

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Hymn ----- Jesus Take Us to the Mountain

CWS 712

1. Jesus, take us to the mountain  
Where, with Peter, James, and John,  
We are dazzled by your glory,  
Light as blinding as the sun.  
There prepare us for the night  
By the vision of that sight.
2. What do you want us to see there  
That your close companions saw?  
Your divinity revealed there  
Fills us with the selfsame awe.  
Clothed in flesh like ours you go,  
Matched to meet our deadliest foe.
3. What do you want us to hear there  
That your dear disciples heard?  
Once again the voice from heaven  
Says of the incarnate Word:  
“Listen, listen, ev’ryone;  
This is my beloved Son!”
4. Take us to that other mountain  
Where we see you glorified,  
Where you shouted, “It is finished!”  
Where for all the world you died.  
Hear the stunned centurion:  
“Truly this was God’s own Son!”

5. **We who have beheld your glory,  
Risen and ascended Lord,  
Cannot help but tell the story,  
All that we have seen and heard,  
Say with Peter, James, and John:  
“You are God’s beloved Son!”**

*Stand.*

M: 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.**

CONFESSIOIN OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

*O Lord, Our Lord*



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



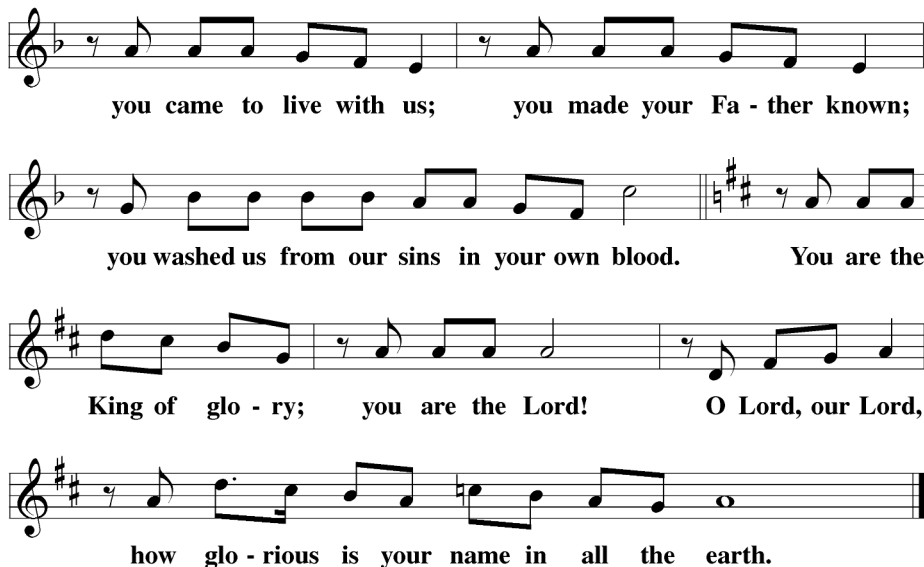
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us;      you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood.      You are the

King of glo - ry;      you are the Lord!      O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

*Prayer of the Day*

M: Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

*Be seated.*

THE WORD

**First Lesson ----- Exodus 34:29-35**

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 realize that the skin of his face was shining because he had been speaking with the LORD. When Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, they were amazed that the skin of his face was shining, so they were afraid to come close to him. Moses called to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the community returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. Afterward all the people of Israel came close to him, and he gave them all of the commands that

the LORD had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. When Moses was finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out again. Then he would come out and tell the people of Israel what he had been commanded. Whenever the people of Israel saw Moses' face, they would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining. Then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the LORD again.

**Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 2**

CW p.65

*Refrain*

**Great are the works of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Great are the works of the Lord.**

Why do the nations conspire\*  
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers  
gather together against the LORD\*  
and against his Anointed One.

*Refrain*

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;\*  
the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,\*  
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:\*

He said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have become your Father.”

**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*

**Second Lesson ----- 2 Peter 1:16–21**

To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone’s own interpretation. In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.



## Jesus on the Mountain Peak



Choir 1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak Stands a - lone in  
Choir 2 Trem - bling at His feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
Choir 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came: God pro - claim - ing  
All 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; Let us, if we dare to speak,  
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law  
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!  
sing be - fore Him, First and Last and on - ly One.



Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.  
Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:  
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der,  
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!



Al - le - lu - ia!

*Stand.*

## Gospel ----- Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James; and he led them up onto a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. His face was shining like the sun. His clothing became as white as the light. Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to

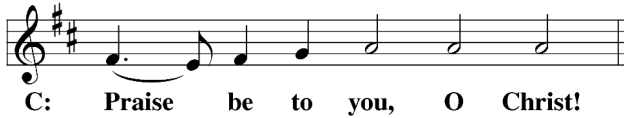
be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Just then, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him."

When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. Jesus approached and as he touched them, he said, "Get up, and do not be afraid." When they opened their eyes, they saw no

one except Jesus alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Do not tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*Be seated.*

**Hymn of the Day ----- Down from the Mount of Glory**

CW 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 acclaim him The majesty divine;  
 Mount Calvary proclaims him Redeemer—yours and mine.

