calendar Week

*Today – Donut Sunday*

Sunday School	<b>9:00 am</b>
Bible Study	<b>9:00 am</b>
Worship	<b>10:00 am</b>
Voter's Meeting	<b>11:00 am</b>
Fellowship	<b>11:00 am</b>
Elder's Meeting	

*Monday*

Men's Growth Group	<b>7:00 pm</b>
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*Tuesday*

Bible Class	<b>3:15 pm</b>
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*Wednesday – Ash Wednesday*

<b>Spaghetti Dinner</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
Lenten Service	<b>7:00 pm</b>
Fellowship	<b>8:00 pm</b>
Choir	<b>8:15 pm</b>

*Sunday*

Sunday School	<b>9:00 am</b>
Bible Study	<b>9:00 am</b>
Worship	<b>10:00 am</b>
Fellowship	<b>11:00 am</b>

## Serving in The Lord

*Ushers*

Today:	Dan Gabrielson Tom Gabrielson
Next Sunday:	Brian Larson John Schimenz

*Organist*

Today:	Sasha Schallert
Ash Wednesday:	Janice Budach
Next Sunday:	Bethel Janisch

## Blessings from The Lord

*Attendance*

Bible Study – 12
Sunday School – 5
Sunday Service – 39
Tuesday Bible Class – 6

*Tithes & Offerings* \$ 1,288.00



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