



March 2, 2025
Transfiguration of the Lord
w/Holy Communion

Leading Worship Today:

Pastor: Brian Entz

Lay Leader: Kathy Quady

Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

*Please read along with all **Bold** text*
*All are invited to stand when there is an **

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PRELUDE

Aria

Flor Peeters

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

For Christians, to share in the Eucharist, the Holy Communion, means to live as people who know that they are always guests - that they have been welcomed and that they are wanted. It is, perhaps the most simple thing that we can say about Holy Communion, yet it is still supremely worth saying. In Holy Communion, Jesus Christ tells us that he wants our company.
-The Rt. Rev. Dr. Rowan Williams

GATHERING

CHORAL INTROIT

Glorify Thy Name

Adkins

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 99

Let us confess God's Name, which is great and awesome;

God is the Holy One.

O mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

We proclaim your greatness, O God, and fall down before your footstool;

you are the Holy One.

*OPENING HYMN

#189 O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let all who are thirsty for grace and hungry for mercy come, God is calling you. In absolute trust in the mercy of God let us make our confession.

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away,

distracted by voices that aren't from you. We confess that we often speak when we shouldn't

and remain silent when we should speak. We confess that we often act when we should wait and remain inactive when we should be moving.

Forgive our aimless actions. Grant us wisdom to live in the radiance of your glory and to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Receive the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Alleluia, Amen!

***RESPONSE**

#581 The Gloria Patri

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. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Splendorous God, as we read and hear your word overshadow us with your Spirit as you overshadowed Peter, James, and John with a cloud all those years ago. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 34:29-35 (NRSV)

29Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. 30When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. 31But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. 32Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; 34but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, 35the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 3:17-4:2 (NRSV)

17Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

1Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

#192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43) (NRSV)

28Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" — not knowing what he said. 34While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 36When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

37On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. 38Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. 39Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. 40I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." 41Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." 42While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. 43And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

Young

*"Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life."
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*DOXOLOGY

#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

the Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy... righteousness and peace. Let us join our voices with all those who sing your praise:

SANCTUS

#552 Holy, Holy, Holy

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is for the hungry and thirsty. It's a feast for those seeking God, in Christ, to be nourished for the life of love to which God calls us all. So come, eat, drink, and meet our Lord Jesus.

*Please come forward to receive the elements. As you are served the bread you may eat it and as you are served the cup you may drink it. Please place your empty cup in the container provided. After you have been served you may return to your seat. **All bread is gluten/top 8 allergen free and all cups contain grape juice**, so that all people may eat the same loaf and drink from the same cup. Those unable to come forward to receive the elements will be served in their seat. We trust that as we are gathered around Christ's table we are also gathered in the Spirit with Christ and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.*

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious and abundant God, even as we wait for the fulfillment of your creation, you meet us in Christ at this table, in this meal. We thank you for Jesus, our true food and drink, for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of salvation. Now send us into the world by the power of your Holy Spirit to share your life and salvation with all whom we meet. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

#515 I Come with Joy

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Flourish

Douglas Wagner

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship is taken from The Saint Helena Psalter, produced by The Order of Saint Helena. All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the 1st Sunday of each month the money collected in the basket during coffee time is designated for the Deacon's Good Neighbor Fund. This is a discretionary fund that provides Congregational Care throughout the year. This care includes, but is not limited to, care packages for first year college students and gas/food cards for those connected to BPC in need. Your generous donations allow the Deacons to continue this important mission.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Our next Blood Drive will be **March 3rd from noon to 6pm**. Sign up online at RedCrossBlood.org, enter 55313. There is a sign up sheet outside the office for volunteer opportunities!

Ash Wednesday Service: Join us as we open the season of Lent in worship with our friends at Spirit of Joy on **March 5th at 6:30pm**.

A Congregational Meeting to Elect officers has been called by the Session for **Sunday, March 9th** following worship.

Sponsor a Backpack: We are hoping to donate 150 backpacks with supplies to the Buffalo Food Shelf. These will be given to students in the fall. Each backpack is \$10.00. The Backpack Drive will be from **March 9th through April 20th**.

