

**Christ Lutheran Church**  
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*A Congregation of the American Association of Lutheran Churches*



**Our Mission Statement**

*We strive to be worthy witnesses to the world.*

**At Christ Lutheran, we strive to lead lives worthy of our calling as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in God's world.  
(Ephesians 4:1)**

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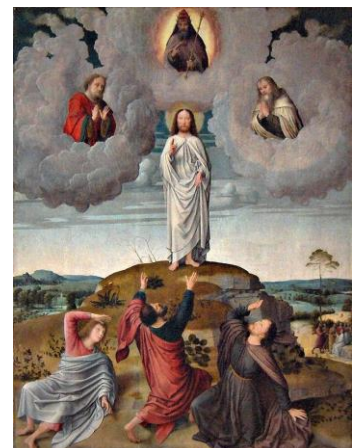
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# The Transfiguration of Our Lord

## February 11, 2024

*During the music before the service let us join in a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

*Please stand as you are able where marked\*\*\**

### *Greetings and Announcements*

#### *Prelude*

#### *\*\*\*The Confession and Absolution*

**Presenter:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**Presenter:** If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(A time of silent reflection and self-examination.)*

**Presenter:** Most merciful God.

**People:** We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

**Presenter:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** Amen. Thanks be to God.

#### *\*\*\*Opening Hymn*

#### *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining.  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine up-on---- us;  
Set us free by the truth you now bring---- us,  
Shine on---- me, Shine on---- me. *(Chorus)*

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter your brightness;  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on---- me, Shine on---- me. *(Chorus)*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story,  
Shine on---- me, Shine on---- me. *(Chorus)*

\*\*\**Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6 (read responsively)*

**Liturgist:** The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth

**People: from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

**Liturgist:** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,

**People: God shines forth.**

**Liturgist:** Our God comes; he does not keep silence;

**People: before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.**

**Liturgist:** He calls to the heavens above

**People: and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

**Liturgist:** “Gather to me my faithful ones,

**People: who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”**

**Liturgist:** The heavens declare his righteousness,

**People: for God himself is judge!**

\*\*\**The Gloria Patri: (sung)* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

\*\*\**The Kyrie: (responses are sung)*

**Liturgist:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Liturgist:** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**People:** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Liturgist:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Liturgist:** Glory be to God on high!

\*\*\**Gloria in Excelsis: (sung)* 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, heavenly 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.

\*\*\**Collect:*

**Liturgist:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

**Liturgist:** Let us pray.

**People:** O God, who, in the glorious Transfiguration of thy only-begotten Son, hast confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the Fathers, and who, in the voice that came from the bright cloud, didst in a wonderful manner foreshow the adoption of sons: Mercifully vouchsafe to make us coheirs with the King of his glory, and bring us to the enjoyment of the same; through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***The Scripture Lessons:***

**Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35**

<sup>29</sup> When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

<sup>33</sup> When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup> But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

**Liturgist:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. <sup>13</sup> We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away.

**Liturgist:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God

***The Alleluia: (sung)*** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**Presenter:** Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the ninth chapter of Saint Mark, beginning with the second verse.

**\*\*\*People (sung)** Glory be to thee, O Lord

**Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:2-9**

<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 covered 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.

**Presenter:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**\*\*\*People: (sung)** Praise be to thee, O Christ



*Pulpit Hymn:*

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;  
Your face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here! Your beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past And hope of things to be,  
We hail your body glorified And our redemption see.

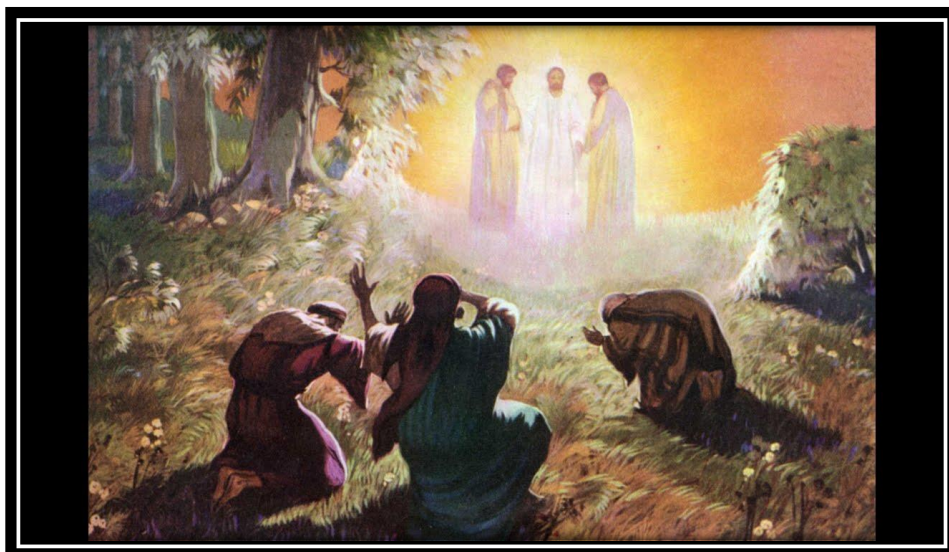
Before we taste of death, We see your kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.

