

Sermon

Interim Pastor John Dalen

Hymn of the Day:

How Good, Lord, to be Here

ELW #315

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn:

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW #671

The 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 him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The 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.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn:

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW #325

Prayer

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Closing Hymn:

We are Marching in the Light

ELW #866

Dismissal:

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!

“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office.”

Sunday, March 2nd, 2025; 9:30 am

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. So let us confess... 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 loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen.

(Silence for private confession)

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.

Opening Hymn:

Beautiful Savior

ELW #838

Apostolic Greeting

Kyrie (setting 4, p. 147)

P: In peace, Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise:

This is the Feast

(setting 4, p. 149)

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and richness and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in

the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb

forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has

begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Tricia Steen

(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.)

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

Responsive Reading

from Psalm 99 (NLT)

L: The Lord is king! Let the nations tremble.

C: He sits on his throne between the cherubim. Let the whole earth quake.

L: Let them praise your great and awesome name.

C: Your name is holy!

L: Mighty king, lover of justice, you have established fairness.

C: You have acted with justice and righteousness.

L: Exalt the Lord our God!

C: Bow low before his feet, for he is holy!

Scripture Reading

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.)

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. 4: ¹ Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Change My Heart, O God

ELW #801

Gospel Reading:

Luke 9:28-36

*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

[Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

Children's Message

Beth Flier