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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

(Series A)

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus shines—not only with divine brilliance, but with the glory of the cross and resurrection already breaking into the present. “After six days,” Matthew tells us, evoking both Sinai’s cloud and creation’s rhythm. The seventh day will bring rest in the tomb; the eighth day will dawn with resurrection. But here, in the sixth, Jesus glows with the light of the new creation. Moses and Elijah appear, pointing to the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. The Father speaks: “This is My beloved Son... listen to Him.” And the disciples fall in fear—until Jesus touches them and says, “Rise, and have no fear.” Today, we behold His glory, hear His Word, and walk with Him down the mountain, knowing that “Jesus only” is enough. The appointed readings from Exodus and 2 Peter both echo this truth: the glory of God is revealed in the face of Christ, and His Word is our light in the valley.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. . . . He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” *Matthew 17:2–3, 5–7*

PRELUDE

(Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.)

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME

PRESERVICE SONG – “Create in Me a Clean Heart” Psalm 51:10-12

1, 3 Create in me a clean heart, O God
 And renew a right spirit within me
 Create in me a clean heart, O God
 And renew a right spirit within me

2, 4, 5 Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord
 And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
 And renew a right spirit within me

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Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 50:1–2; Matthew 17:2, 5; 2 Peter 1:19

P The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

C Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

- P** On the holy mountain, Jesus was transfigured before His disciples, and His face shone like the sun.
- C** **A bright cloud overshadowed them, and the Father said, “This is My beloved Son; listen to Him.”**
- P** We have the prophetic Word made more sure, a lamp shining in a dark place.
- C** **Let the light of Christ shine upon us as we gather in His name.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Beloved in the Lord, on the Mount of Transfiguration the disciples fell on their faces in fear before the glory of God. Yet Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” Let us therefore come before our radiant Lord, confessing our sins and trusting His mercy.

Silence for reflection

- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
- C** **we confess that we have not listened to Your beloved Son as we ought. We have followed our own ways, trusted our own wisdom, and allowed the noise of this world to drown out His Word. We have feared the valley more than we have trusted His presence. For the sake of Jesus only—His cross, His death, and His resurrection— forgive us, renew us, and lead us.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. On the mountain, the Father revealed Jesus as His beloved Son; on the cross, that beloved Son bore your sin; and in His resurrection, He brings you into the light of the new creation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen. Shine upon us, Lord Jesus.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

- P** Lord, have mercy on us.
C Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

- P** Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son, You revealed His divine majesty and confirmed Him as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. Shine the light of His glory into our hearts, that we may listen to Him alone, trust His Word above all others, and follow Him from the mountain to the cross. By His death and resurrection, bring us into the new creation and the everlasting light of Your presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

NICENE CREED

**☐ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

OPENING SONG – “Forever (He is Alive)”

- 1 The moon and stars they wept
 The morning sun was dead
 The Savior of the world was fallen
 His body on the cross
 His blood poured out for us
 The weight of every curse upon Him
- 2 One final breath He gave
 As Heaven looked away
 The Son of God was laid in darkness
 A battle in the grave
 The war on death was waged
 The power of hell forever broken
- 3, 5 The ground began to shake
 The stone was rolled away
 His perfect love could not be overcome
 Now death where is your sting
 Our resurrected King
 Has rendered you defeated
- 4, 6 Forever, He is glorified
- 9 Forever, He is lifted high
 Forever, He is risen
 He is alive, He is alive
- 7, 8 We sing Hallelujah
 We sing Hallelujah
 We sing Hallelujah
 The Lamb has overcome

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 24:8-18

(Moses meets with the Lord God on Mount Sinai.)

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst 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. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalms 117:1-2a; 96:8

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

C Extol him, all peoples!

P For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

- P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
C bring an offering, and come into his courts!

EPISTLE

2 Peter 1:16-21

(Peter writes of his mountaintop experience with Jesus.)

