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The Transfiguration of Our Lord February 14, 2021

Jesus Is Revealed as the Savior of All

The season of Epiphany (Greek for “appearance”) recalls how Jesus proved himself to be the Son of God and the Savior of all people. The Festival of the Epiphany of Our Lord is celebrated on January 6, the twelfth day of Christmas, and is often called the Gentile Christmas. In the lessons and the Gospel, God makes it clear that his salvation is not only for his chosen Old Testament people but also for the Gentiles (non-Jews). God reveals his only Son, Jesus, as our Savior.



HYMN

“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

Christian Worship Supplement #712



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain Where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there That your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there That your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain Where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, Ris - en and as -



James, and John, We are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, Where you shout - ed, “It is fin - ished!”
 cend - ed Lord, Can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



Light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 Fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 Says of the in - car - nate Word: “Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 Where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 All that we have seen and heard, Say with Pe - ter,



for the night By the vi - sion of that sight.
 ours you go, Matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
 ev - 'ry - one; This is my be - lov - ed Son!”
 tu - ri - on: “Tru - ly this was God’s own Son!”
 James, and John: “You are God’s be - lov - ed Son!”

STAND

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS



M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

C: **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD *Gloria in Excelsis*

Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

The image shows a musical score for the Gloria in Excelsis. It consists of six staves of music in G major, 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is written in a simple, melodic style. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12a

1 When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

3 The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet."

4 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

5 The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet."

6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

7 Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan.

8 Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?"

"Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

10 "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not."

11 As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

12 Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 148



Minister: Praise the LORD from the heavens,
Congregation: **praise him in the heights above.**

Praise him, all his angels,
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars.

Refrain

Praise the LORD from the earth,
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,
kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,
young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

12 Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. **13** We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. **14** But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. **15** Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. **16** But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **18** And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

1 Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. **2** Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Mark 9:7b

Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them.

3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.

4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

5 Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

6 (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

7 Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. **9** As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. **10** They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what "rising from the dead" meant.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

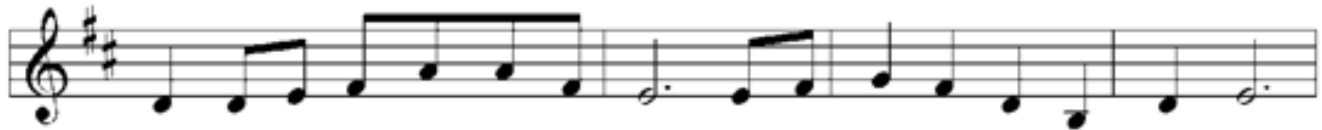
HYMN

“We All Believe in One True God”

Text: Martin Luther



1. We all be-lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed earth and heav - en,
2. We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our Lord, pos - sess - ing
3. We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, sweet hope and com - fort giv - ing,



The Fa - ther who to us in love Has the right of chil - dren giv - en.
An e - qual God - head, throne and might, Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing,
Now with the Fa - ther and the Son In e - ter - nal light is liv - ing,



He in soul and bod - y feeds us; All we need his hand pro - vides us.
Born of Mar - y, vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,
Who the Church, his own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it;



He through snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no harm be - tides us.
Made true man, our eld - er broth - er, That the lost might life in - her - it,
Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through Je - sus' mer - it.



He cares for us by day and night; All things are gov - erned by his might.
Was cru - ci - fied by sin - ful men And raised by God to life a - gain.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

Christian Worship #95



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry
2 How good, Lord, to be here Your beau - ty
3 Ful - fill - er of the past, Prom - ise of
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We see your
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may

fills the night; Your face and gar - ments, like
to be - hold, Where Mo - ses and E - li -
things to be, We hail your bod - y glo -
king - dom come; We long to hold the vi -
not re - main; But since you bid us leave

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

SERMON

Luke 5:1-11

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, You revealed Your glory in the transfiguration of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who tabernacled among us in the flesh. Open our eyes of faith, that we would see Him continuing to tabernacle among us here in the Divine Service, and that we would heed Your admonition to “listen to Him” as He forgives and preserves us at the font, pulpit and altar. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Holy Father, with the appearance of Moses and Elijah at our Lord’s glorious transfiguration, You reveal to us that all the Law and the prophets are fulfilled in Him. Send Your blessing upon all pastors and servants of Your Church, that all their preaching and teaching would flow from the right understanding that all Holy Scripture testifies of Christ and all that He has done, and continues to do, for our eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Gracious Father, from whom every fatherhood under heaven is named, support and bless every Christian home, that husbands and wives would be devoted to one another and parents would pass on the faith to their children by word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Almighty Father, You alone establish all authority on earth. Bless those entrusted with this responsibility both here and abroad, that they would serve with integrity and honor and for the well-being of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Merciful Father, graciously comfort and strengthen those who are sick, hospitalized or enduring ongoing treatment, that they would know Your peace and receive healing and relief according to Your gracious will. Be with those who are lonely, depressed or mentally ill. Surround them with those who know Your redeeming love and will mercifully care for them. Grant steadfastness to those near death, comfort to those who grieve and the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to all Your children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son, with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