Lenten Soup Suppers: Wednesdays March 12th through April 9th. We will be sharing our Soup Suppers with our friends at Spirit of Joy. These suppers will be from 6-7:30pm. The sign up sheet is out in the Narthex. Please sign up to help set up, clean up, or bring a soup to share. We will be joined by SOJ and they are also signing up to help. This will be a great opportunity to continue getting to know our siblings in Christ.

SPOT: Learn to bake bread! Deb Anderson and Kathy Quady will have a SPOT offering to demonstrate how to make bread. You will make the dough, knead it, and take it home to raise and bake. We will provide the ingredients and equipment, so PLEASE **sign up by Thursday, March 13th**. We will gather at **10AM on Saturday, March 15th** in the Fellowship Room. See you then!

How can we pray for you?

Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the



pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.

BPC Prayer List:

- Windi Willete
- Dennis Sletten, friend of Diane
- Sherry Sletten, friend of Diane
- Milla Spike, Kevin's granddaughter
- Lois Lindstrom
- Theresa
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Jill, the niece of Al DeBellis, who has terminal illness
- Jonathon, a friend of Barb & Larry Janski
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Daniel Elliot
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Jan Brown, early morning Women of Faith
- Dennis Dietz, Virginia's friend
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Jimm and Jodie Underwood, Lanny & Shirley's son-in-law and daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins

For peace in Ukraine and Russia, Israel/Palestine, Congo, and around the world.

For our neighbor congregations in Buffalo and for the congregations of our presbytery.

Upcoming This Week

Today

9:30a Worship with Communion
10:30a CCC: Conversations To Go

Monday

12:00p Red Cross Blood Drive
6:30p Prayer Shawl Group

Tuesday

9:00a Crafty Ladies
9:00a Men's Breakfast at Forget Me Not Cafe
6:30p Faith Formation Committee Meeting

Wednesday

6:30p Ash Wednesday Service
7:30p Adult Choir

Thursday

7:30a People of Faith
10:00a Women of Faith
5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Daylight Saving Time
9:30a Worship
10:30a Congregational Meeting
10:30a CCC: Buffalo Community Center Update

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O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair 189

Capo 3: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (D) (Em)
 Cm B \flat Cm E \flat F Gm

1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair
 2 From age to age the tale de - clare,
 3 The law and proph - ets there have place,
 4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high

(Am) (Dm) (Am) (Em) (Am)
 Cm Fm Cm Gm Cm

of glo - ry that the church shall share,
 how with the three dis - ci - ples there,
 two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,

(G) (Dm) (Em) (G) (Am)
 B \flat Fm Gm B \flat Cm

which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,
 the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud
 what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 for which in joy - ful strains we raise

(Em) (Dm) (F) (G) (Am)
 Gm Fm A \flat B \flat Cm

where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
 pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.
 who joy in God with per - fect love.
 the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This translation of a 15th-century Latin devotional text is set here to a majestic 15th-century tune celebrating the victory of an English king; they combine to evoke the awe and wonder of that moment of revelation the three disciples experienced in Christ's Transfiguration.

192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining Shine, Jesus, Shine

Capo 2: (G) (C) (G) (D) (G)
A D A E A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the
3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our

(C) (G) (D) (C) (D)
D A E D E

midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may
fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

(Bm7) (Em7) (C) (D) (Bm7)
C#m7 F#m7 D E C#m7

World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now
en - ter your bright-ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your

(Em7) (F) (Dsus)(D) (F) (Dsus)(D)
F#m7 G Esus E G Esus E

bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.
dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.
sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain (G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)
A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8/Mark 9:2-8/Luke 9:28-36). This is the most popular of the author/composer's many songs.

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (Am/G) (F) (D7sus)(D7)
A E F#m D A Bm Bm/A G E7sus E7

Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)
A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
A E F#m D A Bm E7 A

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

I Come with Joy

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Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)
 F B^b C F Dm

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F#m) (D)
 Csus Cm B^b Am F

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em) (D/F#) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)
 Gm F/A B^b C Cm7 F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

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DOVE OF PEACE
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