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**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

*February 14, 2021*



**SAINT PETER  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH & SCHOOL**

# Welcome!

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church welcome you! If you have no church of your own, we encourage you to worship with us again and consider making this church your home.

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY** For more than 500 years, the Church has celebrated the Sunday known as the Festival of the Transfiguration. The word “transfiguration” simply means “a change in appearance.” It refers to the account in the Gospel lesson for today when Jesus shined forth in all his heavenly glory. Jesus gave his disciples a glimpse of his glory, because the cross was coming. Jesus left that mountain and headed to Jerusalem where he would suffer, die, and rise again for all mankind. Transfiguration Sunday signals the end of the season of Epiphany. When we next meet, it will be the season of Lent, a time of reflection on our Savior’s suffering. So on this day, we say our last Alleluias until the Day of Resurrection.

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# Our Worship

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Service of the Word (p. 38)

## OPENING HYMN

*"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"*

*Christian Worship #79, v. 1-3*

### 1 How lovely shines the Morning Star!

The nations see and hail afar The light in Judah shining.

O David's Son of Jacob's race,

My Bridegroom and my King of grace, For you my heart is pining.

Lowly, Holy, Great and glorious, O victorious Prince of graces,

Filling all the heav'nly places.

### 2 O highest joy by mortals won, True Son of God and Mary's Son, The highborn King of ages!

In your blest body let me be, E'en as the branch is in the tree,  
Your life my life supplying.

Sighing, Crying For the savor Of your favor

Resting never Till I rest in you forever.

### 3 O mighty Father, in your Son You loved me ere you had begun This ancient world's foundation.

Your Son has made a friend of me, And when in spirit him I see,  
I joy in tribulation.

What bliss Is this! He is living, To me giving

Life forever; Nothing me from him can sever.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, abr., adapt.;  
tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

## INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayer and Praise

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## OH, TASTE AND SEE

**C: ♪ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.  
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;  
it stands firm in the heavens.  
Your faithfulness continues forever.  
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain.

Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## The Word

### FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12

*Elijah ascends to heaven.*

<sup>1</sup> When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.”

But Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

<sup>3</sup> The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “but do not speak of it.”

<sup>4</sup> Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho.”

And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho.

<sup>5</sup> The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” he replied, “but do not speak of it.”

<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.”

And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on.

<sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood

at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

<sup>10</sup> “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise not.”

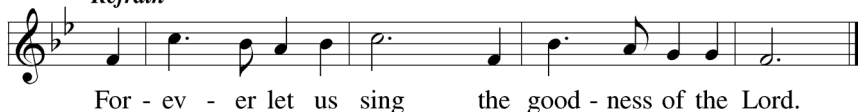
<sup>11</sup> As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. <sup>12</sup> Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 148

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm tone*



Praise the LORD from the heavens,\*  
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,\*  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,\*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

***Refrain***

Praise the LORD from the earth,\*  
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,  
**you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,\***  
**wild animals and all cattle, small creatures**  
**and flying birds,**

kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,\*  
young men and maidens, old men and children.

**Let them praise the name of the LORD,\***  
**for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**as it was in the beginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***Refrain***

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**SECOND LESSON**

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

*The light of Christ in our hearts.*

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light

of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Mark 9:7b (*Read together*)

**Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Alleluia.**

### GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

*The transfiguration of our Lord.*

<sup>2</sup> After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup> His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

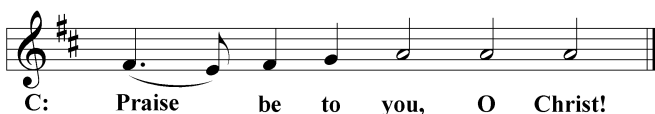
<sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup> (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

<sup>7</sup> Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

<sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.





## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Down from the Mount of Glory”**

*Christian Worship #97*

- 1 Down from the mount of glory Came Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Recall the wondrous story, Rich gem in sacred Word.  
Again your faith will view him In double glory here;  
The greater homage due him Will in your life appear.**
- 2 Transfigured, Christ, the lowly, Stood radiant in the light,  
Light found in Godhead solely, For human eyes too bright.  
Then came a voice from heaven, Confirmed what here we see;  
The words “my Son” were given To seal his deity.**
- 3 Yet mark this glory hidden! See him the mount descend  
And, by the Father bidden, His willing footsteps bend  
To seek humiliation In deepest depths of woe,  
To suffer degradation No mind can probe or know.**
- 4 Strange how his journey ended! In love that is his fame  
Our Lord again ascended A mount—the hill of shame.  
Upon the cross he proffered Himself to agony;  
His holy soul he offered To set the guilty free.**
- 5 Then hail the double glory Of Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
And let the wondrous story Full peace and joy afford!  
The holy mount acclaims him The majesty divine;  
Mount Calvary proclaims him Redeemer—yours and mine.**

