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## ***Transfiguration of Our Lord***

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Our Old Testament lesson from Exodus 34 gives some important background for our the Transfiguration of our Lord. After the people of Israel broke their covenant with God by worshiping a golden calf, God sent Moses down Mount Sinai with two new tablets of commandments to replace the first two that Moses had destroyed. Moses destroyed the tablets of stone when he had seen the idolatry of the people of Israel. Now, with new tablets, with God declaring his mercy and compassion, Moses comes down from the mountain. But this time his face is shining with the glory of God. This is terrifying to the people. As Moses brings the law, the glory of God reflecting from his face is a pronouncement of death to those who are guilty.

But now, with Christ, the glory of the Lord does more than merely reflect off of his face. He shines through, revealing him to be the very Son of God in the flesh. He is God of God, light of light. And now, with his face shining, his disciples are terrified to hear the voice of God. Moses was not able to make atonement for the people. He could only give directions for outward washings and outward sacrifices of animals. Moses was not able to turn God's full wrath away. He could only cover his face when the glory of God reflected off of it. But Jesus, who gave himself as a perfect sacrifice to cleanse our hearts from sin, does more than just cover up God's glory. Certainly, he hides it under the form of a servant. But this is only so that he might bring about the fullness of God's glory by saving sinners through his death and resurrection. As Moses came down from Mount Sinai to deliver the law, so Jesus ascended to Mount Calvary to fulfill the law for every sinner. Having taken away our sin and guilt, he has granted to us to see him face to face in his glory and not be put to shame.

**DEAR VISITORS:** As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices ***closed communion***, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

The Order of Morning Service  
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**Hymn of Invocation** ∞ *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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*Stand for final stanza*

**Invocation, Confession & Absolution**

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*Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.*

Service of the Word

**Introit**

They cry out to the LORD in their | trouble,\*  
and He brings them out of | their distresses.

**He | calms the storm,\***

**so that its | waves are still.** (*Psalm 107:28-29*)

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for | He is good!\*

For His mercy endures for- | ever.

**Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His | goodness,\***  
**and for His wonderful works to the child- | ren of men!**

They see the works | of the LORD,\*  
and His wonders | in the deep.

**For He commands the | stormy wind,\***

**which lifts up the waves | of the sea.** (*Psalm 107:1, 8, 24-25*)



**Gloria Patri** ∞ *Glory be to the Father*

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**Kyrie** ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

**Gloria in Excelsis** ∞ *Glory to God in the Highest*

**Salutation & Collect of the Day**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading** ∞ *Jonah 1:1-17*

<sup>1</sup>This is the Word of the LORD which came to Jonah the son of Amittai: <sup>2</sup>"Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh and announce to her that I see how wicked they are."

<sup>3</sup>But Jonah got up and ran away from the LORD to Tarshish. He came down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. He paid the fare and went on board to get away from the LORD and go with them to Tarshish.

<sup>4</sup>But the LORD sent a strong wind on the sea; a great storm rose; they thought the ship would be wrecked. <sup>5</sup>The sailors were scared, and each of them cried to his god. They dumped the cargo into the sea to lighten their load. But Jonah had gone down into the inner hold of the ship and was lying there fast asleep.

<sup>6</sup>The captain of the sailors went to him. "How can you sleep?" he asked. "Get up, call on your god. Perhaps he will think of us, and we won't drown."

<sup>7</sup>Then they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots to see who has brought this

disaster on us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.

<sup>8</sup>"Please tell us," they asked him, "who has brought this disaster on us? What is your work? Where do you come from? What is your country? And which people do you come from?"

<sup>9</sup>"I'm a Hebrew," he answered them, "and worship the LORD, the God of heaven Who made the sea and the land."

<sup>10</sup>Terribly frightened, the men asked him, "What did you do?" They now knew he was running away from the LORD, because he told them. <sup>11</sup>"What should we do with you to make the sea calm down for us?" they asked him. The storm was getting worse and worse.

<sup>12</sup>"Take me," he told them, "and throw me into the sea, and the sea will calm down for you. I know I'm the reason this big storm has come upon you."

<sup>13</sup>Then the men rowed hard to get the ship to the shore but couldn't do it; the sea was raging worse and worse against them.

<sup>14</sup>"Please, LORD," they cried to the LORD, "Don't let us perish for taking this man's life, and don't charge us with murdering an innocent man, since You, LORD, do as You like." <sup>15</sup>So they took Jonah and threw him into the sea, and it stopped its raging. <sup>16</sup>Then the men started to fear the LORD very much, and they offered sacrifices to the LORD and made vows.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD ordered a big fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

The nations shall fear the name | of the LORD,\*  
and all the kings of the earth Your | glory.

**For the LORD shall build up | Zion;\***

**He shall appear in His | glory. (Psalm 102:15–16)**



## Epistle Romans 13:8-10

<sup>8</sup>Don't owe anyone anything but to love one another. If you love the other person, you have kept the Law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments: "*Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not covet,*" and any others are summed up in this: "*Love your neighbor as yourself.*" <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to another person. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the Law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia Verse

Alle- | luia.\*

Alle- | luia.

