



Sunday, February 14, 2021

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Welcome to Worship and Announcements

Prelude

***Confession and Forgiveness:**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Congregation: Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

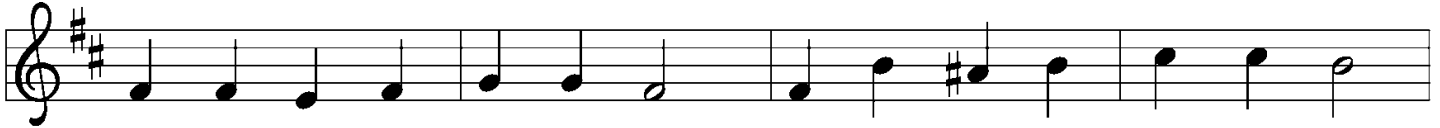
P How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C Amen.

***Gathering Hymn: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" ELW 553**



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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***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:**

All Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Kidsword: Pastor Jerry O'Neal

*Please stand as you are able.

Our first reading is from 2 Kings 2:1-12

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-6: (Read responsively between Lector and **Congregation.**)

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God shines forth in glory.**

³Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.**

⁵"Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

⁶**The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause,
for it is God who is judge.**

Our Second reading is from 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L Word of God. Word of life. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9**

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 9th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

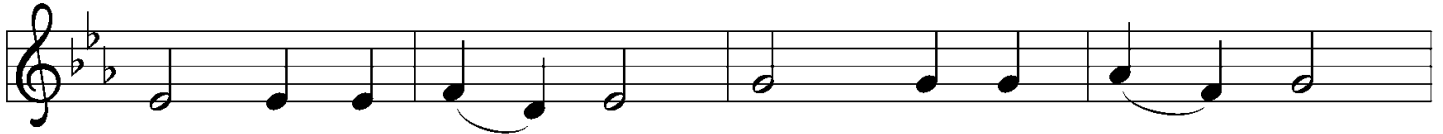
²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: – Pastor Jerry O'Neal

*Hymn of the Day: "Beautiful Savior" ELW 838



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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***Apostles' Creed:**

P&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 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.

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:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "let us pray," and your response is, "Have mercy, O God."

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all who suffer this day, especially to those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause), that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For frontline workers: for the doctors, nurses and medical technicians in this community and beyond; for the vaccine distribution workers and organizers; for healthcare leaders in every nation; for the firefighters, police officers and EMT's, keep them safe from the virus and give them wisdom to help care for us all, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

*Please stand as you are able.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our living, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

***Sharing the Peace:**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offering:

If you would like to give electronically, you may

1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Store or Apple Play, or
2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green "Give" button.
3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

Offering Music: "Offertory for The Transfiguration of Our Lord" arr. by Robert A. Hobby

***Offering Prayer:**

L O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

C **Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer:**

L Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)

All 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.

***Sending Call and Response:**

L God's work!

C **Our hands!**

L God's love!

C **Our hearts!**

L God's story!

C **Our voices!**

***Benediction:**

P "Barocha" - Michael Card

C **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.

*Sending Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" ELW 671

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the



2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark-ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,



play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.



mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain



Shine on me, shine on me:

Shine on me, shine on me:

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***Dismissal:**

L Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements for February 14, 2021

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of February 14-20, 2021:

Birthdays:

February 17 – Betsy Williams

February 18 – Sue Donnellan

February 18 – Lynda Eaton

Anniversaries:

February 14 – John and Nancy Carlson

February 15 - Phil and Erma Unger

February 17 - John and Marcia Kelly

This week's Prayers: Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Mary Broughton

Sue Donnellan

Phil Unger, husband of Erma Unger

Carol Pinckney

Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother

Rachel Wagner, Nancy Wagner's daughter

Denise Amschler

Those who are infected with the COVID-19 Coronavirus and the frontline workers who are caring for them.

Walking Group

The HTLC walking group will continue to walk at the Muncie Mall at 10 AM on Tuesday mornings. The entrance is just past the Books A Million entrance.

Coat racks, restrooms, signs regarding distancing, hand sanitizer is available. Masks must be worn. Come join us. Linda Hamilton, Parish Nurse

A Reminder to Thrivent Members:

Please remember to direct your 2020 Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31 by logging in at Thrivent.com. Thanks to Thrivent and its clients, Holy Trinity has received \$1,529 Choice Dollars @ grant funds since January 1, 2020 and Project Stepping Stone has received \$624.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Walker (765) 212- 2307. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday Virtual Service:

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. We will be live streaming our service at 7:00pm via Facebook Live. The link is below:

<https://www.facebook.com/HTLCMuncie/>

This year we will be offering “drive by” ashing from 6:00pm to 6:45pm. How this will work is you will drive up to Pastor Jerry or the Lay Assistant and stay in your car, please be sure and wear your mask, and they will perform the Imposition of Ashes.

Here is the schedule of other churches who are doing “drive by” Imposition of Ashes:

First Presbyterian Church: 7-8AM (1400 W Riverside Ave, Muncie, IN 47303)

Riverside United Methodist Church: Noon-1PM (1201 Wheeling Ave, Muncie, IN 47303)

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church: 4-5PM (2700 W Moore Rd, Muncie, IN 47304)

Lutheran Church of the Cross: 5-6PM (4401 Wheeling Ave, Muncie, IN 47304)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church: 6-6:45PM (900 W. White River BLVD, Muncie, IN 47303)

Mid-Week Lenten Book Study:

We will begin our 6-week Mid-Week Lenten Book Study, via Zoom, on Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00pm. We will be joining Lutheran Church of the Cross, Grace Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and Riverside United Methodist Church, in this Lenten Zoom Study.

This year we will be studying Amy-Jill Levine’s book “Entering The Passion of Jesus.” Below is a link to Amazon so that you can purchase your own copy of the book.

www.amazon.com/Entering-Passion-Jesus-Beginners-Guide/dp/1501869558

Here is the Zoom link information:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82224448890?pwd=R2E3d3EwWWwwYW5TaS9WbDU1V085Zz09>

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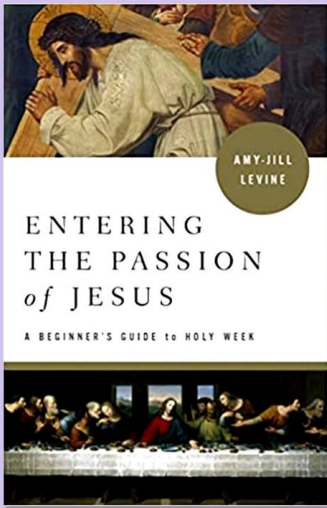
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Wednesdays in Lent

We invite you to join us for a weekly Lenten book study. This year's choice offers an insightful new perspective from Jewish author Amy-Jill Levine.

We will begin on Feb 24 @ 7pm with a discussion of the Intro and Chapter 1. Please obtain your own copy at Amazon or other sources.

This will be a virtual gathering every Wednesday at 7pm. Please contact the church office for the Zoom link.

*Please stand as you are able.