

# *The Transfiguration*



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CHURCH

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**March 2, 2025**

**9:00 am Service**

# Order of Worship

**Prelude**

Joy Rundell

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*O God of Celebration,*

**Today we acknowledge all that you have done for us, even though we often forget to share with others what you have first shared with us. Forgive us Lord, for those times when we are selfish and greedy. Forgive us Lord, for those times when we ignore the needs of others. Forgive us, Lord, when we forget who gives us all that we have. Remind us of the overflowing love shown by your Son, Jesus, and help us to follow in his footsteps. Amen.**

People of God: By the grace of Almighty God, you are forgiven. The light of Christ shines in our lives, and we are given forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace of God through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

***Be Thou My Vision***

**Hymn #793**

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art,  
Thou my best thought, both 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 soul's shelter and thou my high tower,  
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,  
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. Light of my soul, after victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## Invocation

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.**

## Liturgy

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

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

**Lord have mercy.**

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.

**Lord have mercy.**

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

**Lord have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches 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

*Dazzling Lord,*

**In blinding light you showed your disciples a hint of your power and purpose.**

**Reveal yourself to us today. Show us what you desire of us and how to broadcast your love to the world, for the sake of the one who keeps company with the prophets Moses and Elijah, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading****Luke 9:28-45***The Transfiguration*

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and 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 as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. 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. 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. 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 put up with you? Bring your son here." While he was being brought forward, 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. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, "Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands." But they did not understand this saying; its meaning remained concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

The Word of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

## Hymn of the Day

## *How Good, Lord, to be Here*

**Hymn #315**

*(to the tune of ELW #314)*

1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night,  
Your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.
2. How good, Lord, to be here, your beauty to behold,  
Where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past, and hope of things to be,  
We hail your body glorified, and our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death, we see your Kingdom come,  
We long to hold the vision bright, and make this hill our home.
5. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain,  
But since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

## **Prayers of the Church**

*Congregational Response: Hear our prayer.*

## Sharing of the Peace

### Offering

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### Offertory Response

***Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am***

**Hymn #814**

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

## Holy Communion

### Words of Institution

#### 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

*Please come forward for Holy Communion this morning by using the center aisle and returning by the side aisle. If you prefer, gluten free wafers are available on the center table and white grape juice is located in the inner circle of the tray.*

### Communion Songs

***Beautiful Savior  
Just As I Am***

**Hymn #838  
Hymn #592**

### Closing Prayer

**Almighty God, you have filled the earth with the light and love of your incarnate Word. By your grace, empower us to reflect your light in all that we do. Comfort us in our darkness, and turn us toward the love of Jesus Christ, so that others might be drawn into the light which alone brings comfort, courage, and peace. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light,  
God's truth, and God's love, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

### ***Lead On, O King Eternal***

**Hymn #805**

Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come,  
Henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,  
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,  
But deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light,  
The crown awaits the conquest, lead on, O God of might.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

Joy Rundell

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### **In Our Prayers:**

Alden Hirsch, Mary Seifert, Jim Morrow, Don Hendricks, Dick Erickson,  
Ned Lindberg (brother of Tom Lindberg), Tim Swanson (brother of  
Roxanne Lunderby), Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson),  
our missionary in Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family



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## Announcements

You are invited to enjoy conversation, donuts and coffee following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**Ash Wednesday, March 5** 7:00 pm Service (Onsite & Online)

**Midweek Lent Services** Wednesdays, March 12 - April 9  
Supper from 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Worship at 7:00 pm (Onsite & Online)

**Lenten Devotional Books** We invite you to spend time in prayer during this Lenten season with a special devotional book called *There in God's Garden*. Devotional books are available in the narthex and at the Welcome Center.

**Trinity Easter Garden Sale** Purchase a plant from the Trinity Easter Garden Sale to adorn our altar on Easter morning! Place your order by March 19. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center or order online at [www.trin.org/easter-garden](http://www.trin.org/easter-garden). All proceeds benefit this year's Trinity Youth trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

**March is Food Share Month** During the month of March, Trinity will be collecting non-perishable food items for Gather and Grow Food Shelf. Pick up an empty grocery bag from the back rows of pews to collect your foodshelf donations. Please return full grocery bags to church by Pack the Pews Sunday, March 30.

**We're forming a Pastoral Transition Team!** The Trinity Church Council is looking for a diverse group of volunteers to help complete the Ministry Site Profile, which will provide key insights into our congregation's identity, priorities, and future direction, which will help guide us through the steps of calling a new pastor. If you're interested in being part of this important process, please contact the church office or Dave Kind at 763-218-8713 or [dkeclb@yahoo.com](mailto:dkeclb@yahoo.com) by March 16.