

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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As We Gather This day ends the Epiphany season and prepares us for Lent. Jesus has been revealing His true nature through His words and actions, and on the Mount of Transfiguration three disciples see His glory revealed as transfiguring light. Moses and Elijah appear with Him, talking about His departure in Jerusalem. But our Lord then commands the disciples not to tell about the event until after Easter. Because we live after His resurrection, Paul writes in the Epistle, we recognize Jesus’ true glory in going to the cross for us, for God has “shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:6).



OPENING HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on -
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -

scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of

tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.

Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in

like a might - y flood: “Je - sus out of
for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
deem - er, hear our plea, Where the songs of
flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both

ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood.”
get His prom - ise: “I am with you ev - er - more?”
all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our gracious God has not left us alone in our fallen state. Jesus entered human history to die for our sins and rise again, bound for heaven to be at the right hand of God the Father. Therefore, in repentant joy and faith-filled confidence we go to the throne of God's grace confessing our sins.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we would prefer to ascend to the heavens like Elijah, but without acknowledging our sin. Forgive us good Lord, for letting the troubles of this world cloud our vision of Christ's innocence and blessedness. Forgive us good Lord for not letting His Gospel promises permeate our thinking, our living, and our relating. In worship the Word comes to us revealing Jesus, yet we leave this mountaintop revelation, willing to forget and dismiss the importance of God's Word for daily living. Forgive us good Lord.

Pastor: Our hope for daily and eternal forgiveness is secure in Jesus, for He who was transfigured is the One who was raised on the third day. Therefore, by your God-given faith in God's only begotten Son, crucified, died, and risen again, who is seated at the right hand of the Father, all your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: "God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." *2 Corinthians 4:6*
As Jesus entered human history to call us out of this dark world, we can now boldly enter into His presence with rejoicing.

People: In the name of Jesus. Amen!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re-treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Kings 2:1-12

(God allows Elijah to enter heaven in a whirlwind.)

(After the reading is read.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6

(Jesus has entered our personal history.)

(After the reading is read.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ENSEMBLE “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

HOLY GOSPEL. Mark 9:2-9

(The reality of Jesus’ divinity enters the disciples’ hearts and minds.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

(After the reading.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “’Tis Good, Lord to Be Here”



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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MESSAGE

Would Knowing You'd Survive Your Own Death
Change The Way You Looked At Life?
Covering Our Final Exit
2 Kings 2:1-12

HYMN

"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"



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 - ception 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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

**All: 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 thence 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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His
face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord
look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

WE BID FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

*Because of the penitential character of the season of Lent, singing
or saying the word "alleluia" has historically been suspended during
Lent's forty days. The omission of alleluia during Lent goes back to
at least the fifth century in the western church. The custom of
actually bidding it farewell, however, developed in the Middle Ages.
Our closing hymn is a translation of an 11th century Latin text that
compares an alleluia-less Lent to the exile of the Israelites in
Babylon. The text then anticipates the joy of Easter when glad
alleluias will return in all their heavenly splendor.*

CLOSING HYMN "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Attendance: 2/7/21 108

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God by Vera Alamillo in memory of her husband Ralph, and by Sandi Stepp in celebration of Adley's Baptism .

Last week's flowers were also given by Susan Klein in memory of Helmut.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Today: 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service outside
1:30 p.m. New Life Church

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday Ash Wednesday
10:00 a.m. LifeLight Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Bible Study

Friday 6:00 p.m. Confirmation

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Traditional Services outside
1:30 p.m. New Life Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2021

OFFERING ENVELOPES and year end contribution statements are available for pick up from your mail box in the narthex.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January - March are now available for you to pick up either at the check-in table or in the church office during the week.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you have a prayer request please call Sandi Stepp at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail footstepps@verizon.net.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR has resumed rehearsals. If you are interested in joining please contact Linda LaJeunesse 805-443-3527.

THE 2021 FLOWER CHART is posted on the white board as you come to the check-in station. Please bring a pen to sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. (After signing-up, please remember to use the hand sanitizer on the check-in table.) Two signups are available for each Sunday. The arrangements are \$35.00 each, and the check or money can be placed in the offering plate. Please note on the check or on the envelope that it is designated for "Flowers". Following the service, you may take your arrangement home.

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY:

Women's Bible Study meets Tuesdays, at 10:00 a.m. with a study on the book of Revelation. Please contact Connie Morris (805)987-5116 to join or for more information.

Men's Bible Study This new study on "Proverbs - *God's Gift of Wisdom*", meets via Zoom Tuesday mornings at 8:30. Call Dave Hutter (805)386-7007 to join or for more information. Please pick up your copy of the study in the church office.

LifeLight has begun a 9 week LifeLight Bible study on The Epistles of John, Wednesday, January 6th at 10 AM. This study will include: The Apostle of Love; Getting to Know God...and Yourself; Love and Knowledge in the End Times; Like Father, Like Son; We Love Because He First Loved Us; and Mission in the Church. This is a Zoom study, all are welcome. If you would like to join this study, please contact Blaine or Diana Wanke 805-482-7524.

THE FOOD BANK at St. Columba's Episcopal Church's has remained opened during the pandemic and has had a large increase in demand. The church office is open from 9 to 12 Monday through Friday. They give out food every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 9-10am for seniors and 5-6 pm for families. Below is a list of items most needed, but any nonperishable, non-expired donation is appreciated. Please take your donation directly to St. Columba's. Most needed items: Cereal, shelf stable milk, canned vegetables, canned meats, beans, rice, and pasta. Thank you! Social Concerns

Remember in Your Prayers

For health and healing: Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Lili Baehr, Terry Breckinridge, Briggs (Dave Schmidt's grandson), Marshall Denninger, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Ken Haugrud, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Judy (friend of Schultze family), Dale Larson, Ron Logan (Dave Schmidt's brother-in-law), Dawn Logan (Pat Massey's niece), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Ryan Scott Morrison, Gene O'Neal, Jim Pedersen, Joanne Riccardi (friend of Pat Massey), Becky Rodriguez (Luther's Attic worker), Tim Schmidt, Shane Shelton (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Joyce Snow, Llewyn Rae Spencer (grandson of Gary & Char Spencer), Gertrude Stenke, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Bev Toro, Earl Totten (Cheryl Sanders' brother), Jon Volpei (Connie Morris' son), Emer Wiltbank (Dave Schmidt's son-in-law), Carol Yung, Sue Zinger.

For peace and comfort:

For Annette McComas and family as they mourn Scott's death.

For Margaret and Nancy Nipstad and family as they mourn husband and father, Ken's death.

For Dave and Sue Zinger and family as they mourn the death of their daughter-in-law.

ForCarolynn Bronner and family as they mourn Rodger's death.

Pray for all military men and women especially: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Palos, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Amy Waddell, Lucas Wentlandt. Also remember their families in your prayers.

