Transfiguration of Our Lord February 19, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.



Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 8



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Welcome to worship on Transfiguration Sunday! 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 this week on Ash Wednesday (February 22, worship is at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.). On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. Jesus' transfiguration sustains us as we turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. We will sing and say our closing alleluias in today's worship liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the season of Lent and we will rejoice in saying it again at Easter.

Sign the worship slip and place it in the offering plate, so that hospitality, prayer, and pastoral care may be kept up to date.

Prelude • "Melody" -Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ♣ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God's mercy makes us new each day. Your sins are forgiven in the name of ♣ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please turn toward the back of the sanctuary as the processional cross enters, and turn toward the front of the sanctuary as the cross passes you.



Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: PRAÍSE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

Greeling

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

Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison is Greek and translates as "Lord, have mercy." All sing Refrain, and cantor sings verses.

Refrain:



Cantor: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

that we may live out truth and justice and grace,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain

Cantor: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain

Canticle of Praise





Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

The assembly is seated.

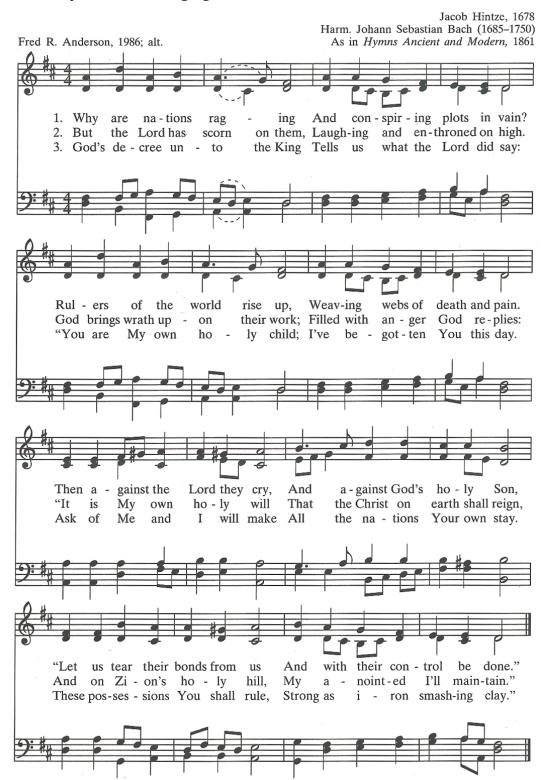
First Reading • Exodus 24:12–18

A reading from Exodus.

¹²The 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." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To 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."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The 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. ¹⁷Now 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. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



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Second Reading • 2 Peter 1:16-21

A reading from Second Peter.

¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷For 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." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So 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. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel • Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then 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." ⁵While 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!" ⁵When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ¬But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." §And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As 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."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Children's Sermon

Sermon • Pastor Caitlin Trussell



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845–1928, refrain Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin

Holy Baptism

Rejoice with **Edmund Charles Bredenberg**, son of **Peter and Erin Bredenberg**, in his baptism. Welcome him into Christ's family today! Edmund's baptism sponsors are Anna Kate and Thomas Talbot.

Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Promises are made by the parents, the sponsors, and the assembly.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

We renounce them.

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, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

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.

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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks . . . in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The candidate is baptized.

Let us pray.

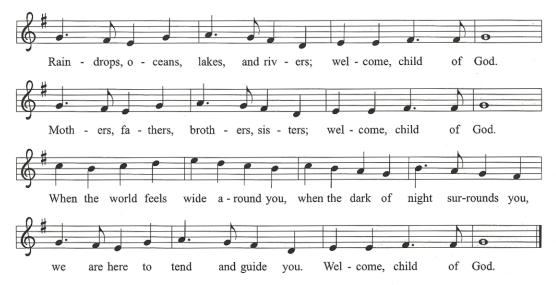
We give you thanks . . . joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The assembly welcomes the newly baptized:

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Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

You may share a sign of peace with the peace sign or a wave or a hand over your heart.

The assembly is seated.

Offering

This weekend Augustana is helping host the Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Gathering. Our offering helps to provide Deacon Shanna's leadership and the building space for this event.



"God of Grace and God of Glory" –Michael Burkhardt Chancel Choir

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour.

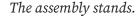
Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways. From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage serving you whom we adore. Amen.

-Harry E. Fosdick



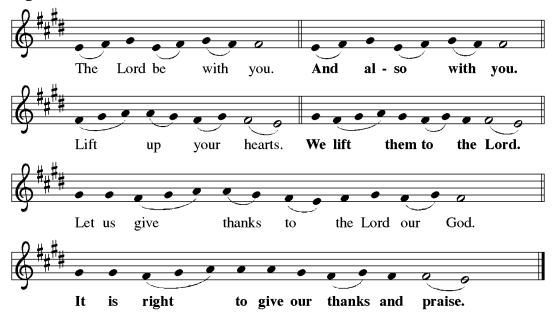


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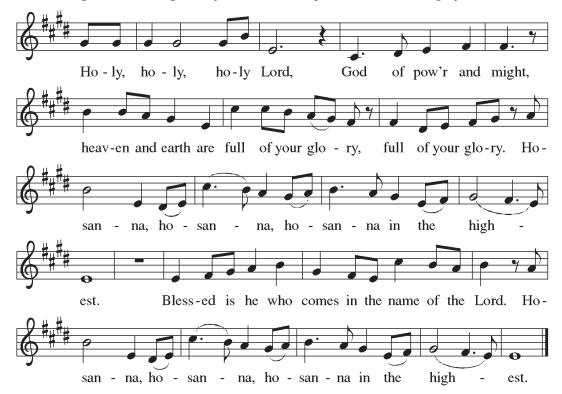
Offering Prayer

