

Christ Lutheran Church
Transfiguration
ELW Holy Communion, Setting IV
February 27, 2022, 10:00 am
The Rev. David Hulse, presiding



Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We extend God's own welcome to all, irrespective of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other human distinction.

PRELUDE Pastorale on "The Morning Star" Daniel Pinkham

+ GATHERING +

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples,
and who breathes peace on all the earth.
Amen.

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess our sin before you.
We replace compassion with competition.
We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.
We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.
We have not put on love in harmony with you.
Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.
Swaddle our hearts with your peace,
that all we do, in word or deed,
may reflect your love born among us.
Amen.

"Be still, and know that I am God." During the Prelude worshippers are invited to prepare quietly for worship.

*Stand, as able.

The open font is a powerful symbol of the centrality of baptism for Christians.

HYMNS TODAY:

ELW 314
ELW 671
ELW 182
ELW 838
ELW 866

I bring you good news of great joy for all people:
God has come among us
in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.

✠ In Christ your sins are forgiven
and you are clothed in peace.

Amen.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** *Arise, Your Light Has Come* ELW 314

***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.

The Prayer of the Day, formerly called the "Collect," gathers the theme of each Sunday's worship, each phrase rich in meaning.

God's living and enlivening word comes both to us and through us, proclaimed in spoken word, psalm, sermon and hymn- singing.

+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

A reading from Exodus ...

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: Psalm 99

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

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

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

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

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

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

**⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those
who call upon your | name, O LORD,
they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

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

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

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



The psalms were the first hymns of the people of God and express hope and despair, trust and tribulation, anger, joy and praise.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

A reading from First Corinthians...

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not 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. ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And 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.

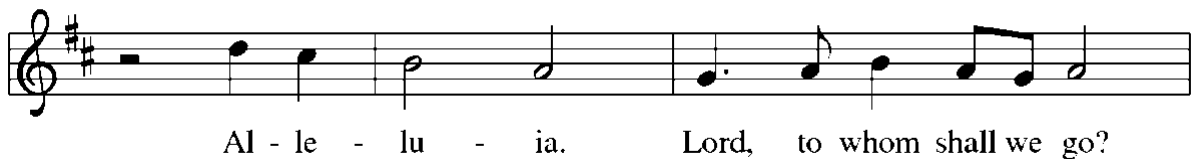
^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to
greet our Lord
Jesus Christ as
he comes to us
in the Holy
Gospel.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now 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. ³³Just 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. ³⁴While 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.
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Shine, Jesus, Shine* ELW 671

***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.**

The congregation participates in the proclamation of God's Word in singing the Hymn of the Day, the assembly's principal song.

Lutherans celebrate the priesthood of all believers. The intercessory prayers are one way for lay persons to exercise the priestly role. Members of the assembly are encouraged to read the printed petitions, add their own intercessions, and to voice their assent in the responses.

* PRAYERS 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. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Hear, O God, the prayers on our lips.

(Worshippers are invited to voice their petitions.)

Hear, O God, the silent prayers of our hearts.

(Silence is kept for unspoken prayers.)

Let us pray. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him. 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.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

+ **MEAL** +

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Epiphany Carol* Bruce Neswick

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* ELW 182



Much more than a polite greeting, the exchange of peace is God's answer to our prayers in the presence of the risen Christ and part of our preparation to receive him in his holy supper.

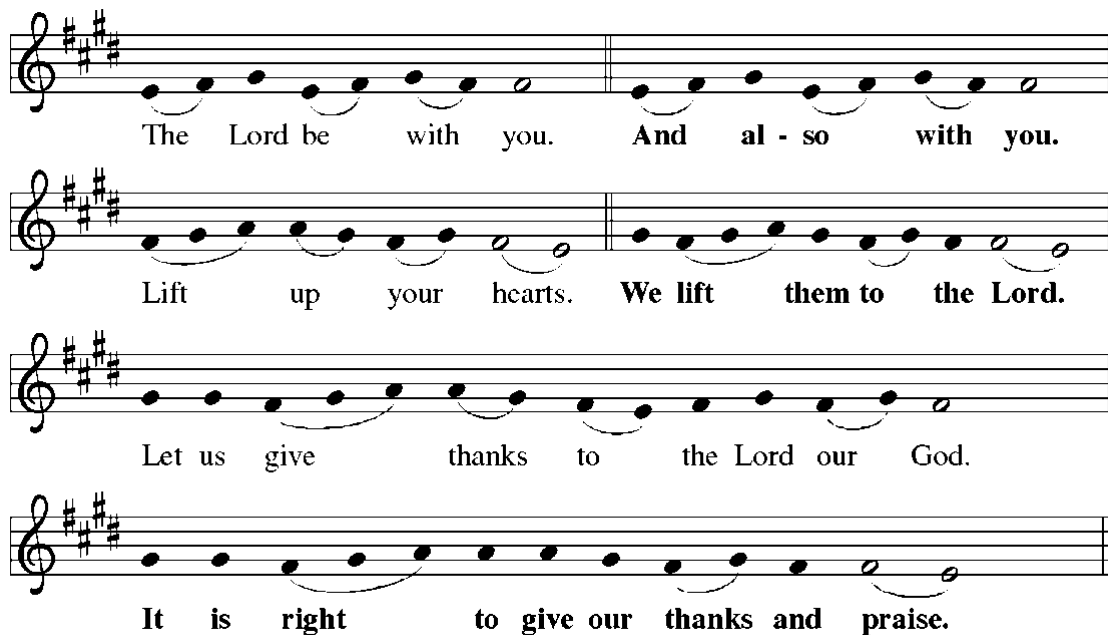
For the time being, please nod or signal to one another as a sign of peace.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,
Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings
and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table,
nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love
to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.
Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*DIALOG



