

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD  
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,  
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
FEBRUARY 6, 2005  
8:30 A.M.  
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
901 EAST STROOP ROAD  
KETTERING, OH 45429-4688

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

*This festival concludes the Christmas cycle that began in Advent. Today's gospel reading is the inspiration for this feast. On one level it celebrates the manifestation of Jesus as God's beloved child and servant (an echo of the Christmas, Epiphany, and Baptism festivals). At the same time, the church's calendar is influenced by the gospel story: after his transfiguration, Jesus announces his impending death in Jerusalem. From the festival of the Transfiguration, the church turns this week to Ash Wednesday and its baptismal journey to Christ's death and resurrection celebrated during the Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter/Easter Sunday.*

**February 6, 2005**

**8:30 a.m. Worship**

### Identity Check

Jesus' character was well established. His ministry of teaching and healing had been played out in multiple settings. This ministry was already much more than the vision that began to unfold at his baptism. Then Peter made his confession and Jesus, in turn, predicted his own suffering and death.

To his friends, this was unwelcome news. Already they knew that life with Jesus was not smoothly compromising or a matter of glorious victory. But Jesus was their teacher. No doubt they all, with Peter, protested when he told of the coming troubles. Who would want such a future for a friend and mentor?

Matthew does not fill in the gap between Peter's confession and the day, six days later, when Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and started up the mountain. But it is not hard to imagine that the disciples were less hopeful, less sure, than they had been before. If they were to believe him, their future was not rosy.

We, too, may be unsure of what the future holds for us, especially if following Jesus has led us into places or situations that challenge our faith.

Jesus would be transfigured before these wondering disciples. He would dazzle them, face and clothing shining. Elijah and Moses, the greatest of prophets, would attest by their miraculous presence Jesus' destiny as God's chosen. The voice from heaven would leave no doubt: "This is my Son, the Beloved."

The voice from heaven and the view on that mountaintop are meant for us, as well. This week, we turn our faces again toward Jerusalem. The Lenten journey is about to begin. This Jesus is God's chosen. He will lead us into the weeks ahead, into the sacred story of God's love for us. In Jesus, God is with us as one of us. We can listen to him.

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We encourage worshippers to read the introductions to the Readings of the Day in preparation for listening to the Word of God. Thank you.

\*\* Stand if you are able.

# NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

by Marty Haugen

PRELUDE

Flute Solo

(Arne)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (spoken)

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us draw near to God in humility and confidence, confessing our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and things left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The boundless riches of Christ are the gift of God's grace to all people. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## GATHERING

\*\* **HYMN** bulletin page 12

*Christ Be Our Light*

\*\* **GREETING** (spoken)

The grace, the wisdom, and the power of almighty God be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

\*\* **KYRIE** (sung)

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

**Refrain**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*to Verses*

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people, here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (to Refrain)

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is labeled "Assistant:" and contains the melody for the words "Help, save and de - fend us, O". The second staff is labeled "Congregation:" and contains the melody for the words "God. A - men.".

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (sung)

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It is divided into two parts: "Prisider:" and "Congregation:". The lyrics are "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.".

Let us pray.

Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the king in all his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING OF PRAYERS** / Collecting of Gold / Green Cards

Pastor Prochaska

### WORD

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Kimberly Conway

**FIRST READING**

**Exodus 24:12-18**

**The first reading is from Exodus, chapter 24.**

*In the Bible, mountains often serve as places of revelation. Moses' six-day wait on the mountain covered by the cloud is a way of telling the reader that something important is about to be revealed: God's law. Similarly the experience of Jesus, Peter, James, and John on a mountain reveals something important: God's Son.*

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

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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 people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. (NRSV)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

**PSALM**

**YOU, O GOD, WILL BLESS US**

Psalm 24, adapt. D.H.

David Haas

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "You, O God, will bless us with justice! We, the people who long to see your face!" The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the third staff.

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## SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

### The second reading is from 2 Peter, chapter 1.

*At the transfiguration of Jesus, Peter heard the voice of God speak from heaven. This same voice speaks to us from the holy word.*

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. <sup>17</sup>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." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. (NRSV)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

\*\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 29 (purple songbook)

*Come and See*

\*\* GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

### The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

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

<sup>9</sup>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." (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

**SERMON**

In Awe and Praise

Pastor Prochaska

\*\* **HYMN** 89 LBW (green hymnal)

*How Good, Lord to Be Here*

\*\* **APOSTLES' CREED** (spoken)

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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** (spoken)

*Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. The minister gives thanks for the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died.*

Let us pray that the dawn from on high will shine upon the church, the world, and all those in need.

