



*Spirit of
Peace*

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 2, 2025



**This is
my Son,
my Chosen;
listen
to him!**

LUKE 9:35



PRELUDE

Piano Solo

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 2nd: **Cereal Sunday**
10am, Sunday Worship & Sunday School

Tuesday, March 4th: 9am – 2pm, Pastor Devin & Tara @ Church
11am, Pastor's Weekly Meeting

Wednesday, March 5th: 9am – 2pm, Pastor Devin & Tara @ Church
6pm, Ash Wednesday Dinner & Worship

Thursday, March 6th: 9am, Bible Study @ Magnolia Manor

Friday, March 7th: Church Office closed

Saturday, March 8th: 8am, Men's Breakfast @ SOP

Sunday, March 9th: 10am, Sunday Worship & Sunday School
11am, Music Team Rehearsal

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Spirit of Peace is, through the love and power of Jesus Christ, to:

- **WELCOME** and accept everyone in joyful fellowship
- **WORSHIP** God regularly and teach God's Word
- **WORK** to serve others and share the Good News of the Gospel

P We worship in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Moses, Peter, James, and John get to see God in full glory. We celebrate stories like these as we worship on Transfiguration Sunday. They help us to know that God is real and that Jesus is more than a teacher. We are glad when a bit of Heaven spills out on Earth.

© We also yearn to see God's face, but most of the time we are so focused on what is right in front of us that we do not lift up our heads. In ordinary life, we forget that glory is possible. Open our eyes, Lord. Give us the faith to see your miraculous presence everywhere around us. Let us live in that joy.

P The best miracle of all is the one we speak of so routinely: God loves us. This is why I can and must declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Holy God, mighty and immortal, 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.

C Amen.

KYRIE

Refrain

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

Verse 1

For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Refrain

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

Verse 2

That we may live out your impassioned response to
the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Refrain

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

Verse 3

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for
friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Refrain

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

Verse 4

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in
the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Refrain

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

GLORY

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Verse 1

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Verse 2

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Verse 3

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

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Old Testament Reading
Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had

spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ 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, ³⁵ 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who

stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ 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. [³⁷ On

the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹ Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed

him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Seeing God's Glory



THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD (LBW 554)

Verse 1

This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

Verse 2

This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.

In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

Verse 3

This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad!

P Living together in trust and hope, we 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 into Hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is

C 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 Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness from fear to hope. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We are so bold as to pray for ourselves, that God's glory may come near to us and that we might have the humility to see it. Make yourself known particularly in the lives of these Spirit of Peace families this week: Erik, Tessa, Elsie & Audie, Kurt, Colette, Rachel, Will & Nicholas, Matthew, Jodie, Sophia & Jaxxon and Jake & Becky. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts. We pray for Chris, Cindy M., Cindy U., Donna, Pam, Mike, Sue, Troy, and Veda. We also remember before you.... God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, give courage to congregations starting new ministries, and make Spirit of Peace bold in vision and mission. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C Amen.

P The Peace of our Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.



**A WORD ABOUT
THE OFFERING AND
THE WORDS OF
INSTITUTION**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

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, Lamb of God.

BLESSED ASSURANCE (TFF 118)

Verse 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 2

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 3

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

P The precious Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior which we now have received strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Spirit of the triune God ✝ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C Amen.

SHOUT TO THE LORD

Verse

My Jesus, my Savior
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You



P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God.

Those Serving Today

Presider – Pastor Devin Strong

Music Coordinator – April

Lector – Kristi

A/V – Erik