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## **Sermon**

**Text: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

**Theme: Encouraged by Christ’s Transfiguration**

- 1. Understand unbelief**
- 2. Shine forth in faith**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty.**

**From there 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.**

## **We Respond to God's Word**

### **OFFERING** (taken at the door)

*The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. May God bless us as we do his work! To give an offering with your smartphone, text "givesplc" to 77977 and click on the link that you receive. Offerings can be given by credit card, debit card, or your bank account. Offerings can also be given by going to our website (saintpeterlutheran.org) or mailed to 427 W. Mulberry, Saint Peter MN 56082.*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & INTERCESSIONS**

## 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## HYMN

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

*Christian Worship Supplement #712*



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain Where, with Pe - ter,  
2 What do you want us to see there That your close com -  
3 What do you want us to hear there That your dear dis -  
4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain Where we see you  
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, Ris - en and as -



James, and John, We are daz - zled by your glo - ry,  
pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there  
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en  
glo - ri - fied, Where you shout - ed, "It is fin - ished!"  
cend - ed Lord, Can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



Light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us  
Fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like  
Says of the in - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,  
Where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -  
All that we have seen and heard, Say with Pe - ter,



for the night By the vi - sion of that sight.  
ours you go, Matched to meet our dead - liest foe.  
ev - 'ry - one; This is my be - lov - ed Son!"  
tu - ri - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"  
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

## CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord in gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



## CLOSING HYMN

"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"

Christian Worship #79, v. 4,5

- 4 Oh, joy to know that you, my Friend,  
Are Lord, beginning without end, The first and last, eternal!  
And you at length—O glorious grace—  
Will take me to that holy place, The home of joys supernal.  
Amen, Amen! Come and meet me, Quickly greet me!  
With deep yearning, Lord, I look for your returning.**
- 5 Lift up the voice and strike the string,  
Let all glad sounds of music ring In God's high praises blended.**

**Christ will be with me all the way, Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day  
Till trav'ling days are ended. Sing out, Ring out  
Triumph glorious, O victorious Chosen nation;  
Praise the God of your salvation.**

### **Service Notes**

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## Midweek Worship During Lent

*Wednesdays 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.*



When we consider Jesus and the people around him in his Passion, we can't help but think of their hands—the hands that beat their breast, accepted money for betrayal, petulantly swung swords, pointed in accusation, beat and disavowed, praised, washed, were pierced, and offered eternal life. In short, we can't help but think about how we sinners have had the same sinful hands of those who surrounded Jesus in his Passion, and how Jesus our Savior has touched us with his hands of grace. This year Saint Peter Lutheran will take part in a preaching rotation with area WELS pastors.

February 17, Ash Wednesday *Hands of Brutality*  
Pastor Justin Heise

February 24 *Hands of Hypocrisy*  
Pastor Jack Kelly,

March 3 *Hands of Betrayal*  
Pastor Keith Bilitz, Smith's Mill & Alma City

March 10 *Hands of Misguided Zeal*  
Pastor Tom Smith, Owatonna

March 17 *Hands of Repentance*  
Pastor Phil Gieschen, St. Peter

March 24 *Hands of Self-Preservation*  
Pastor Jack Kelly

## Sunday Worship During Lent

**8:00 & 10:30 a.m.**

Our Sunday morning messages in Lent will walk through a key chapter in Paul's letter to the Romans. Romans 8 is written for believers—believers who hurt, believers who cry, believers ready to give up, believers about to die, believers who doubt, believers who worry, believers who struggle, believers who feel they are nothing but “sheep to be slaughtered.” **Romans 8 is written for you and me.** Join us on Sundays in Lent as Romans 8 presents this most personal truth: ***God's grace is for me.***

February 21                      *God's Grace Took Away My Condemnation*  
Pastor Jack Kelly

February 28                      *God's Grace Gives Me the Holy Spirit*  
Pastor Jack Kelly

March 7                              *God's Grace Points Me to Heaven*  
Pastor Justin Heise

March 14                      *God's Grace Give Me My Own Prayer Counselor*  
Pastor Jack Kelly

March 21                              *God's Grace Is a "Forever" Love*  
Pastor Jack Kelly

March 28, Palm Sunday              *Our King Comes to Us in Humility*  
Pastor Justin Heise

## February 14-21, 2021

<b>Sun</b>	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Livestream Worship on Facebook
	6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Women's Bible Study - Book of Daniel
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
	8 p.m. (Zoom)	Women's Bible Study - Book of Ephesians
<b>Mon</b>	NO SCHOOL	SPLS and Little Lambs
	1 p.m.	Quilters
<b>Tues</b>	6:30 p.m.	Christian Education Meeting
<b>Wed</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	4:30 & 6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship
<b>Fri</b>	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
<b>Sun</b>	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Livestream Worship on Facebook
	6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Women's Bible Study - Book of Daniel
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	8 p.m. (Zoom)	Women's Bible Study - Book of Ephesians