We pray: **Hear us, God of light.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## PROPER PREFACE FOR EPIPHANY (spoken by the Pastor)

It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY (sung)

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*Pastor continues to pray... for as often... until he comes.*

*Congregation:*

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.  
Christ will come, come a - gain. (sung once)

*Pastor continues to pray... remembering his command... even as we cry:*

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.  
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. (sung once)

*Pastor continues to pray... send now we pray... your whole creation.*

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. (sung once)

*Pastor continues to pray... this we pray... our Savior and our friend.*

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ.** (sung)

*Congregation:*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the

u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is

yours, O God, now and for ev - er.

A - men.

**\*\* LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken) (Personal option - holding hands)

Made bold by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:


**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.**

**\*\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION** (spoken)

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.  
**Amen.**

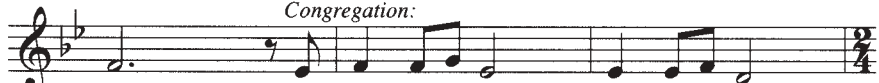
**\*\* LAMB OF GOD** (sung as communion assistants come forward)

*Congregation:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the


*Congregation:*



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,


**Final Stanza**

*Congregation or Assistant:*

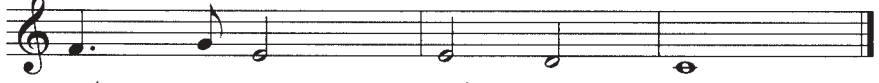


mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

**HOLY COMMUNION** -- Receiving the Lord's tangible presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen.**

*We invite everyone to come to the Communion Rail and kneel if you are able. Children who have not been instructed are encouraged to join their family for a blessing. The Pastor or Communion Assistant will place the communion wafer in the communicant's "cupped hands". Choice of chalice with wine or individual glasses with wine or apple juice are available. Communicants desiring apple juice will need to "gesture" to the innermost circle of glasses in the communion tray where glasses of apple juice are available. The Communion Assistant will hand you the proper small communion cup. After receiving Holy Communion and private prayer at the Altar we encourage communicants to return to their pew for additional prayer, meditation or participation in singing the communion hymns. God bless you.*

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

123 (purple songbook)

13 (purple songbook)

*Shine, Jesus Shine*

*Awesome God*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (spoken)

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Be the light for our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING

\*\* **BLESSING** (spoken)

God's blessing be with you, Christ's + peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

\*\* **HYMN** 518 LBW (green hymnal)

*Beautiful Savior*

### **THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

- \* Brief Announcements
- \* Birthdays & Anniversaries
- \* Joys & Concerns
- \* Special Matters

(Ushers distribute candles to congregation)

### **MUSIC**

*Go Light Your World*  
Chancel Choir

(Chris Rice; arr: Allen Pote)

As we usher out the season of Epiphany, let us bear God's light to our community, our neighborhoods and all those in need.

**Heavenly Father, please show us the lonely, the hopeless, the poor, and confused. Send your Spirit upon us, your Family at Good Shepherd, that we may carry your light into the world.**

Please listen as the choir sings. The congregation may then take your candles and follow the Pastor, acolytes, and choir as we go light God's world.

### **DISMISSAL** (spoken)

Go in peace. Be light for the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

## OPENING HYMN

### *Christ Be Our Light*

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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**O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Praise & Thanksgiving to God For  
The people and friends of Good Shepherd  
Cathy & Dan Smith, missionaries in Tanzania  
Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago  
Bishop Callon W. Halloway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus  
Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa  
and Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany

**GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR**

Milan Filcik	Mary Thieman
Hazel Reel	Charlotte Nelson – who has cancer
Dick Caton	Christy
Ruth Lackey	Ann Mess – who had a heart attack, Bambi Higgins mother-in-law
Hannah Pressnell & Captive Free West Lakes Team	For the elections in Iraq
Jason Rodes, who is serving in Iraq	Tom
Tami Miozzi	Tami
Darren	John
Lygia Harrison	Joel
Roberta, friend of Bill Fahle	Fred & Jeanette
Ferne Neeb	Sheila Stutrud
Tsunami Relief efforts	Eric
Carol Rempe	Mike Caleb
David Curry	Jim Harrold
Quintos Koth – brother-in-law of Al Sessler	

**February 6, 2005 – The Transfiguration of our Lord**  
**Prayers Received January 30, 2005 – The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Please take this home and use it daily to remember in prayer  
those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd Community of Faith**

Please email Sheila or Jeff Stutrud with your prayer requests at [prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com](mailto:prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com)