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*In response to God's love for us, we SERVE God,  
SUPPORT Christian fellowship,  
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people*

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## TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Order of Worship -9:00 AM

**AS WE GATHER** – We consider the Father's words on the Mount of Transfiguration: "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." The Father bears witness to the authority of the Son. Remember God's words to listen to the voice of Jesus. We also recall the brightness of Jesus shining upon the disciples. Jesus' transfiguration reminds us of the blessing we hear every week at the end of worship in the Benediction for the Lord's face to shine upon us. In the person of Jesus, God's face certainly shines upon us, and we look forward to the day when Christ returns in glory to permanently shine His face upon us.

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Beautiful Savior"

by Lani Smith

## WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

[♫ Means please stand; ♪ Means please be seated]

## ♫ OPENING HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

LSB 802



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life Thou giv - est to both great and small—  
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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## INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the  $\div$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *The Lord is great in Zion.*
- C** **He is exalted over all the peoples.**
- P** *Let them praise Your great and awesome name!*
- C** **Holy is He!**
- P** *The Lord's face will shine upon us,*
- C** **and give us peace.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Today we celebrate the transfiguration of Jesus. We hear the voice of our heavenly Father saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." Yet, as we follow Jesus, we have often failed to listen to His words. We have chosen to listen to the voice of the world rather than the voice of our transfigured Lord. So now, we come before our heavenly Father to ask for His forgiveness.*

[Silence for reflection.]

- P** *Heavenly Father,*
- C** **we confess that we have not listened to You or Your Son. We have ignored His voice and plugged our ears to His words of mercy. Forgive our sins and open our ears to Your voice once again.**
- P** *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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  $\div$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen. God's face has shined upon us. We are forgiven in Christ.**

## INTROIT

*Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9*

**All: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy, for the Lord our God is holy!**

- P** *The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!*
- C** **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**
- P** *The Lord is great in Zion;*
- C** **He is exalted over all the peoples.**
- P** *Let them praise Your great and awesome name!*
- C** **Holy is He!**
- P** *The King in His might loves justice.*
- C** **You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**
- P** *Exalt the Lord our God; worship at His footstool!*
- C** **Holy is He!**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy, for the Lord our God is holy!

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## *Beautiful Savior*

LSB 537



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



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

All: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**Exodus 24:8-18**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

## EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

2 Peter 1:16-21

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

## ALLELUIA VERSE

Ps. 45:2a

All: Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

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

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

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.      **G** Praise to You, O Christ.

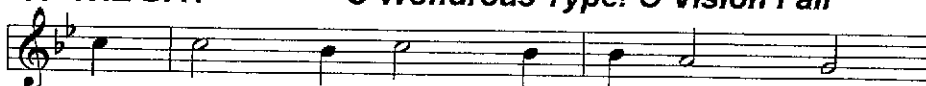
## YOUTH MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

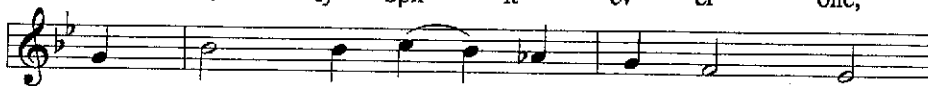
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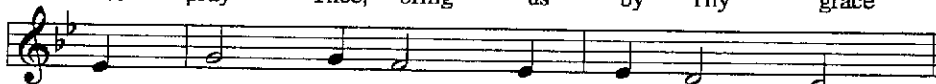
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair  
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah  
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high  
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,  
The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;  
Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,  
And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
And from the cloud the Ho - ly One  
What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
For which joy in joy - ful strains we raise  
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace



Where bright - er than the sun He glows!  
Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.  
Who joy in God with per - fect love.  
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

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**SERMON****"A MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE"****Matthew 17:1-9**

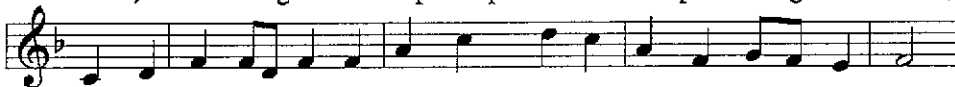
- I. Sometimes we want a "mountain top experience," like what Peter, James and John experienced at the Transfiguration, to validate our faith.
- II. God gives us what our faith needs, the "mountain top experiences," of His Word, His Baptism and His Holy Communion.

**♪ APOSTLE'S CREED**

- ☐** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**♪ OFFERING / CHORAL SELECTION****"Great Things"****♪ OFFERTORY****Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory****LSB 416**

1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz-zling light;  
 2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,  
 3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per-cep-tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo-ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!  
 Not by build-ing on the moun-tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,  
 And re-cast our life's in - ten-tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum-mit's rise  
 But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross  
 Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - v'ry's hill



Down-ward toward the shad-owed val-ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.  
 And by test - ing faith's re - sil-ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.  
 And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- ☐** Dear heavenly Father, on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus revealed His light and glory to Peter, James, and John. Embolden us to proclaim Christ's light and glory to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ☐** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord, Peter, James, and John heard Your voice on the mountaintop. Help us to heed Your voice and Your Word that comes to us in the Scriptures. Strengthen us to listen to Your voice rather than the voice the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord, Peter reminds us that no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but all prophets are carried along by the Holy Spirit. Send Your Spirit to call, gather, enlighten, sanctify, and keep Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord, You have shined the light of Christ on the world. Help us reflect Your light to those who are experiencing the darkness of the world. Bring community to the lonely, stability to those in transition, and safety to all those who have suffered abuse. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach 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.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace. **C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

### 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

LSB 414



1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy  
2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past And  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We  
5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,  
beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -  
hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y -  
see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the  
we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.  
glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.  
vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.  
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: Casey Klein]

## POSTLUDE "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"

by Paul Manz

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## THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 am

March 1: "*Singled-Out but Not Alone*"; Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker

Something needs to be done and it falls to you to do it. You might feel alone—but you're not alone. (Exodus 3-4)