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At Redeemer Lutheran Church

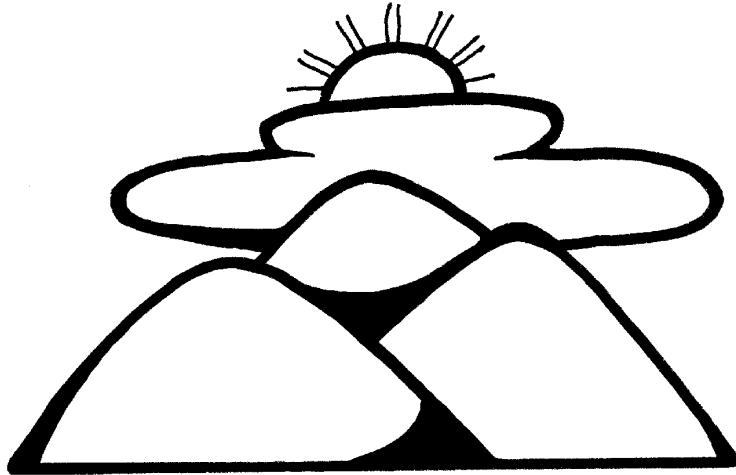
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Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.

Transfiguration of Our Lord



Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

PRELUDE

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 2

Pastor Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?
All **Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?**

Pastor The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,
All **against the Lord and his anointed.**

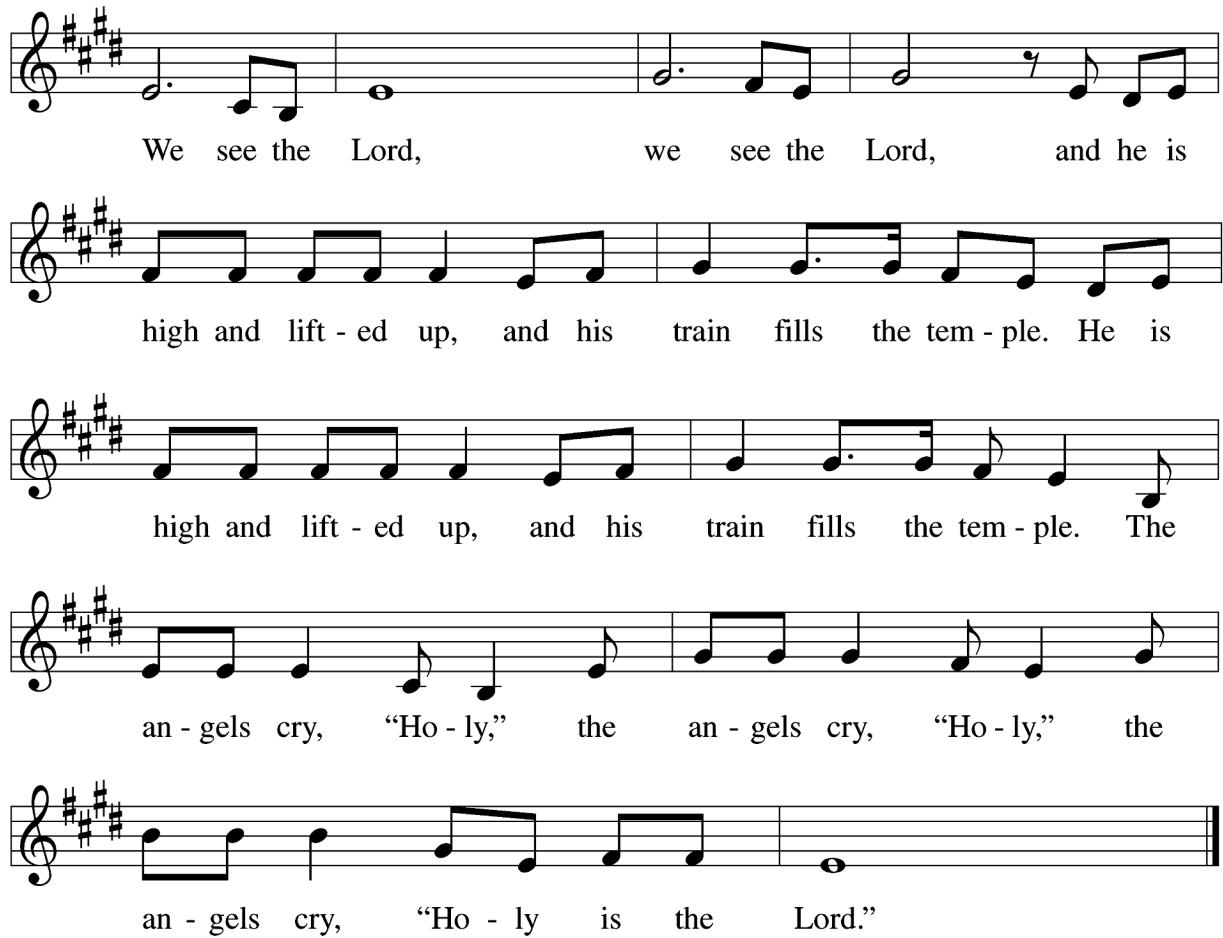
Pastor Then he will speak to them in his wrath, saying,
All **“I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.”**

Pastor He said to me, “You are my son; today I have begotten you.
All **Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.”**

Pastor Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
All **Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling kiss his feet.**

GATHERING SONG
All sing.

