



Transfiguration of Our Lord

We gather this morning to celebrate and proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Hymns can be found in the red book, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

P = Pastor **A** = Assisting Pastor **C** = Congregation **L** = Leader

Prelude: The prelude title translates as "Apparition of the Eternal Church." This piece paints the story of Jesus' Transfiguration we hear today. It begins at a soft dynamic, builds to a strong forte, and returns to the most delicate sounds of the instrument.

Confession and Forgiveness: As we enter into God's presence, we become acutely aware of our sinful condition, and confess what God's Word teaches. We hear and trust God's power to forgive through Jesus Christ.

Processional Hymn: In stanza two, listen as the choir sings of the "loving Spirit" by which we are given faith and liberated from the weight of sin.

Prelude

"Apparition de l'église éternelle"
Olivier Messiaen

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand.

Invocation

- A** In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

- A** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Grant us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

- A** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection.

- A** Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

- A** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Processional Hymn 631

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Stanza 1 - Women 2 - Choir 3 - Men 4 - All
HYFRYDOL

9:30 AM Anthem *(Please be seated.)*

"Get on Board this Train"

Solo Group 1: Evelyn Glover, Gretchen Glover, Lena Olson, arr. Don Besig
Anders Paulson, Benjamin Williams

Solo Group 2: Sydney Anderson, Maliyah Broberg, Ava Brown,
Nate Herbst, Emma Hessel, Olivia Leiseth, Elleh Brown,
Moa Hein, Ingrid Ready, Ingrid Thompson

9:30 AM Holy Baptism

Iris Björk Frey, daughter of Thomas and Linda Frey

Sponsors: Andrew Frey and Jesse Frey

Presentation

- P** In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. Thomas and Linda, as parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Iris baptized into Christ? If so, please answer "*We do.*"
- P** As you bring Iris to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these very vital and formative responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ, crucified and risen, through word and deed. That is, give her the Bible and the Catechism, tell her God's law and promise, so that she will grow up in the Christian faith.
- P** To you, Andrew and Jesse as sponsors, do you promise to nurture Iris in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so, please answer "*We do.*"
- P** People of God, do you promise to support Iris and pray for her in her new life in Christ? If so, please answer "we do."

C We do.

Please stand.

Profession of Faith

- P** With the whole church, let us profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- C** I renounce them.
- P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C** I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Font

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P** Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to your judgment you condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to your great mercy you preserved believing Noah and his family. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led your people Israel through the water on dry ground, prefiguring this washing of your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood, and a lavish washing away of sin. We pray that you would behold Iris according to your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit that through your Word given in this water all sin in her would be drowned and die. Grant that Iris be kept safe in the holy ark of your Church and secure in your promise, serving your name with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers, she would be brought to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Please be seated.

Baptism

- P** Iris Björk Frey, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- P** Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.
Sustain Iris with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and reverence for you, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
- C** Amen.
- P** Iris Björk Frey, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- C** Amen.
- P** Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."
- P** Let us welcome Iris into the body of Christ and her extended family of faith in this congregation.
- C** We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Please stand.

Hymn 781

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

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Prayer: This prayer was written by Martin Luther in 1526 as an addition to the Baptismal liturgy. In the "Flood Prayer" we recall the salvation history and the Lord's miraculous gift and promise to us through water and the Word in Baptism.

Today, we present the baptized and her family with a candle, a symbol of the light of Christ, that burns brightly in their lives. We also present her with a cross, crafted by members of our First Lutheran shop, as well as a blanket, given by our 7th grade confirmands. Each of these is given to remind Iris of the true gift of faith and promise of eternal life given today by God.

Hymn: The promise made to Iris in baptism is from God. In the words of the third stanza: "Neither life nor death shall ever" sever this child from God's grace and mercy in Jesus Christ.

Apostolic Greeting: During these weeks after Epiphany, Jesus Christ is revealed as Savior and Lord, and as the world's "great light."

Apostolic Greeting

A The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray. Holy God, might and immortal,

C you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Scripture Reading Psalm 36:5-10

OT page 516 in the pew Bible

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Pastor Lars Olson

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation



All: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!



All: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Announcement

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

Gospel Luke 9:28-45

NT page 65 in the pew Bible

Gospel Response

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

"Listening"

Pastor John Christopherson

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day:

This hymn was originally a Roman Catholic text, written to be sung as the individual bowed before Christ's body and blood at the altar. We sing these words in the light of today's gospel text, knowing the radiance of our Lord's forgiveness and love "shines brighter than all the angels in the sky."

Hymn of the Day 838

"Beautiful Savior"

Stanza 1 - All 2 - Choir 3 - All, in harmony 4 - All
SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

8 AM Apostles' Creed

- A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers of the Church

- A** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Following each petition:

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- A** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy: through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C** Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

- A** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

Please be seated.

