

A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

February 9, 2025



The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Jesus Is Transfigured and Manifests His Glory

Moses' face shined with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai after receiving the new Tablets of the Law (Ex. 34:29-35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light (St. Matthew 17:1-9); Jesus Christ, whose glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:16-21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshadowed our adoption as sons (Collect). We who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

Readings for Next Sunday:

Septuagesima: Third Sunday before Lent

Prophecy of the Day: Daniel 9:2-10
Epistle of the Day: 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:4
Holy Gospel of the Day: St. Matthew 20:1-16

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inluxerunt coruscationes tuae orbi terrae
"Thy lightnings enlightened the world"

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NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real Body and Blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice closed communion. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional
Hymn "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair" #413

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The Service of the Word begins with the Introit

Your lightnings lighted up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD.

Blessèd are those who dwell in Your house,

ever singing Your praise!

For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

(Ps. 84:1-2a, 4, 10-11; antiphon: Ps. 77:18b)

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Gloria in Excelsis p. 187

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Collect for the Transfiguration of Our Lord: 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **A - - - men!**

[We are seated]

Old Testament of the Day **Exodus 34:29-35**

[The Shining Face of Moses]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Gradual

You are the most handsome of the sons of men;

grace is poured upon Your lips.

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,

until I make Your enemies Your footstool."

(Ps. 45:2a; 110:1)

Epistle of the Day **2 Peter 1:16-21**

[St. Peter describes the Transfiguration of Christ]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **Triple Alleluia** p. 190

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Holy Gospel of the Day **St. Matthew 17:1-9**

[The Transfiguration of Our Lord]

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day **"'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"** #414

Sermon

[We rise] **Offertory** p. 192

[We are seated]

The offering is received

God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!

[We rise] **Prayer of the Church**

[Please review our Communion Policy inside this Guide]

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[We are seated for the Distribution of the Body & Blood of Christ]

Hymn **"Your Table I Approach"** #628

[We rise] **Doxology** #805

Dismissal, Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction p. 199

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness" #417

[putting away the Alleluias for Lent]