**The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice,\***

**let the multitude of nations be glad! Alle- | luia.** (Psalm 97:1)



## Gospel *Matthew 8:23-27*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus stepped into a boat, and His disciples went with Him. <sup>24</sup>Suddenly a big storm stirred the sea so that the waves were covering the boat. But He was sleeping.

<sup>25</sup>So they went and woke Him up. "Lord, save us!" they said "We're going to drown!"

<sup>26</sup>"Why are you afraid?" He asked them. "You trust Me so little!" Then He got up and ordered the winds and the sea to be quiet, and they became very calm.

<sup>27</sup>The men were amazed and said, "What kind of man is He? Even the winds and the sea obey Him!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

## Apostles' Creed

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*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day** *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

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*Sit*

## Gathering of the Offering

*Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward*

*We give Thee but Thine own,*

*Whate'er the gift may be*

*All that we have is Thine alone,*

*A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Please complete the  
Record of Fellowship in the  
folder in your pew.

## Prayers

## General Prayer

## Lord's Prayer

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**Hymn** *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

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## Concluding Collect

## Benediction

*Sit*

**Hymn to Depart** ➤ *Beautiful Savior*  
**Silent Prayer**

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**Ushers for today:** James Eads, Joseph Rethemeyer, Kyle Scheer,  
Adam Swann  
**Next week:** Peter Otten, Jonathan Finck, Michael McFerrin, Andrew  
Rethemeyer  
**Greeter for today:** Rick Tritch  
**Next Week:**  
**Acolyte today:** Evan Scheer  
**Next Week:** Jacob Preus  
**Flower and Altar Care: January:** Devin Eads  
**Organist:** Andrew Finck

**Prayer and Petitions:** Homebound: Ray and LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Pastor James May and Pastor Harold Ristau (missionaries to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Ersland, Lutheran Bible Translators, Ghana. Luke Otten, Seminarian. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; St. Paul High School, Concordia, MO.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Maria Krull, 14<sup>th</sup>, Adam Swann, 15<sup>th</sup>, Rachel Otten, 16<sup>th</sup>, Carson Swann, 17<sup>th</sup>, Graham Kopp 19<sup>th</sup>

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**Voter's Meeting** – Today after church (downstairs).

**Ladies Aid** – Today after church (conference room).

**VBS Planning Meeting:** VBS 2024 will be held at Camp Trinity, May 29-31. A meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on **February 4** at the Shepherd's Hall, Camp Trinity, to begin planning for it. Your input is welcome. If you can't make the meeting, but would like to be involved and have input please email Ruth Rethemeyer at [camptrinity73@yahoo.com](mailto:camptrinity73@yahoo.com).

**Confirmation/Wednesday School** - All grade school age children welcome. Starting at 3:00 p.m. **Please note the sign-up sheet** in back for bringing snacks for the children. Drinks are provided.



# The Large Catechism

## *Holy Baptism*

44 Thus we must regard Baptism and make it profitable to ourselves, that when our sins and conscience oppress us, we strengthen ourselves and take comfort and say: Nevertheless I am baptized; but if I am baptized, it is promised me that I shall be saved and have eternal life, both in soul and body. 45 For that is the reason why these two things are done in Baptism, namely, that the body, which can apprehend nothing but the water, is sprinkled, and, in addition, the word is spoken for the soul to apprehend. 46 Now, since both, the water and the Word, are one Baptism, therefore body and soul must be saved and live forever: the soul through the Word which it believes, but the body because it is united with the soul and also apprehends Baptism as it is able to apprehend it. We have, therefore, no greater jewel in body and soul, for by it we are made holy and are saved, which no other kind of life, no work upon earth, can attain.

Let this suffice respecting the nature, blessing, and use of Baptism, for it answers the present purpose.

### Of Infant Baptism.

47 Here a question occurs by which the devil, through his sects, confuses the world, namely, Of Infant Baptism, whether children also believe, and are justly baptized. Concerning this we say briefly: 48 Let the simple dismiss this question from their minds, and refer it to the learned. But if you wish to answer, 49 then answer thus:

That the Baptism of infants is pleasing to Christ is sufficiently proved from His own work, namely, that God sanctifies many of them who have been thus baptized, and has given them the Holy Ghost; and that there are yet many even to-day in whom we perceive that they have the Holy Ghost both because of their doctrine and life; as it is also given to us by the grace of God that we can explain the Scriptures and come to the knowledge of Christ, which is impossible without the Holy Ghost. 50 But if God did not accept the baptism of infants, He would not give the Holy Ghost nor any of His gifts to any of them; in short, during this long time unto this day no man upon earth could have been a Christian. Now, since God confirms Baptism by the gifts of His Holy Ghost, as is plainly perceptible in some of the church fathers, as St. Bernard, Gerson, John Hus, and others, who were baptized in infancy, and since the holy Christian Church cannot perish until the end of the world, they must acknowledge that such infant baptism is pleasing to God. For He can never be opposed to Himself, or support falsehood and wickedness, or for its promotion impart His grace and Spirit. 51 This is indeed the best and strongest proof for the simple-minded and unlearned. For they shall not take from us or overthrow this article: I believe a holy Christian Church, the communion of saints.

*(continued next week)*