



Glimpse the True
Jesus

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2024



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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

Serving the Lord and Serving Us:

Pastor: Rev. Paul Jenkins

Today's Focus: Christ shines his glory and then lays it down to win eternal glory for us. Our worship follows *Service of the Word*.

We Come into the Presence of God

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

OPENING HYMN: 238 Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul



1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let
2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor
3 'Tis he for - gives my sins; 'Tis
4 He fills the poor with good; He
5 His won - drous works and ways He



all with - in me join And aid my tongue to
let his mer - cies lie For - got - ten in un -
he re - lieves my pain; 'Tis he that heals my
gives the suf - f'ers rest; The Lord has judg - ments
made by Mo - ses known, But sent the world his



bless his name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die.
sick - ness - es And makes me young a - gain.
for the proud And jus - tice for th' op - pressed.
truth and grace By his be - lov - ed Son.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731–76.

Stand

INVOCATION

Minister: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12a

The great prophet Elijah is taken to heaven in a glorious scene. He will return for another glorious scene on the Mount of Transfiguration. ("The sons of the prophets" are most likely Old Testament seminarians.)

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah was traveling with Elisha from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

³The sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?"

Then he said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet."

⁴Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here because the LORD has sent me to Jericho."

But he said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

⁵Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?"

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⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here because the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.”

But he said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on.

⁷ Then fifty men from the sons of the prophets came and stood and watched them from a distance, while the two of them were standing at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, folded it together, and struck the water. The water divided to the right and to the left. Then the two of them crossed on dry land.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask me for whatever I can do for you before I am taken from you.”

Then Elisha said, “Let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.”

¹⁰ He said, “You have asked for a difficult thing. If you see me being taken from you, it will surely be yours. But if not, then it will not.”

¹¹ While they were walking and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire came and separated them. So Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha was watching and crying out, “My father! My father! Israel’s chariot and its charioteers!” Then he did not see him anymore.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 148

Read Responsively

M: Praise the LORD from the heavens,

C: praise him in the heights above.

M: Praise him, all his angels,

C: praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

M: Praise him, sun and moon,

C: praise him, all you shining stars.

M: Praise the LORD from the earth,

C: lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,

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M: you mountains and hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

C: wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

M: kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,

C: young men and maidens, old men and children.

M: Let them praise the name of the LORD,

C: for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The glory of Christ shines forth from his saving gospel.

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled among those who are perishing. ⁴In the case of those people, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from clearly seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is God's image.

⁵Indeed, we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," is the same one who made light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia!
(Mark 9:7)

Stand

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

Mark 9:2-9

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain where they were alone by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. ³His clothes became radiant, dazzling white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. ⁴And Elijah appeared to them together with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

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⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He did not know what to say because they were terrified.

⁷ A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him."

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S SERMON: "Follow Jesus Up and Down"

HYMN OF THE DAY: 97 Down from the Mount of Glory



1 Down from the mount of glo - ry Came Je - sus
2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, Stood ra - dian
3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the
4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that
5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry Of Je - sus



Christ, our Lord. Re - call the won - drous sto - ry,
in the light, Light found in God - head sole - ly,
mount de - scend And, by the Fa - ther bid - den,
is his fame Our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed
Christ, our Lord, And let the won - drous sto - ry



Rich gem in sa - cred Word. A - gain your faith will
For hu - man eyes too bright. Then came a voice from
His will - ing foot - steps bend To seek hu - mil - i -
A mount—the hill of shame. Up - on the cross he
Full peace and joy af - ford! The ho - ly mount ac -

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view him In dou - ble glo - ry here; The great - er
heav - en, Con - firmed what here we see; The words "my
a - tion In deep - est depths of woe, To suf - fer
prof - fered Him - self to ag - o - ny; His ho - ly
claims him The maj - es - ty di - vine; Mount Cal - va -



hom - age due him Will in your life ap - pear.
Son" were giv - en To seal his de - i - ty.
deg - ra - da - tion No mind can probe or know.
soul he of - fered To set the guilt - y free.
ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

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Tune: ICH FREU MICH IN DEM HERREN (76 76 D) Bartholomäus Helder, 1585–1635.

SERMON

TEXT: Mark 9:2-9

THEME: "Glimpse the True Jesus"

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your pew.

The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain. Give us the firm resolve to listen to your Son, the eager readiness to believe his promises, and the joyful willingness to heed his commandments. By the sign of Moses and Elijah, show us that blessed are the dead who die in faith, for they shall know the power of Christ's resurrection and shall be "changed from glory into glory."

O God and Father, let your Holy Spirit find a dwelling in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into the radiance of goodness, purity, and righteousness. Transform our minds, our understanding, our judgments, our whole selves to reflect the mind of Christ. Take our sickness and pain, our disappointments and despair, our sorrows and mourning, our pride and anger, our selfishness and envy, our hate and fear; take all these, O Father, and transform them by the healing touch of Jesus into noble impulses, pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, high courage, and true faith.

