

Transfiguration Sunday February 14, 2021

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 507 414 416

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Feb. 14 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Feb. 14 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Studies

Feb. 14 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Feb. 16 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Feb. 17 2:30 p.m. Confirmation

Feb. 17 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service at Peace

Feb. 18 Noon Bible Study

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our gospel reading today is the transfiguration of Christ. What a wonderful event. But what does it have to do with our lives today? The answer is supplied by our closing hymn, *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*. The first stanza situates us at the end of the transfiguration story. Jesus stands alone on the mountain. Moses and Elijah have come and gone. The voice of God has already spoken. What happens now? Jesus turns his eyes to the shadowed valley, already anticipating his crucifixion. The disciples who follow Christ will keep the truth of what they saw on the mountaintop by following Jesus to the cross, testing faith through betrayal pain and loss. The final stanza is our prayer to follow Christ alongside those first disciples. We ask that the vision of his glory would transfigure our perception until we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary, proving our own faith by living, dying, and rising according to Christ's will.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: The radiant light of our Lord's transfigured appearance was more than the disciples could take in, but the voice from heaven drives home the importance of listening to Jesus. For the church, Transfiguration Sunday marks the end of the season of Epiphany and points us to the season of Lent

which begins on Ash Wednesday. Like the disciples before us, we are to listen to Jesus above all else. He has the words of eternal life.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Genesis 22:1-18 James 1:12-18
Mark 1:9-15

Fellowship Hour Is BACK!!! On March 7, Peace will reopen the fellowship hall for after service coffee and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in the back if you would like to provide snacks and beverages.

Bible Study: There is no bible study at English for the month of February.

Attention Thrivent Members: Please direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars before they expire on March 31, 2021. You can go to www.thrivent.com and click on Generosity or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "choice dollars". You may give all of your amount to one organization or you can split it between several. If giving to this church, be sure to put Peace Lutheran of Rock Rapids, IA or English Lutheran of Larchwood, IA.

Taxes: If anyone needs a receipt for any single donations of \$250 or more for their tax records, please let Doris Iwen know at 712-348-0202 or iwen@premieronline.net

MEALS ON WHEELS: Volunteers are needed February 15-19th and February 22-26. This is a wonderful way to help bless our neighbors in the community. Please contact Lois Baatz at 472-3076 if you can help.

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect sandwich items-peanut butter, jelly, honey, cheese whiz, spam, tuna, ham, etc. for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

ACOLYTE TODAY is Dani Folkens. Next Sunday will be Lexi Davis

USHERING TODAY is Team 5; Next Sunday is Team 6: Steve Janssen, Aaron Janssen, Jesse Janssen, Arnold Vogel, Robert McKenney, Gary Dieren, Adam Vogel

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

OPENING HYMN: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

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P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalms 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

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.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

for the LORD our God is holy!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

C O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 34:29–35

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalms 117:1–2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Psalm 45:2a

Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia.0

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:2–9

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE


SERMON HYMN: 'TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

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SERMON

OFFERTORY

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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: SWIFTLY PASS THE CLOUDS OF GLORY

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