We See the Lord



We see the Lord, we see the Lord, and he is
high and lift - ed up, and his train fills the tem - ple. He is
high and lift - ed up, and his train fills the tem - ple. The
an - gels cry, "Ho - ly," the an - gels cry, "Ho - ly," the
an - gels cry, "Ho - ly" is the Lord."

Text: anonymous, based on Isaiah 6:1, 3
Music: WE SEE THE LORD, anonymous



CONFESION OF SIN

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, [†] one God,
 the Creator of heaven and earth,
 the Word who spoke life into being,
 the Wind stirring the waters.

All Amen.

Pastor Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor Mighty God, lover of justice,
All **you call us to life in community,
 but we have served our own interests
 at the expense of our neighbors.
 We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
 We say the right words,
 but our hearts are far from you.
 Turn us to seek your face.
 Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
 that we may do justice, love mercy,
 and walk humbly with you, our God.**
Amen.

Pastor The former things have passed away,
 and new things God now declares:
 Like a spring of water that never fails,
 God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
 and forgives your sin in [†] Jesus' name.
 May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
 and bless you with the gift of peace.

All Amen.

All sing.

I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will sing, I will sing. I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known thy faith - ful - ness, thy faith - ful - ness. With my mouth will I make known thy faith - ful - ness to all gen - er - - a - tions.

Text: Psalm 89:1
Music: FILLMORE, J. H. Fillmore

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor

Let us pray.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

⊕ THE WORD ⊕

Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the Lord” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

¹² The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader Word of God, word of life.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

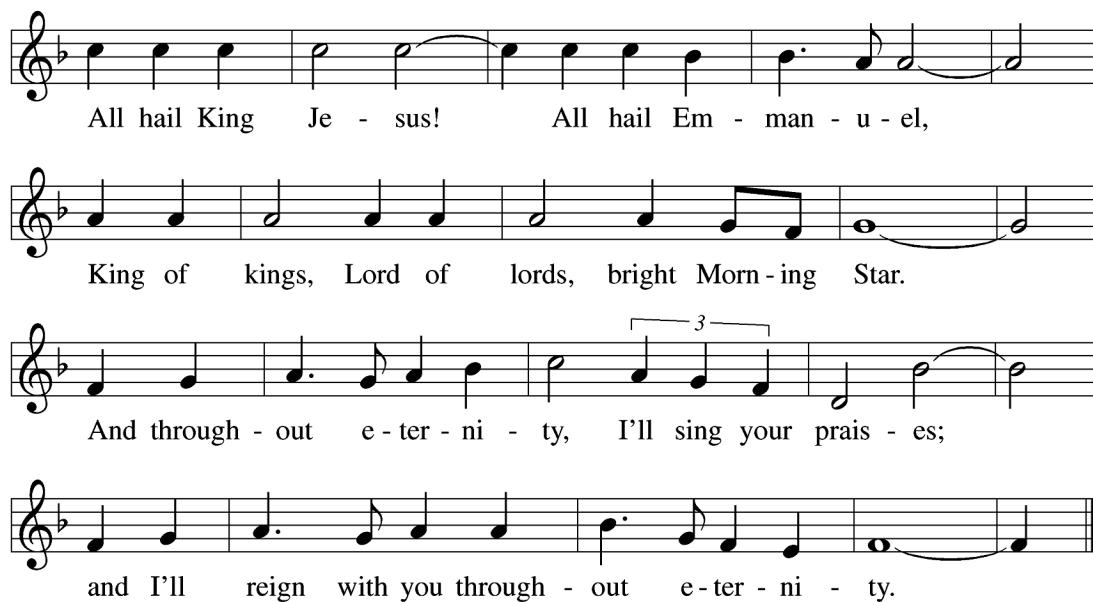
¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader Word of God, word of life.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and sing.

All Hail King Jesus!



All hail King Je - sus! All hail Em - man - u - el,
King of kings, Lord of lords, bright Morn - ing Star.
And through - out e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing your prais - es;
and I'll reign with you through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Dave Moody
Music: KING JESUS, Dave Moody

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

Bishop Philip Hirsch

Please stand and sing.