Special prayers

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

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M: Look on your Church, O Lord, here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of the Christ may daily offer up to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving, and loving obedience. Hear our prayer, and by your mercy grant our petitions for Christ's sake. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

M: Almighty God, thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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: Amen.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN: 323 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff has two vocal parts: a soprano line (1) and an alto line (2). The lyrics are: '1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through your' and '2 We praise you for the means of grace As home - ward'. The second staff continues the lyrics: 'grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious seed' and 'now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who wor -'. The third staff concludes the lyrics: 'take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit.' and 'shipped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

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Text: Scandinavian hymn; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnary*, Decorah, 1913, alt.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

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VBS Planning Meeting – Saturday, February 24 at 9:30 am

It's time to begin planning for this summer's Vacation Bible School! At this meeting we will set the VBS dates and choose our curriculum. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to learn more, please reach out to Pastor or Erika Ohlendorf at erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com, 617-821-3126.

Sunday School Spring Service Project – Today through February 28

Through Sunday, February 28, Trinity's Sunday School kids are collecting baby items to donate to Birthright of Woodbridge. These will help new moms facing difficult pregnancies or with little support from their families and friends. Items needed include baby clothing (newborn to 12 mo), toiletries (baby shampoo, lotion, etc), diapers (unopened), baby towels, bibs, and burp cloths. See the bulletin board in the narthex for a more complete list. Please place all donations in the bin provided in the narthex by February 28. Thank you for helping us support moms who choose life for their babies!

Wine and Word Bible Study – On Break Until March 7th

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. We are studying the book of Revelation with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and a small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or dawn.f.knox@gmail.com to RSVP.

Excess Funds Team Members Wanted

Last year, Trinity was again blessed with extra offerings by the generous hearts God has given our members. Pastor Jenkins and Treasurer Jim Strock are seeking Trinity members to join them on an Excess Funds Team that will work to determine the amount of excess offerings from 2023, and to make a recommendation on how they should be used in God's kingdom.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Ash Wednesday, which begins the 40 day season of Lent, is this Wednesday, February 14. Worship will begin at 7:00pm and include the Rite of Imposition of Ashes.

Lent Suppers

On Wednesdays February 18 and 25, March 6, 13, and 20, Trinity will host potluck Lent suppers. The meal will start at 6:00 with a short devotion following at 6:30. Guests are asked please to bring food to share if possible. Beverages and tableware are provided.

Women's Bible Study on Esther

The remaining dates for the Women's Bible Study on Esther are:

March 9 at 9:00 am (Chapter 5)

April 13 at 9:00 am (Chapter 6)

May 11 at 9:00 am (Chapter 7)

The Women's Bible Study meets at Trinity. We are discussing the book "Esther: Providential Persian Queen" by Lou Ann Mokwa. Please join us anytime!

January Attendance

7th: Worship: 34+36=70; Bible class: 21

14th: 28+46=74; 24

21st 38+34=72; 26

28th: 55+33=88; 31

Small Choir

Trinity's small choir sings about once a month during Worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org

Lord's Supper Available to All Members

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or revpauljenkins@yahoo.com with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work

Our Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library always welcomes donations of books and food! If the library outside is full, you can place donations in the white plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall right beside the door to the hallway.



In All His Brilliance

It wasn't all that long ago that maybe you heard or recited these words: "and the glory of the Lord shone around them..." (Luke 2). A shining angel announced to simple shepherds in the fields outside Bethlehem that Jesus was born. For a few seconds, they witnessed the brilliance of heavenly glory because the Holy One, the Messiah, our Savior, had come into the world.

Did you know something like that happened years later in Jesus' life? Jesus was a grown man when he began preaching and performing miracles. Even though he traveled the country doing miraculous things such as healing people and walking on water, he looked like a normal human being. His appearance was nothing even close to the glorious company of angels on the night of his birth.

One day, he took three of his followers (Peter, James, and John) up a mountain with him. There, Jesus' appearance changed. It's hard for us to imagine exactly what that would have looked like. Matthew tells us, "His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light." Our eyes can't even handle looking directly at a 60-watt lightbulb, let alone the brilliance of the sun. It's even dangerous! Yet here Jesus stood before them, glowing in abundant light. This was something extraordinary and his disciples knew it! That's why Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it is good for us to be here."

It was here on this mountain that Jesus revealed his perfection and holiness in his glory. For a few moments, it was like the door of heaven was left open a crack and Peter, James, and John saw Jesus in all his glory. It was here that God the Father put his stamp of approval on Jesus as his Son. It is here that we too can be assured that Jesus is indeed the glorious and true Son of God.

Being in the presence of brilliance and holiness made shepherds and disciples afraid. It's the same for us. In the face of such holiness, we ought to fall face down on the ground. Until Jesus taps us on the shoulder and says, "Get up. Don't be afraid." We don't need to be afraid of Jesus. He would head down that mountain to do the difficult work of the cross so that someday, you could experience the full glory of his presence in heaven!

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Things to Ponder

- What happened to Jesus when he went up the mountain?
- *Fill in the blank:* Jesus shining in brilliant glory shows us that he is true _____.
- Name three things that happened when Jesus, Peter, James, and John went up the mountain that day.
- How did that show that Jesus is true God?
- Compare Jesus' transfiguration to Jesus' baptism. What was alike? What was different?
- Discuss why it was important for Jesus to come back down the mountain after his transfiguration.

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by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



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