

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 528 414 918

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Feb. 27 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Feb. 27 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Feb. 27 9:00 a.m. Sunday School classes

March 1 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

March 1 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

March 2 9:30 a.m. Quilting

March 2 Noon Bible Study

March 2 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

March 2 4:30 p.m. Ladies Aid at English

March 2 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

March 5 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

March 9 3:30 p.m. Daughters of Peace

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is, *'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here*. The words of our hymn echo the words of Peter. Peter saw the glory of Christ and the presence of Moses and Elijah, and he didn't want to leave the mountaintop. It was good to be there! But Christ had a purpose to fulfill, a salvific mission given him by God the Father. Christ would not stay on the mountaintop, so Peter could not. The vision of Christ in glory was meant to strengthen Peter for the road ahead. It strengthens us as well, so we pray with Peter, "Since Thou bidst us leave the mount, come with us to the plain." All is well so long as Christ goes with us.

A WORD: Our Old Testament reading is about the death of Moses. While Moses was able to bring the people to the edge of the Promised Land, he was not able to bring them over. Another leader was needed. We meet that new leader in our Gospel lesson. He is Jesus Christ. What the Law and our works could not accomplish, Jesus does. He brings us to heaven through his death and resurrection. In our epistle reading, we learn that both Moses and Jesus were faithful servants of God. However, Christ is worthy of greater glory because he is the Son of God, lord of God's house, the church, while Moses is only a servant within that house.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: The upcoming season of Lent appears to be a great departure from the magnificent and gleaming sight of the transfiguration of our Lord. But the holy conversation between Jesus, Moses, and Elijah spoke of Jesus' departure (exodus in Greek). Jesus did not stay in that transfigured state upon the mountain but descended to go to the cross, where He would die for the sins of the world. His deliverance, rescuing us from sin and death, was greater still than the exodus of the people of Israel from Egypt that prefigured it.

LENTEN WORSHIP: It is hard to believe, but two months of the new year are behind us. Lent and Easter are before us. Lent is a time of increased devotion to the Lord as we walk with Christ toward his death on Good Friday and victorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. Please consider coming to some or all of our extra services as we seek Christ's blessing this Lenten season.

SOUND ROOM: Pastor Alex will be organizing a training event for anyone willing to work with the sound system. Sign up in the fellowship hall if you are interested. A date has yet to be decided.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP: Why do we pray as Christians? Why should we pray for ourselves and for others? Beginning Saturday March 5th, all ladies are welcome to come to the fellowship hall at 9 a.m. for a study on prayer and to spend time in prayer for each other and for our church body. This will be led by Ashlie Sloter. There will be a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall so that we can have enough books for all who would like to join.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN-ROCK RAPIDS invites everyone to join them for a meal of liver and onions or pork loin or meatballs, potatoes, green beans or corn, dinner roll and dessert on March 6th at 6:00 p.m. Please call 472-2245 by Sunday, February 27th if you wish to attend. See the Poster on the bulletin board by the office.

DAUGHTERS OF PEACE will meet Wednesday, March 9th at 3:30 p.m. Diane Drenth will have the devotions and program and Viola McKenney will be the hostess.

DONATIONS: If anyone needs a written receipt for the IRS for donations over \$250.00, call Doris Iwen at 712-348-0202 or email iwen@premieronline.net.

ALTAR COMMITTEES: The Altar Committees for March will be Deanna Hrdlicka and Jan Vogel at Peace and Wanda Wulf at English.

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

USHERING TODAY is Team 1: Michael Huygens, Keith Berg, Keith Lambert, Bob Iwen, Lucas Larson, Devin Olson, Justin Olson **Next Sunday is Team 2:** Kevin Stueven, Dennis Reuvers, LeRoy Fick, Terry Dieren, Walt Dibbern, Scott Schneidermann

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 528: OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

sts. 1–5

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

Psalm 84:1–2, 9, 11; antiphon: v. 4

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!
How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed!

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

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.

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,

ever singing your praise!

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

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 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

Hebrews 3:1–6

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.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:28–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, 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

HYMN 414: 'TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

SERMON

OFFERTORY

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C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

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.

HYMN 918: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER

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