**Sermon ----- Matthew 17:1-9**

*See Jesus' Glory*

*Stand.*

*We Praise You, O God*

*Te Deum*



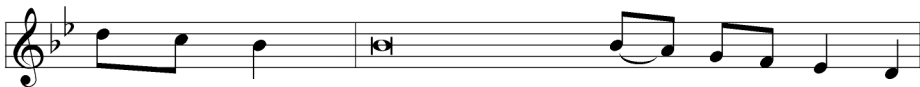
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



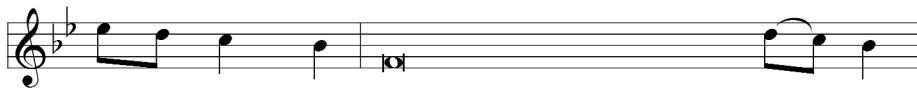
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



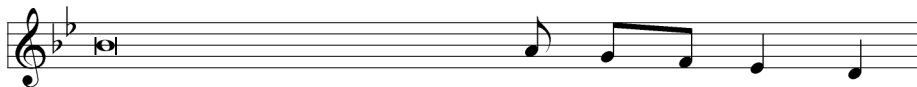
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph-ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



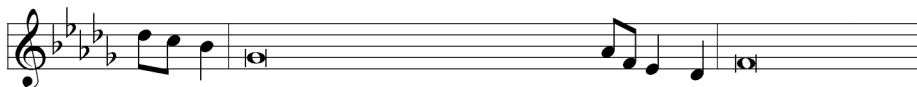
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ever-lasting.

*Be seated.*

*Offering*

*Stand.*

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*Prayer of the Church*

*The minister offers the petitions and the congregation responds with “Hear our prayer.”*

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

M: Heavenly Father, You revealed Your glory in the transfiguration of Your Son, who tabernacled among us in the flesh. Open our eyes, that we by faith may see Him dwelling among us in the Divine Service. Grant that we would heed Your admonition to “listen to Him” as He forgives and preserves us at the font, pulpit and altar. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

- M: Gracious Lord, with the appearance of Moses and Elijah at our Lord's glorious transfiguration, You reveal to us that the Law and the prophets are fulfilled in Him. Send Your blessing upon pastors and servants of Your Church, that their preaching and teaching would flow from this right understanding of Christ and His work for our eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Almighty God, remember Your flock here at Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church. Grant us faithfulness, humility and patience in our various vocations as we strive to love You and our neighbor in all we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: O Lord, bless the families of Your Church, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households. Remember all expectant mothers, that they and their babies would be kept safe and healthy throughout their pregnancies. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Lord of the nations, You have established all authority to be a blessing. Remember those entrusted with civil authority here and in every place, and enable them to serve with wisdom and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: God of all comfort, look with compassion on the sick and suffering, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that they would know Your peace and receive healing according to Your gracious will. Be near to all who mourn, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] and comfort them with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Merciful God, You gather Your people in fellowship around the Word and Your table. Be present also with the lonely, that they may rejoice in the community of faith. Comfort the homebound, that they would be kept in prayer and sustained through the gracious visitation of Your people and their pastor. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Lord's Prayer*

C: 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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

*Words of Institution*

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

*O Christ, Lamb of God*

*Agnus Dei*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



*Be seated.*

**DISTRIBUTION**

*In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.*

*During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:*

*From the Mount of Our Lord's Glory*

*Tune: CW 255*

<p><b>1 From the mount of our Lord's glory, Other mountaintops appear. Peaks in concert sing this story: Our salvation has drawn near. Shine, O Lord, from every height Rays of wisdom, peace, and light!</b></p>	<p><b>3 As Elijah battles evil, Truth and lies on Carmel fight, Christians strive against the devil; Warfare is our daily plight. Grant us peace midst war and loss, From the mount of our Lord's cross.</b></p>
<p><b>2 Moses from Mount Sinai preaches Words in stone that shatter hearts. Down into the depths he reaches, Bidding us from sin depart. Rise, repent, O Christian, see Light and life on Calvary!</b></p>	<p><b>4 Jesus from Mount Calv'ry preaches Blood-soaked words that heal our                   hearts. Warfare ends, the battle ceases, Peace and hope our Lord imparts. Christ, transfixed on Calv'ry's tree, Grant that we transfigured be!</b></p>

5 Here we see salvation's story,  
Here the law has been fulfilled,  
Here is Christ in thorn-crowned glory,  
Here our hearts His peace has stilled.  
Here, our Lord, upon that height,  
Shines on us as Light of Light!

**Hymn ----- How Lovely Shines the Morning Star**

CW 79

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.

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.

#### THANKSGIVING

*Stand.*

*Thank the Lord*



**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.**



**He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with**



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

### *Blessing*

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with 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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

### *Be seated.*

Hymn ----- How Good, Lord, to Be Here

CW 95

1. How good, Lord, to be here!  
Your glory fills the night;  
Your face and garments, like the  
sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.
2. How good, Lord, to be here  
Your beauty to behold,  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Your messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past,  
Promise of things to be,  
We hail your body glorified  
And our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death,  
We see your kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision  
bright  
And make this hill our home.
5. 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.



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