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 were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalms 45:2a

- P** Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
C grace is poured upon Your lips. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

(Jesus is transfigured on a high mountaintop.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

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

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, 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 white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "*Rise, and have no fear.*" ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "*Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.*"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Matthew 17:8 – “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.” Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

OFFERTORY – “Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord” James 4:10

1, 2, 3 Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
 Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
 And He shall lift you up higher and higher, and He shall lift you up
 (Bob Hudson ©1978, arr. ©1997 Maranatha! Music CCLI #288089)

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, on the holy mountain You revealed Your Son's divine glory and commanded us to listen to Him. Grant that the light of His Word would shine into our hearts, driving away fear and strengthening our faith for the valleys ahead. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the Church, keep Your people steadfast in the confession that Jesus only is our Savior. Bless all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and church workers, that they may faithfully proclaim Christ's cross and resurrection. Strengthen our Synod, its leaders, and all congregations, that we may walk together in the truth of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of families, bless parents as they teach their children to listen to Jesus. Let every Christian home be a place where Your Word is heard, forgiveness is spoken, and Christ's peace dwells richly. Guard all expectant mothers and the children they carry, granting health and protection according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P King of the nations, You set Your Son as King on Zion, Your holy hill. Grant wisdom, integrity, and a right fear of You to all who govern—our president, our leaders, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws—that equity and justice may flourish in our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of compassion, Your Son touched His terrified disciples and said, "Rise, and have no fear." Bring that same comfort to all who suffer in body or soul, especially [*names may be added*]. Give them healing, peace, and the sure hope that the glory of Christ will one day banish every shadow. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the feast, as we come to the Table of Your Son, grant that all who eat His body and drink His blood may do so in true faith, receiving forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let this foretaste strengthen us until we join Moses, Elijah, Peter, James, John, and all the saints in the glory of the new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of glory, as once the disciples saw “Jesus only,” fix our eyes on Him alone through every trial, temptation, and valley of this life. Keep us steadfast in faith until the day when Christ’s new creation is revealed in fullness and we behold our Savior face to face. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for the brilliant revelation of Your Son’s majesty on the Mount of Transfiguration. By Your Spirit, teach us to listen to Jesus, trust His promises, and follow Him from the mountain to the cross and into the joy of His resurrection. Preserve us in this faith until we die a blessed death and enter the glory prepared for us; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and each us to pray:

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

LAMB OF GOD

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.

Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Be Thou My Vision” Colossians 3:1-4

- 1 Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light
- 2 Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art
- 4 High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

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“I Love You, Lord” Psalm 35:9

- 1, 2, 3 I love You, Lord and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul rejoice
Take joy, my King, in what You hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear

- 4 May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear

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POST COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, we give You thanks that in this Holy Supper You have revealed to us the glory of Your beloved Son, whose body and blood strengthen us for the path ahead. As once He touched His fearful disciples and said, “Rise, and have no fear,” so now touch our hearts with His forgiveness and fill us with His light. Having seen His glory and heard His Word, send us from this Table to follow Him faithfully—from the mountain into the valley, from this foretaste to the feast to come—until the day when we behold Him face to face in the brightness of the new creation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “The Lord be with you,” “Peace be with you,” or “The peace of the Lord be with you”.

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

P This week, on Ash Wednesday, we begin our observance of Lent. To highlight the penitential nature of the season, the Church has long set aside the word *alleluia*—a word that means “Praise the Lord.” Since at least the fifth century, Christians have refrained from using this joyful word from the close of worship on the final Sunday before Lent until it returns in the Easter celebration. This practice reminds us that there is a season for everything, including a time to keep silence, as Ecclesiastes teaches. Today we join the Church across the ages in bidding farewell to *alleluia* for a time, so that its return at Easter may fill us with renewed joy.

- P** For everything there is a season,
C **and a time for every matter under heaven:**
- P** a time to be born, and a time to die;
C **a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;**
- P** a time to break down, and a time to build up;
C **a time to weep, and a time to laugh;**
- P** a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
C **a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.**
- P** As part of our observance of a holy Lent as it begins this week, we now say farewell to the alleluia until the time of our rejoicing anew at the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day.
- C** **Alleluia! Amen.**

CLOSING SONG - "Love the Lord"

- 1, 2, 4 Love the Lord your God with all your heart
 With all your soul, with all your mind
 And with all your strength
- 3 With all your heart, with all your soul
 With all your mind, with all your strength
- 5, 6, 8 I will serve the Lord with all my heart
 With all my soul, with all my mind
 And with all my strength
- 7, 9, 10 With all my heart, with all my soul
 With all my mind, with all my strength
- 11, 12 I will love You Lord with all my heart
 15 With all my soul, with all my mind
 And with all my strength
- 13, 14 I will love You
 I will serve You
 I will praise You for all my days

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