



February 27, 2022

Welcome!

We are glad to have you join us in the worship of Our Lord.
Please sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary.

Mask wearing is optional if you are fully vaccinated.

Today's Altar Representatives

Pastor.....Rev. Dan Finkbiner
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Transfiguration Sunday

PRELUDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers: Lois and Don Childers in loving memory of Kendall Hagelin McTeer, my cousin who died suddenly on Christmas Day

Meetings

AA Meeting – Tuesday and Friday at 12 pm and Thursday at 10 am.

Choir: Rehearsals will begin again at 8:45 in the sanctuary.

Boomwhackers, Bells and Chimes: Wednesday, at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday School soon after practice.

Bible Study: Each Sunday morning at 7:30 am.

Faithful Community Quilters: Every 2nd Monday of the month from 10 am to 3 pm.

Lenten Bible Studies

We will be studying Adam Hamilton's **THE WALK** which can be found on Amazon or in the Christian Bookstore site. Each week during Lent, we will be walking through chapters to understand our own relationship to the risen Lord!

Lenten Dates: March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6

There will be Soup Super at 6:15 pm and Lenten Study at 7:00 pm. For reservation, the sign-up sheets will be in the back of the church. If you would like to volunteer to bake bread and make soup for Lent, sign-up sheets are also in the back table.

Usher and Lector Volunteers needed, please contact Jacquie Halko or call the church to sign up.

Pastor has asked that anyone who wants to reach him in confidence is welcomed to email him at: Pastor@faithlutheranblakeslee.org. This is a confidential site.

Bulletin Sponsors and Flower Donations: New 2022 Bulletin located in the foyer table entrance of the church. In-house bulletin for \$10 and \$20 towards silk flowers or you may bring your own fresh flowers.

(Please stand as you are able.)

CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN – HOW GOOD LORD TO BE HERE! LBW 89

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.**



KYRIE



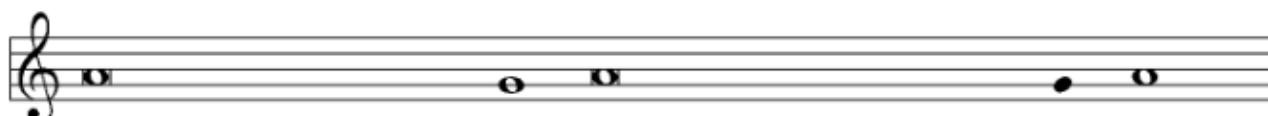
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.



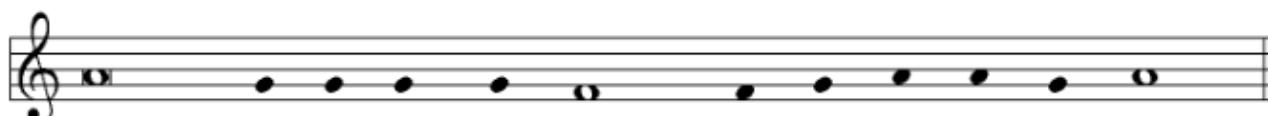
A For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. C A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God



A Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al- might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



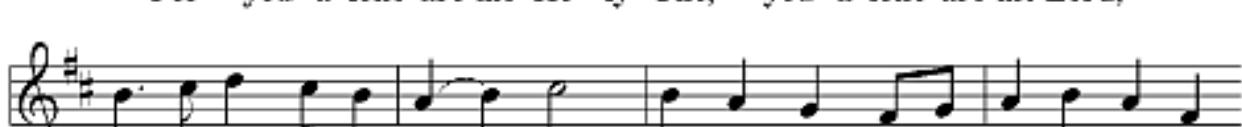
You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



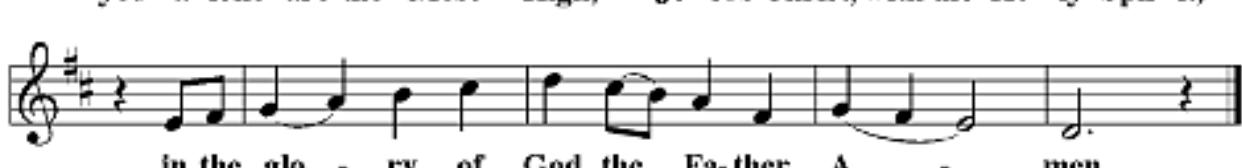
You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re- ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir- it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** *(Please be seated)*

FIRST LESSON:

The First Lesson is from **Exodus 34:29-35**

²⁹Moses 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. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but 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, ³⁵the 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.