How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;  
But since you bid us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

*Sermon:*

*Unveiled Faces*

*Vicar Chris Clarke*



***The Sermon Response: (sung)*** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.

***\*\*\*Passing of the Peace***

***\*\*\*The Apostles' Creed:***

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

***\*\*\*The General Prayer: (after each petition)***

**Presenter:** Lord in your mercy.

**People:** Hear our prayer.

***\*\*\*The Lord's Prayer:***

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, For ever and ever. Amen.

***\*\*\*The Prayer Response: (sung)***

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

***\*\*\*The Benediction:***

**Presenter:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**People: (sung)** A-men, A-men, A----men.

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high, The Cross of Christ your king.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Bright youth and snow crowned age, Strong men and maidens meek,  
Raise high your free exulting song; God's wondrous praises speak.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth,  
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong As ocean's surging praise,  
Send forth the hymns our fathers loved, The psalms of ancient days.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,  
As warriors through the darkness toil Till dawns the golden day.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

At last the march shall end, The wearied ones shall rest,  
The pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Then on, ye pure in heart, Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high, The Cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

## ***Prayers and Praises:***

For our church leaders:

Presiding Pastor: The Rev Dr. Carey G. Larson  
Assistant Presiding Pastor: The Rev Roger Twito  
AALC Administrator: The Rev Dean Stoner  
Secretary Pastor: The Rev Joe Marsh  
Home Mission Developer: The Rev Joe Christina  
National Office Manager: Bonnie Ohlrich  
Seminary President: The Rev Dr. Jordan Cooper  
Seminary Administrator: Duane Kleven

Robin Nicholson	Hope Johnston	Sharon Phelps	Chris and Bob Bingaman
Jimmy Beall	Dorothy Foster	Becky Stapf	Matt Ruppalt
Rebecca Robinson	Bill Trall	Harvey Jester	Justin Serene
Fred Carlson	Bob Petersen	Meryl Benenati	Norita Shipley
Eddie Neighbors	Helen Gibson	Kris Johnson	Carrie Perini
Rodney Perini	Marty Beall	Remi Stapf	Family of Paul Shriver

For the President and the leaders of our nation

For those in the armed Services: Grace Gorevin, Zach Gorevin, Christopher Clarke, Travis Hawk,  
Bethany Hueter, Chaplain John Reutemann, Chaplain Len Brokenshire, Cameron Donk, Ethan Stone,  
Rebecca Deppe, Wendy Ahern, Kris Johnson

For our Seminary Students: Chris Clarke, Kris Johnson

For a Region congregation: Pastor Neil Cadle, Bethel Lutheran Church, Rowland, PA

For our missionary work: Damascus HELP

For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ

For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: Potomac Valley Assembly of God

For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches

For our college students: Shelby Evans, Maddie Day, Joseph Flesch, Jude Stapf, Paul Stapf

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Men's Bible Study: Tuesday's-1:30 PM at Church**
- **Women's Bible Study: Wednesday's-10 AM at Carolyn's**
- **Adult and Children's Sunday School: 9:30 AM**
- **You may continue to watch the Sunday services (10:30 AM) via Livestream on Facebook – Christ Lutheran Church AALC. The Bulletins for the services are on our website: [christlutheranofgermantown.org](http://christlutheranofgermantown.org). The video of every livestream is on our Facebook page. You can access the livestream by clicking the link at the bottom of the first page of our website or by visiting the Facebook page directly. Be sure to click on the 'videos' tab.**
- **Don't forget to begin your daily readings of IOOW this Wednesday.**
- **We will have an Ash Wednesday Service, with Communion, at 7 PM this Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.**
- **We will meet in the fellowship hall after church today, for a luncheon and our Annual Congregational Meeting.**