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TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

March 2, 2025 - 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME! Today, we read the remarkable story of Jesus' transfiguration. It's full of power, mystery, and hope. May you experience all of those things in worship today!

GUESTS, please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift. For young children, a nursery is available - sign in your child and grab a pager. We also love children in worship and Sunday school (8:30am and 10am).

PRELUDE:

Micaela Lum, Pianist/Organist
Harrison Michael, 5pm Worship Leader

GATHERING HYMN: *Christ, Be Our Light*

#715 vv. 1-3

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain: **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.**
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. (Refrain.)

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. (Refrain.)

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

(People read **bold** words.)

Merciful God,

You speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with cruelty or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbor; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us Your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair Your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

(A moment of silence. Proclamation of forgiveness.)

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

THE KYRIE (People sing refrain below.)

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Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school and return during Holy Communion.)

Youth Director Paige Gulck

THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses 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. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, but 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, the 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. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And 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. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; 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. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.)

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Leader: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. (People sing Alleluia again.)

(The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 9th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**)

THE GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was

about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When 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. (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.)**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ANTHEM: *10,000 Reasons* arr. Larson (8:30am) Sanctuary Choir, Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Beautiful Savior*

#838 vv. 1-3

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**

THE MESSAGE: *To the Nth Degree*

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Sandra Eithun

Handbell Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Doxology*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer - Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children and adults who choose not to receive, may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Also, juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request-please indicate this choice to a minister.)

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian, in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian, in my heart,

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving . . .

Lord, I want to be like Jesus . . .

Lord, I want to be more loving...

Lord, I want to be a Christian...

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized

To see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,

with a faith to suit you well;

in a blaze of light you wandered off

to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word

I was there to cheer you on;

You were raised to praise the living Lord,

to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time

and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme

from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life,

not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night,

complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in

and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been

With just one more surprise."

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"I was there to hear your borning cry,

I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized

To see your life unfold."

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING, BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,

stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow-'ry meadow, flashing sea

chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,

well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;

teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE:

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

Harrison Michael, 5pm Worship Leader

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Bill Jonas; Communion: Melody Lieber & Colleen McCray; Lector: Denise Boyd; Refreshments: Liane Schuller; Ushers: Elvia & John Gustavson; Welcome Table: Shelli Parajeckas & Karen Sanchez

10am: Coffee Clean-up: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Lisa Mers & Dennis Pysz; Lector: Katherine Dickinson; Refreshments: Daneen & Dennis Pysz; Ushers: Willie Knottnerus & Jennifer Olmstead; Welcome Table: Ann & Jim St. Martin

5pm: Communion & Lector: Jeff Contestabile

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS provided by Garry & Toni Nelson in support & memory of the LA fire victims.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME - Please pick up your copy at the Welcome Table. Large print is also available.

LUNCH & LEARN (L&L) - Celebrating Life Community Health Center presents their ministry to under-served groups, 11:30am today in Bankson Hall.

SEASON OF LENT begins this Wednesday with Ash Wednesday, March 5 - 3 opportunities to receive imposition of ashes:

- 8am Drive by;
- 12pm Ash Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary;
- 7pm Worship in Bankson Hall. (Soup supper begins at 6pm in Bankson Hall.).

LENTEN THEME: *Where Grace is Served.* Each Wednesday, a different member will share their faith story and how hospitality, meals, and Holy Communion are all a part of their journey.

LENTEN OFFERING BOXES available at the Welcome Table. This year offerings will go to Disaster Response (Wildfires) and World Central Kitchen.

FIRST COMMUNION preparation for children is 3 consecutive Wednesdays at 5:15pm: March 12, 19 & 26. Each child & a parent meet with Pastor David in the Sanctuary. See sign-up for details.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & WORSHIP will be every Wednesday at 6pm with Lenten worship at 6:30pm from March 12 - April 9. If you want to bring soup to share, sign up at the Welcome Table.

MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT (March 7-9) in Tempe, AZ. Carpool over on Friday (5:45am), two ball games, great fellowship, return Sunday. This trip is full. Come out next year, March 6-8, 2026!

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE TRIP - Sat., March 15, 7am - 7pm. If interested, sign up at the Welcome Table. Passport required. If you can't attend, but want to help, contact Eric Houser for donation ideas.

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT - Jr. & Sr. High youth meet at Serra's Pantry in SJC, 9am - 12pm on March 15. Friends are welcome to join you in lending a hand for those less fortunate. Volunteer hours signed. Contact Paige Gulck at youth@mygloriadei.org for more information.

YOUNG COUPLES WITH KIDS - Sunday, March 30, 11am-1pm. River Street Marketplace (food, fellowship, kid friendly to run around and play games), SJC. Sign-up at the Welcome Table. Questions, please contact the office.

MIRABELL TRIO CONCERT - April 4 at 5pm in the sanctuary. We are starting our concert series a little early this year with the Mirabell Trio! Come enjoy some chamber music with Julie Ayer on violin, Karen Follingstad on piano, and Martha Lippi on cello.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (preschool-5th grade) meets during both morning services. Children leave after the Children's Message and return at Holy Communion.

OFFERING - Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei! Please place check/money in donation boxes or give electronically - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. You can also donate via credit/ debit card through Vanco, our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY takes place every Wednesday, 10am, Knudson Hall. This study is led by Pastor David or Deacon Daneen. All women are invited to join at any time!

GRIEF HEALING GROUP - Meets on Thursdays at 1pm in Knudson Hall. The group meets weekly on Thursday. All in need are welcome to join at any time. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Table.

ART GATHERING - Our gathering for this month meets on Friday, March 14 at 6:30pm in Bankson Hall. In our Art & Theology series we are looking at stone memorials and found objects. We will also be talking about our Easter art project!

HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITY - The ELCA Synod Assembly is asking members to offer their homes to those attending the assembly who may not be able to afford a hotel. Rooms are needed Thursday, May 15 and 16; or just Friday, May 16.

DEI-LY UPDATES - Gloria Dei provides weekly email news for friends and members. This is church & ministry news only. If you would like to receive updates, go to the website: mygloriadei.org & sign up.

XTRA PRAYERS - If you would like extra prayer, please visit with Deacon Daneen and other people at the Prayer Candle Station (near organ pipes) after worship. They are happy to pray with you.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION - The preschool is full with a long waiting list. If you would like more information, reach out to the Director Shelli Parajekas (preschool@mygloriadei.org).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH 2 - 8, 2025

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation (11:15am); Health Job Fair Lunch & Learn (11:30am)

Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group (6:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)

Tuesday: AA Meeting (7am); IFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group (10am); Al Anon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Drop By Ash Imposition (8am - 9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Ash Wednesday Worship (12pm); Lenten Soup Supper (6pm); Ash Wednesday Worship (7pm); 12 Step Couples (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Grief Healing Group (1pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); AA Men (7pm);

Friday: Men's Spring Training Retreat (day 1); Al Anon Meeting (10am)

Saturday: Men's Spring Training Retreat (day 2); AA Men (7am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ❖ Prayer Labyrinth (April 12)
- ❖ Women's Tea (April 26)
- ❖ Blood Drive (May 7)
- ❖ Pacifica Synod Assembly (May 15 - 17)
- ❖ Couples with Young Kids Beach Play Date (May 18)
- ❖ Annual Church Campout (June 6-8)
- ❖ Vacation Bible School (June 16-20)
- ❖ 60th Anniversary of GDLC/Party and Dinner (September 19)
- ❖ Women's Retreat (October 3-5)