



WELCOME TO  
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

You are fairer than the sons of men *Ps 45:2a*

## The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2015

### A Service of Word and Sacrament

Setting adapted from TLH p.15 – the Order of Holy Communion

VISITORS: TLH (hymns 1-660) is the RED book, WS (hymns 701-800) is the TAN book

(If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated as needed)

**NOTE TO VISITORS:** Accepting the Lord's Supper at our congregation is a profession of agreement with all the doctrines we confess (1 Cor. 10:17; 1 Cor. 11:27f). Because we don't want you to bind yourself to a confession you don't understand or agree with, we ask that if you are not a members of a CLC congregation, you first meet with the pastor before coming to communion today. You can read about our practice of close communion in the blue trifold pamphlet in the entry way. Thank you for your understanding. Please feel free to talk with the pastor after the service.

Preservice Devotion: Psalm 2, forepart of TLH p.123

#### OPENING HYMN

**TLH 657**

*Beautiful Savior*

#### INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19*

Minister (M) In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



**Congreg. (C) A - - men**

M 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. Our help is in the name of the Lord.



**C Who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

M I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



**C And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

**C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent bitter sufferings and**

**death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

M Upon this your confession, I, as a called 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. *John 20:19-23*



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## PROFESSION OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP



**Rene Riley**

*There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

*Ephesians 4:4-6*



## COMMON PROFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

M Do you this day in the presence of God of this congregation, acknowledge the gifts given to you by God the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ and sealed by His Spirit at your baptism?

C **I do.**

M Do you, then renounce the devil?

C **Yes, I do renounce them.**

M Do you renounce all his works?

C **Yes, I do renounce them.**

M Do you renounce all his ways?

C **Yes, I do renounce them.**

M Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

C **Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

M Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C **Yes, I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

M Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C **Yes, 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.**

## BLESSING AND PRAYERS

♪ Sing (a cappella):

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## FIRST LESSON

### **Exodus 34:29–35**

<sup>29</sup> Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony *were* in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him. <sup>30</sup> So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. <sup>34</sup> But whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded. <sup>35</sup> And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

## SECOND LESSON

### **2 Corinthians 3:12–4:6**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech—<sup>13</sup> unlike Moses, *who* put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the *veil* is taken away in Christ. <sup>15</sup> But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. <sup>16</sup> Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. <sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup> But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup> whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. <sup>5</sup> For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts

to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### GOSPEL LESSON (rise)

M And this is eternal life, that we know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.



C **Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!**

### Mark 9:2-9

<sup>2</sup> Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup> His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. <sup>4</sup> And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—<sup>6</sup> because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid.

<sup>7</sup> And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!” <sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves.

<sup>9</sup> Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

M These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, we may have life in His name.



C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

### INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

#### HYMN

**WS 720**

*Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair*

SERMON ~ based on Gospel Lesson of the Day

Mark 9:2-9

**God's Glory is Unveiled in Flesh and Blood**

M The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 4:7*



**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.

HYMN

WS 757

*Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning*

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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!**



A Service of the Sacrament



M The Lord be with you.



C **And with thy spir - it.**

M Lift up your hearts.



C **We lift them up un-to the Lord**

M Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C **It is meet and right so to do.**

M It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, and now we praise You that You have sent Your only-begotten Son and that, being found in appearance as a man, You have made known the fullness of

Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth;



Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho-san - na,



Ho - san - na, Ho-sanna in the high-est. Bless-ed is He,



Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, Ho-san- na, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matt. 26, Mk 14, Lk 22, 1 Cor. 11*

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, 'Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.' In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'

PAX DOMINI

*John 20:19*

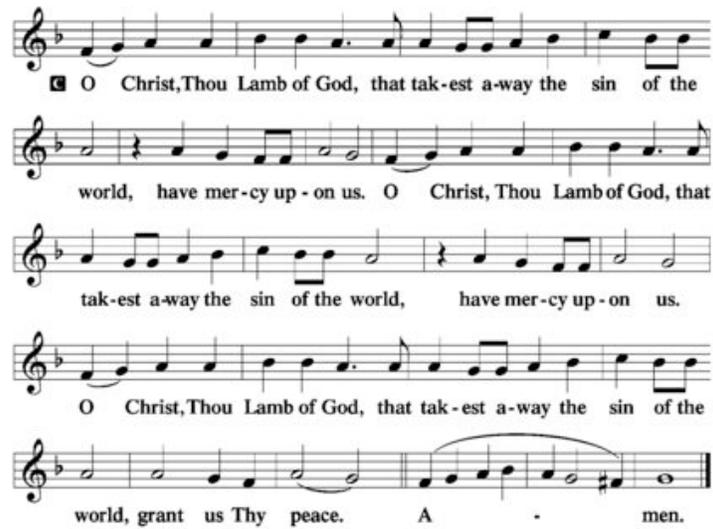
**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always!



**C** A - men.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

*John 1:29*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.



## DISTRIBUTION



NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Now Let Us Depart (Song of Simeon)

*Luke 2:29-32*



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

*Psalms 107:1*

M Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

M Let us pray ... one God, now and forever.



C A - - - men.