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

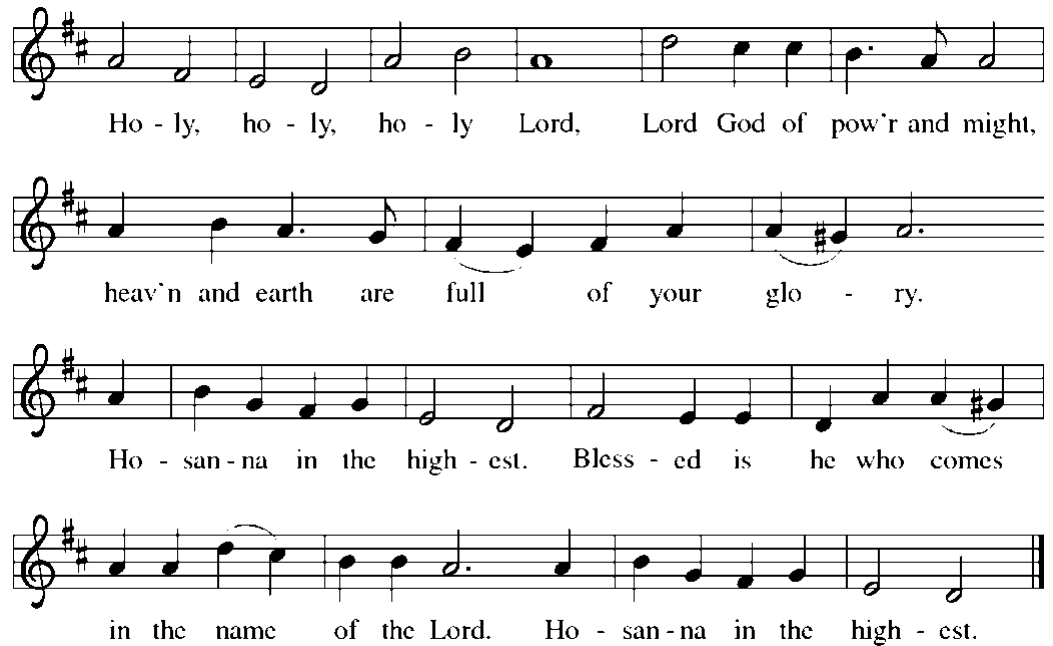
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE

*HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and
ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,

and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sung or spoken, in any translation, the Lord's Prayer, which may be a pattern for all our prayers, here serves as our table prayer before we share in the Lord's Supper.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

Communicants are seated and begin to gather around the table as "Lamb of God" is sung.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN *Beautiful Savior* ELW 838

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

+ SENDING +

*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** *We Are Marching in the Light of God* ELW 866

*DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE *Toccatà, from Revelations* Daniel Pinkham

Christ Lutheran Church practices Eucharistic hospitality; all baptized Christians who trust in Christ's presence in the sacrament of Holy Communion are welcome at the table where he is both host and food.

Communicants normally receive the bread in open, cupped palms (sometimes laid one over the other in the shape of the cross).

Wine (light colored) or grape juice (red/purple) is offered in an individual glass.

For persons who exclude gluten from their diet, all wafers are gluten-free.

"Go in peace." The Postlude is a musical 'sending' that concludes the service, helping us to transition back into the wider world. Congregants are invited to stay and listen or to leave respectfully.

Please hold in prayer:

We pray for the family of Mary Kay Aberth and for the family of Jim Gowe, Jim Aberth, Anna Anderson, Kwai Lin Chan, Steven Chartier, Steven Chin, Brigitte Chisholm, James Clunie, Danny Elson, Ron Embree, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Susan Giroux, Charles Graham, Ann Hoilo, Joy Honen, Arthur Hurst, Richard Hurst, Gayle Jaffe, Adele Kasinskas, Gloria Kleinfelt, Georgie Klinger, Chui Yuk Lee, Erica Lee, Suxian Lin, Phillip Liu, Matt M, Laraine Marthinsen, John Melin, Jon Nelson, Arvind Raja, Deb Ream, Erica Rich, Shannon Ripp, Louann Smith, Jay Virshbo, Polly Weston, Shirley Wong, and Ellen Zagajeski; we pray for all who contend with addictions, all who struggle with mental illness; all who are serving in the armed forces; and all who fight COVID-19 and its lingering effects.

With Gratitude to Today's Worship Leaders:

Greeters	Carol Virshbo and Sandy Smith
Assisting Minister	Phil Roberts
Reader	Martha Cronin
Communion Assistant	Beth Castro
Tellers	George Hall and Marianne Swenson
Altar Guild	Phil Roberts and Hannele Saramo-Raja
Cantor	Celeste Larson
Audio Visual Team:	Comlanvi Agbodjinou, Alan Avalos, Rolf Larson, Phil Roberts, Juliet Seaberg

Upcoming Commemorations

George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

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