Come to the Mountain

1 Je - sus took Pet - er, James, and John
2 "This is my Son!" said a voice from the cloud.
3 We will be changed like Je - sus our Lord,
up to the moun - tain to be a - lone.
"Lis - ten to him and do what he says!"
and live with him in heav - en a - bove.

While they were watch - ing Je - sus was changed;
Soon as it came that vis - ion was gone,
But while we live on this earth - ly home,

and they saw Mo - ses face to face.
and they saw Je - sus stand - ing a - lone.
our work as ser - vants nev - er is done.

Refrain

Come to the moun - tain to see the light.
Come to the moun - tain to hear God's word.
Go to the val - ley, it is your home.
Go to the val - ley to serve the Lord.

Text: Scott Tunseth

Music: MOUNTAIN AND VALLEY, Kathleen Donlan Tunseth

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APOSTLES' CREED

Asst. Min.
Congregation

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
**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

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. After each portion of the prayers:

Asst. Min. Merciful God,
All **receive our prayer.**

At the end of the prayer:

Pastor Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
 trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
All **Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

Pastor May the peace of Christ be with you always.
All **And also with you.**
Please greet one another with words such as "God's peace be with you."
Sit

± SHARING OUR GIFTS ±**OFFERING**

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Our offerings to God are first of all just that—offerings of thanksgiving to God. As you are able please continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts.

Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.

OFFERTORY

“Days of Elijah” by Robin Mark

OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing.

We are an offering

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in G major, with chords G, C², Dm⁷, C²/E, and C/E. The lyrics for this section are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our". The bottom staff is in F major, with chords F, C/E, Dm⁷, Dm⁷/G, and C. The lyrics for this section are: "lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering". The music includes various note values (eighth and sixteenth notes) and rests.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Asst. Min. Let us pray.

All God of majesty,

no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



+ COME TO THE TABLE +

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

Pastor Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
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.**

Pastor Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion will be offered by intinction.

For those not comfortable receiving from the pastor's hands, a separate tray with preset elements is available. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine is invited to come forward for a blessing. To receive a blessing, please cross your arms.

You are an important part of our faith community.

In Holy Communion we receive the true body and blood of Christ.

COMMUNION SONG
All sing.

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O Redeeming One

Luke 1:68-69, 78-79



1. Je-sus, you are light in the dark - est place; in a
2. Je-sus, you are hope in a hope - less land; you're my
3. Je-sus, you are truth in a world turned grey; you're the



world of sor - row you're my song of praise. You're the
so - lid rock when there's sink - ing sand. You're my
lamp that guides all a - long the way. Though I



sac - ri - fice that has saved my soul; you're the
shel - ter from eve - ry troub - led storm; in the
fall in sin, still you pick me up; when I



heal - ing balm that has made me whole. O re -
cold - est night your love keeps me warm.
thirst for you, you will fill my cup.



deem - ing one! You have set me free, for you know me well, yet you



still love me. I will sing your praise 'til your face I see!



Then I'll be with you, and you'll be with me. me.

Please stand.

Pastor

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood,
strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

All

PRAYER

Asst. Min.

Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All

Amen.



+ THE SENDING +

BENEDICTION

Pastor

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever

All

Amen.

SENDING SONG
All sing.

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises
Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

Refrain—sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our
bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
End
ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

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Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*
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DISMISSAL

Asst. Min. Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
All **Thanks be to God.**



Finding God in the Clouds

We often speak of mountaintop experiences as those joyous times we look forward to with excitement and look back upon fondly, such as summer camp or an annual hiking trip. The mountaintop moments in today's readings were different: awe-inspiring, yes, but also full of devouring fires, clouds, and fear. Vision is obscured, the familiar becomes unknown, and nothing is the same. People get lost in fires, clouds, and fear, unable to find their way, but God's presence is where we get both lost and found. Many biblical encounters with God involved fear, pointing to the awesome reality of God that is much more than the gentle shepherd we often imagine (though God is that, too). God is, as C. S. Lewis famously said, "not a tame lion" (*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, London: HarperCollins Children's Books, 2001, p. 197). The truth is, we can no more plan our mountaintop times with God than we can stay there forever, as much as we think we would like to. God's place is to invite, ours to respond, faces bowed to the ground.

Eventually, of course, the time comes to leave that mountain, walking with Jesus down to the valley and getting dusty with the ashes of daily life. Many churches symbolically "roll up the Alleluias" today, recognizing that this is the end of a glorious season celebrating Christ's light and the entrance to a no-less-real season of Jesus' and our own lives, the "valley" season of Lent. But that doesn't mean there is nothing to do down in the valley. On the contrary, the traditional disciplines of Lent—fasting, prayer, and gifts to the poor—all help us maintain the eyes, ears, and heart to see and hear God whenever and however God appears.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

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***Sunday Services:
8:30 and 11 am for the traditional services and 9:45 am for the contemporary service***

Next Sunday's Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

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