



Transfiguration of Our Lord

MARCH 2, 2025

WELCOME TO ZION

CALL TO WORSHIP — *Joyful Praise ~ Joyful Ringers* [5 PM]

PRELUDE — Jill Sousek [8 & 10:30 AM]

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross ☩ may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator,
our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations
of our hearts, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **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.

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. **Amen.**

HYMN #315 — *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

GREETING

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.**

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.

MUSIC — *A Festive Rondo ~ Joyful Ringers* [5 PM]

W O R D

FIRST READING — *Exodus 34:29-35*

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. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward, all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, 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, 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.

SECOND READING — *2 Corinthians 3:11-4:2*

Since then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 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. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 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.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; 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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

The Holy Gospel, according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL — *Luke 9:28-43a*

Now about eight days after these sayings, Jesus took with him Peter, John, and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly, they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 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.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then, a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly, a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SERMON — Pastor Scott Ludford

HYMN #317 — *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

BAPTISM — Phoenix Ember Delchambre [10:30 AM]

APOSTLES' CREED [5 PM & 8 AM]

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE OFFERING

COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER [TRADITIONAL]

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

— *Radiant Glory ~ Joyful Ringers* [5 PM]

— Jill Sousek [8 & 10:30 AM]

BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

HYMN #318 — *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE — Jill Sousek



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