Word of God, Word of Life, Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

¹The LORD is king; let the ¹ people tremble.

 The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let ¹ the earth shake.

²**The LORD, ¹ great in Zion,
 is high a- ¹ bove all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is ¹ great and awesome;
 God is the ¹ Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- ¹ tablished equity;
 you have executed justice and righteous- ¹ ness in Jacob. R**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- ¹ fore God's footstool;
 God is the ¹ Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon
your ¹ name, O LORD,**

they called upon you, and you ¹ answered them,

⁷**you spoke to them out of the pil- ¹ lar of cloud;**
 they kept your testimonies and the decree ¹ that you gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered ¹ them indeed;
 you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their ¹ evil deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's ¹ holy hill;
 for the LORD our God is the ¹ Holy One. R

SECOND LESSON:

The Second Lesson is from **2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2** (NRSV)

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness,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, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it 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 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

(*Please stand as you are able*)

(PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.)

VERSE / GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia”

Musical notation for the Alleluia acclamation. The music is in common time, key of C major (two sharps). The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia."

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke Chapter 9.

Musical notation for the Gospel acclamation. The music is in common time, key of C major (two sharps). The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to you, O Lord."

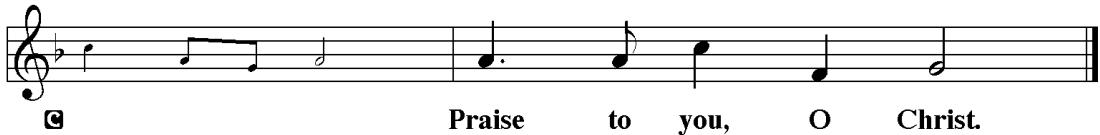
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

²⁸Now 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 dazzling white.³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.³² 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.³³ 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.³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them;

and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶When 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. [

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly 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. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴²While 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. ^{43a}And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

The Gospel of the Lord.



(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able after the Sermon)

HYMN OF THE DAY: *We are Marching in the Light of God* - WOV 650

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.

 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.

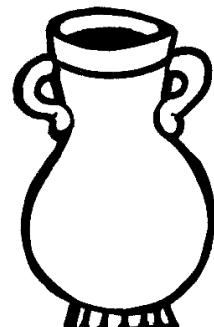
 He descended to the dead.

 On the third day he rose again.

 He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

 He will come again 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

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

(Please share Christ's peace in social and acceptable ways.) (Please be seated)

OFFERING HYMN: The Call of the Trumpets by Henry Purcell, Franklin Ritter
Played instrumentally by Molly Finkbiner

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERTORY SONG: “Create in Me A Clean Heart”

G Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres- ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Heal those who are in distress (*especially*). Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: pastors, deacons, musicians, and all who contribute to our worship life (*especially*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him (*especially*). Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

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.

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, † bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN: “Shine Jesus, Shine” WOV 651

SENDING: Go in peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Lifting the Veil

The transfiguration is frustrating for disciples—past and present—who long for an unmediated experience of God. Jesus’ glory is revealed, and then, just as suddenly, a cloud descends and the vision fades. And even though Paul contrasts the Christian’s experience of God with Moses’s veiled experience of God, he notes that we see the glory of the Lord “as though reflected in a mirror” (2 Cor. 3:18). Even with unveiled faces, we don’t see directly, or even clearly. Even when God is revealed in shining glory, much remains veiled and hidden.

As he witnesses Jesus’ transfiguration, Peter’s understanding remains veiled; ours does too. The glimpses we get of God’s glory—through the veil or reflected in the mirror—are expectation-shattering, alarming, overwhelming, and awesome. The love of God shines too brightly to view directly, and yet we do have the privilege of directly experiencing that love in baptism, in communion, in service to God, and in relationship with God’s creation and our neighbors in need. The veils we contend with daily are the barriers that prevent us from truly loving those neighbors, caring for creation, and seeing the shining face of Jesus in the faces of people who are different, hungry, difficult, enemy, invisible, or poor. God is always revealed in ways that surprise and confuse us, whether shining on the mountaintop or dying on the cross.



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and joining us in today's service.*