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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church exists by the grace of God to be the body of Christ in Holbrook. Therefore, we proclaim God's word to the world, teach the faithful, administer the sacraments, and show the love of Christ in care for our community. Welcome! Every person who comes to worship is a special gift from God. Thank you for being with us today!

Serving in God's house

Presiding Minister: Rev. George Kirkup
Readers: Lennox Debra
Organist: Doreen Leonard

Please use the time prior to the service, especially during the prelude to prepare your heart, and give other worshippers the same courtesy.

Stand

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

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- 1 Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing;
Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia!
- 2 Trembling at His feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting: Alleluia!
- 3 Swift the cloud of glory came: God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder, Alleluia!
- 4 This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before Him,
First and Last and only One. all creation shall adore Him! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I... forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 99

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 34:29–35

☐ **A** The Old Testament Reading for the Transfiguration of Our Lord is from Exodus, chapter thirty-four.

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

☐ **A** This is the Word of the Lord.

☐ **C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 50:1–6

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

**He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

“Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

**The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge!**

A The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, chapters three and four.

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:2–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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Sit

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

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- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified and our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death, we see Thy kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

SERMON

“A Flash in the Pan”

Stand

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT TO RECEIVE THE WORD

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord life up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.
- 2 Alleluia, thou resoundest, true Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother, all thy children sing with thee,
But by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles now are we.
- 3 Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions make us for a while forgo;
For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.
- 4 Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, grant us, blessèd Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter with Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
The Lord bless you. The Lord keep you. Alleluia. Amen

In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true body and blood. In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant will examine himself and come to the Lord's Table seeking forgiveness of sins. As the catechism says, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" Therefore, we expect all communicants to have been baptized, instructed in the Christian faith, repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus here offers His true body and blood for their forgiveness.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet right and salutary ... evermore praising God and saying:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Sit

AGNUS DEI

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NUNC DIMITTIS

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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PAULINE BENEDICTION



IN OUR PRAYERS: Joyce Barbagallo, Barbara, Terry Stapleton, Kathy Cecere, Richie & Tara Grey, Richie LaPresti, Lenora Debra, Linda Konecny, Zachary Pompee, Ralph Ciniglio, David Perry

CHURCH MEMBERS: Paul Cataldo, John Wimmer, Rich & Betty Kuerner, Gene Maceiko, MaryAnne Boucher, Arlene Enz

OUR SHUT-INS: Charles & Ethel Nenstiel

THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Mark Kummer (USN), Kristine Broger (USA), Michael Deck (USAF), Patrick Ullrich (USA)

OUR CHILDREN: Andrew Zeo, Liam Balroop, Thomas Cataldo, Mars Crowley

FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S: Millie Laub, Ciece Laub, Esther Laub, Nancy Cataldo, Rebecca Shannon, Erin Nicole Kuerner, Ken Skjeveland, Bonnie Krumsiek, Jacquelyn Berntsen, Frank Sandmeyer, Balmick Persaud, Beth Laine Mattarella, Bob Selkirk, Carolyn Gronlund, Shirley Koenig

Tuesday – 10AM	NO Bible Study
Tuesday – 6PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
Wednesday – 9AM	Confessional Service with Imposition of Ashes
Wednesday – 7PM	Divine Service with Imposition of Ashes

If your child would be interested in singing in a children's choir, please speak to Doreen for details.

If you would be willing to shop for the food pantry, please speak to Pastor Kirkup.