

# **TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2023**

**11:00AM**

Concordia Lutheran Church, Conover, NC

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation with confidence in the Words of our Lord Jesus, who gives not only bread and wine but his true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1Cor 11:27-29). Reception of Holy Communion here at Concordia is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Those who are not yet baptized, instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

#### **OPENING HYMN**

**“Beautiful Savior”**

**537**

#### **INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

#### **OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

**P** Praise the LORD, all nations!

**C Extol Him, all peoples!**

**P** For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

**P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

**C bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

*2 Peter 1:19*

**P** That we may enter into the holy presence of Christ, let us confess our sins that we may be made the righteousness of God.

**C We confess to You, almighty God, our blindness to Your glory and our reluctance to seek Your grace. We have sinned against You and our neighbors by our own fault in both our**

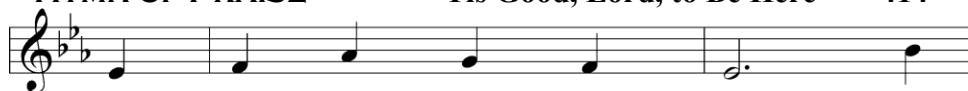
thoughtless actions as well as the good we have failed to do. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, forgive us. Renew our hearts, enliven us in spirit, and let us see Your glorious mercy.

P “We have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.” 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

## “‘Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here” 414



1 'Tis	good,	Lord,	to	be	here!	Thy
2 'Tis	good,	Lord,	to	be	here,	Thy
3 Ful -	fill -	er	of	the	past	And
4 Be -	fore	we	taste	of	death,	We
5 'Tis	good,	Lord,	to	be	here!	Yet



glo - ry	fills	the	night;	Thy	face	and	gar - ments,
beau - ty	to	be -	hold	Where	Mo -	ses	and E -
hope	of	things	to be,	We	hail	Thy	bod - y
see	Thy	king -	dom	come;	We	long	to hold the
we	may	not	re -	main;	But	since	Thou bidst us



like	the	sun,	Shine	with	un -	bor -	rowed	light.
li -	jah	stand,	Thy	mes -	sen -	gers	of	old.
glo -	ri -	fied	And	our	re -	demp -	tion	see.
vi -	sion	bright	And	make	this	hill	our	home.
leave	the	mount,	Come	with	us	to	the	plain.

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## SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**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.

**C Amen.**

*We sit.*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Geml

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Exodus 24:8-18**

**L** This is the Word of our Lord.

Pew Bible pg. 82

**C Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**      “Christ, Upon the Mountain Stands”      Robert Lehman

### **EPISTLE LESSON**

**2 Peter 1:16-21**

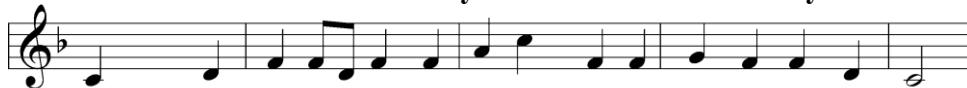
**L** This is the Word of our Lord.

Pew Bible pg. 1299

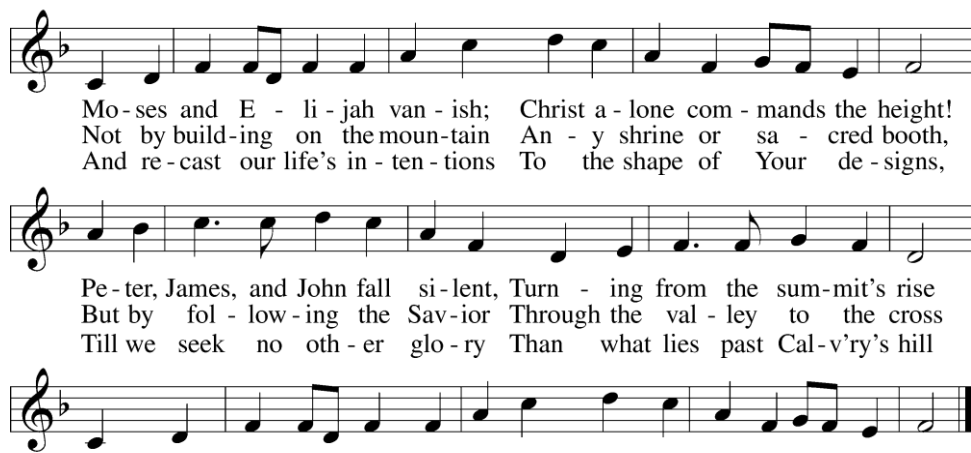
**C Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

### **GOSPEL CANTICLE      “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”      416**



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz-zling light;  
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,  
3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - cep-tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo-ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!  
 Not by build - ing on the moun - tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,  
 And re - cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,

Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise  
 But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross  
 Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - v'ry's hill

Down - ward toward the shad - owed val - ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.  
 And by test - ing faith's re - sil - ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.  
 And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

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## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Pew Bible pg. 1045

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read.*

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY “O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair” 413**

## **SERMON**

“My Three Sons”

Pastor Michael Geml

*We stand.*

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Psalm 136*

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Bless us now as we eat and drink of this blessed food given to us as a foretaste of the feast to come.

**C** Amen.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*We sit.*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”**

**680**

*We stand.*

**DISMISSAL**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**BENEDICTION**

**FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA**

P On this day, alleluias are sung for the last time in the Church until the resurrection of our Lord. Alleluia is not heard during Lent as we turn in penitence to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ to be renewed in our baptismal faith. Though every Sunday is a “little Easter,” we restrain our praise until Easter Sunday, when all of Christendom joins in singing alleluias to our King. Let us now raise our voices in song as we anticipate not only our coming Easter celebration, but that ultimate feast of victory when we will all sing “alleluia” with saints and angels, cherubim and seraphim, Moses and Elijah, apostles, martyrs, prophets, and all the company of heaven before the Lamb on His throne.

**CLOSING HYMN “Alleluia, Song of Gladness” 417**

**POSTLUDE**