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

Praise to you, O God, creator of heaven and earth.
You blessed your covenant people, led them on their journey from slavery to freedom, and taught them by the prophets.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, expanding your covenant to all nations, so that everyone may know your steadfast love.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

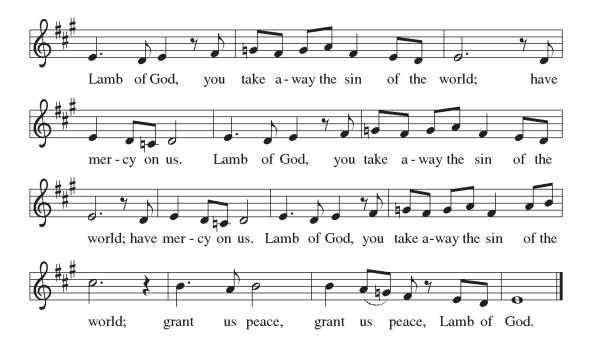
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion

The assembly is seated.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning. We share this meal with confidence in Christ's real presence with us in this sacrament. All the bread used is gluten-free, and both wine and grape juice are available in the tray of glasses. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms when you come forward. (If you are worshiping with us on livestream, you may use bread or crackers and wine or juice from your home.)

If you have difficulty coming forward, please tell an usher, and Communion will be brought to you. We will receive Communion together after the singing of the Lamb of God.



"Dance" -Gaspar Sanz, arr. Kevin McChesney Chapel Ringers

Blessing after Communion

The assembly stands.

May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Undie Sunday Blessing

Our Compassion and Action with our Neighbors (CAN) Ministry invited us to accompany people of all ages with their unseen needs in a visible way. We've called this Undie Sunday at Augustana for the last four years. Over the last four weeks, you've grown the pile of Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief, feminine products for Ruby's Market and George Washington High School, and underwear, diapers, and wipes for Foster Source. Today we ask God's blessing on these items, the people who will use them, and the organizations who directly serve the people.

Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

God of creation, we ask your blessing for these personal items gathered by our hands and our hearts and our resources. We ask your blessing for the children, men, and women who receive them. May they know that other people care about them as they and their families are affected by poverty, addiction, mental illness, disaster, famine, and war. We ask your blessing for the ministries and organizations who serve them directly and ask that our partnership together be your hands and feet in a hurting world.

God of healing, we've gathered items to reveal your care of all people. Grant us to see you in the faces of people who are struggling and, by the Spirit's sight, that we may more fully embrace our calling as your servants as we let our light shine before others so that you are glorified.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, our Servant Lord, Amen.

Blessing

The God who faithfully loves us, ♣ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

Please turn and face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary, facing the back of the sanctuary for the dismissal.





- 2. We are dancing . . .
- 3. We are singing . . .

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Dismissal Go in peace in the way of Jesus. Thanks be to God.

Postlude • "Transfiguration Sunday Improvisation" –Andrew Peters

You are welcome to sit by the organ console during the postlude.



Welcome!

- How good to have you here! Thanks for signing the worship registration slip and placing it in the offering plate.
- Large-print copies of the service bulletin are available from Augustana's ushers.
- Children are welcome in worship! Children's bulletins and crayons are available on Augustana's entrance tables. Just outside of Christ Chapel and on either side of the sanctuary there are activity bags for children. Please return the bags when worship is finished. Childcare is available in the nursery, 9 a.m.-noon, for newborns through children age 5, and the Cozy Corner is available to parents at the west sanctuary entrance. Changing tables are available in the men's bathroom and in the family bathroom on this floor.
- Faith Formation for all children and youth is available Sundays, 9:30– 10:15 a.m., in the education building. Adult Forum is offered 9:15–10:15 a.m.
- For a copy of this morning's sermon, inquire in Augustana's office.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the <u>Giving page at Augustana's website</u>, <u>augustanadenver.org</u>. You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- Restrooms are located downstairs beneath the west entrance; handicapped accessible restrooms are on the east side of the sanctuary in the hallway behind the chancel.
- An elevator is available at the Fairfax Street entrance.
- Handicapped parking and entrances are available at the Fairfax Street and Elm Street entrances. Additional parking is available on the south side of the building.
- The Ammerman Library is open and staffed every Sunday.
- Please make sure your cell phones are silenced during worship.
- Parents, for the safety and well-being of all our children, we ask that you attend your children at all times.
- If you would like to leave your bulletin for recycling, please place it at the end of the pew.

Worship Ministries

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Tim Libby

Cantor: Blake Nawa`a

Communion Bread:

February Julia Stone

Communion:

8 a.m. Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Katherine Cruson

Karen Bourg

Communion Linens:

February Kay Cruson

Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. Max Johnson

Library:

Linda Crow

Livestream Assistant:

Paul Blanchard

Prayers:

Mark Caldwell

Readers:

8 a.m. AJ Levy

10:30 a.m. Mary Beth Brown

Ushers:

8 a.m. Lisa Boe-Sims

10:30 a.m. Emmett Cruson

Rosalee Wanchisen Jordan Ourada Lance Wheeland

Welcome Connection:

Ellen Kastens Brad Uyemura

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Mission Statement

Celebrating God's grace, we welcome everyone to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in the world.

Worship

- Worship in person at 8 a.m. in Christ Chapel or at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.
- Join Augustana on our Facebook page or YouTube channel for worship livestreamed every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Visit Augustana's website (augustanadenver.org) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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