Offering

Offering Anthem

"Transfiguration"

Craig Phillips

*O burning mountain, O chosen sun,
O perfect moon, O fathomless well,
O unattainable height, O unattainable light,
O clearness beyond all measure,
O wisdom without end, O mercy without all limit,
O strength beyond resistance, O crown of all majesty,
All creation humbly sings your praise:
Bright stars, high mountains, depths of the seas, rushing waters,
All these break into song at heaven's proclamation:
This is my Son, my beloved, My chosen One. Alleluia!*

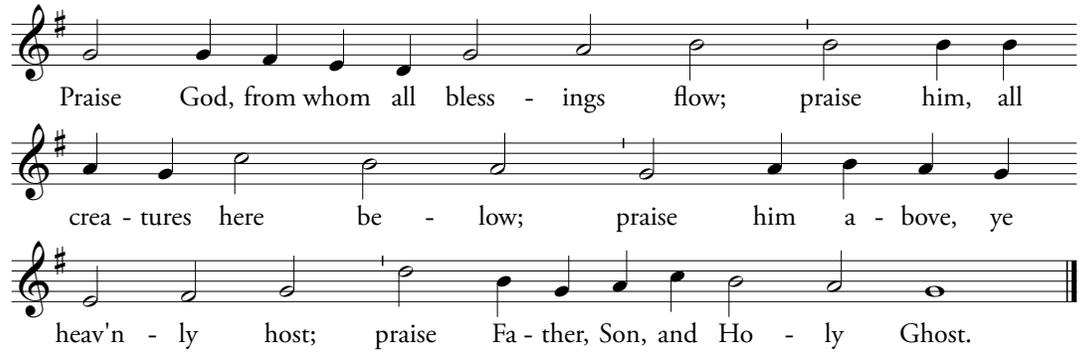
Please stand.

Offering: Offering envelopes are available in the pews. Please sign the fellowship register and pass it to those sitting next to you. Children may bring their offering forward at this time.

Offering Anthem:

This colorful anthem and evocative accompaniment combine the words of God from our Gospel text with those of 13th-century mystic, Mechtild of Magdeburg, who lived from 1207-1294.

Offering Presentation



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Offertory Prayer

- Let us pray. God of abundance,
- all that we have is yours. Receive these gifts for the sake of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

9:30 AM The Lord's Prayer

- Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- 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.

———— Service of Holy Communion - 8 AM Worship ————

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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- Come to the table of mercy and grace.
- Let us receive the feast the Lord has given.

Please be seated.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion: All who are baptized and trust in Christ's word are welcome to the table of this holy supper, where our Lord is truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Please come forward at the ushers' direction. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

Voluntary: Composer Robert Hobby embellishes the original melody of our Hymn of the Day in this setting for organ.

Communion

Communion Music

Voluntary

Hymn 490

Hymn 315

Please stand.

Blessing

A The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have fed us with bread and wine beyond compare, the very body and blood of Christ for us. Send your Holy Spirit with us now, that we may share your Word of forgiveness and promise of everlasting life with all the world.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn 318

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

PRAISE, MY SOUL

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Voluntary on SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

F. Melius Christiansen; arr. G. Winston Cassler

Sending Hymn: The word "alleluia" means "praise ye the Lord!" During the coming season of Lent, we symbolically eliminate the joy of this phrase, and set aside time for reflection and repentance.

Welcome to worship

First Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).



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- Assistance with wheelchair seating
- Personal listening device
- For a large print bulletin
- If you are a physician or nurse who is willing to help in an emergency.

Children are welcome in worship

- Children's bulletins for ages 3-6 and 7-12 and activity bags may be picked up in the Welcome Center.
- If your child becomes restless you may view the service on the screen in the Welcome Center.
- Nursery is available on Sundays from 7:45 AM – 12:15 PM.

Church calendar

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Timpani

Tom Christopherson

Violin

Christopher Bierstedt

Flute

Mary Ryrholm

Adult Choir and Women's Choir

director, Paul Nesheim

Carol Choir

director, Bonnie Lindgren

Piano Accompanist

Donna Hamilton

Readers

8 AM – Dave Van Veldhuizen
9:30 AM – Shad Carney

Acolytes

8 AM – Justice Lloyd
Quinn Wessel

9:30 AM – Alexis Brady
Sophia Lunn

Ushers

8 AM – Dick Kropp (*Captain*), Alex
Barron, Colin Barron, Joe Barron,
David Gibson, Dick Lundin

9:30 AM – Jerry Peterson, (*Co-Capt.*),
Brett Schlekeway, (*Co-Capt.*), Alyssa
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John Peckham, Noah Schlekeway,
Miranda Schlekeway, Matt
Willadsen, Eric Willadsen, Mark
Willadsen, Ashley Elton

8th Grade Ushers

8 AM – Zoie Bertsch
Andrea Lawrence

9:30 AM – Elizabeth Jerstad
Pim Thongtad

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Worship Services

Ash Wednesday, March 1 (Sanctuary)
11:15 AM & 6:30 PM with Communion
Saturday (Chapel)
5 PM Vespers with Communion

Sunday (Sanctuary)
8 AM Traditional with Communion
9:30 AM Traditional Worship
11 AM Contemporary Worship



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