Christian Worship #323

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through your
2 We praise you for the means of grace As home - ward

grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious seed
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who wor -

take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit.
shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- **Pastor Emeritus John Vogt and wife Sandy** thanksgiving for their service at Christ the Rock and prayers as they spread the Gospel and a blessed retirement
- **The family of Delfin Ulibarri**, comfort and care as they mourn Delfin
- **Christ the Rock** members and leaders as we transition our ministry and that the Lord would give us a faithful new pastor
- **Klaudia**, Andi's friend, facing health, financial and immigration (work visa) struggles. Klaudia has visited CtR several times and is currently teaching in Portales.
- **Terri Hayes**, prayers for comfort and healing from back pain
- **Vanessa Engh**, thankful for successful surgery, prayers for continued healing
- **Isabelle Hewey**, prayers for strength as she works with those affected by COVID-19 in the Shiprock area.
- **Domy Alire**, prayers for peace and understanding of why COVID-19 mandates keep family and friends from being with her while receiving care at the Gingerich House
- **Herdre Herrera**, comfort and strength for upcoming appointments and health
- **Louise Frank**, Herdre's mother was recently hospitalized
- **Dennis and Jane Bacon**, prayers for comfort, both hospitalized in Phoenix
- **Willie Mitchell**, health and care
- **Vinnie and Ben Henry**, continued strength and guidance
- **Gwen and Chuck Johnson**, friends of Aaron and Myra. Chuck has Stage 3 lung cancer
- **Ryan**, grandson of Jeff and Mona Blagg, thank God for continued healing progress
- **Mary and Martin**, mother and brother in-law of Ginger, both have cancer

God's People Respond to God's Grace

Worship Attendance: February 7: 31 **Sunday School:** 0 **Bible Study:** 16
Offering January 31: \$793 February 7: **\$2,454**

February Ushers: Jesse Hanson, Tully Hayes

February Cleaning: **Team Leader, Robert Kinsel**, Engh, Hanson, Johnson, Kinsel/Newman, Largo, Schneiter

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today at 11:45, Church Council

Ash Wednesday, February 17, at 6:30. This Lenten season because of COVID we will have only one mid-week service, Ash Wednesday. This will be the first service led by our next vacancy pastor, Theodore Lambert from Washington state. Please plan on attending to give him a warm welcome.

Next Sunday - Adult Bible class at 9:15, Pastor Lambert will begin a new six-week study on *Forging Our Church into a Caring Community*. ***Please join us!***

NOTE: Pastor Lambert like to offer a special one-time study on
“The Resurrection of Christ as the Cornerstone of Our Faith.”

Sunday, February 28, at 4:00, Call Meeting

Meet the Lamberts – Pastor Ted and Debra Lambert

Pastor Ted – born in northern Wisconsin; raised in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Graduated from WELS Seminary 1972.

Assigned to a new mission, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Bremerton, WA.

Served Ctk for 42 years. Church now has 400 members with K-8 school of 115 students.

Offices: PNW District Evangelism Chairman; 1st VP, PNW District President (12 yrs).

Other: taught seminary 4x in Nigeria, covered church vacancy in Juneau, AK in 2017.

Retired: 2014; Moved to Yakima, WA in 2016.

Hobbies: golf, fishing, hunting, history, reading, travel, substitute preaching

Debra - raised on a farm near LaCrosse, Wisconsin

Technical College – secretarial training.

Office manager, US Naval Base Pass & ID, High School secretary, Timber Co. sec.

Hobbies: family advisor; internet shopper, reading, cooking, decorating

The Lamberts have two married sons and three grandchildren, all live in eastern WA State.

Pastor Ted and Deb have never been to New Mexico. They look forward to the adventure and to serving the members and friends of Christ the Rock.

VOLUNTEERS

In preparation for the arrival of our new pastor, there are a number of tasks which we need to complete. Most of them can be done by volunteers. The church will pay for the materials (paint, caulk, stucco patch, shed, etc.). The volunteer or volunteer team can do the work at a time convenient for them as long as the jobs are done before the new pastor arrives.

Sign up for the tasks you would be willing to undertake –

(An X means that a volunteer has already been found for this task.)

Church

 X Organize and clean up office areas, library, etc.

Parsonage

DONE Replace faucet in kitchen sink

DONE Install six new blinds

DONE Re-caulk around windows, sinks, countertops, etc.

Repair walls & paint -

DONE Living room and entry

DONE Kitchen and pantry area

DONE Dining room

DONE Upstairs bathroom

DONE TV room

DONE Bedroom #2

 X Bedroom #3

 Laundry room/Hallway to basement

 Basement game room

 Repair outer walls around the yard

 Paint or Reseal the stucco wall

 Paint the metal gates and fence sections

 X Power-wash the exterior siding

 X Repair yard, front & back (i.e. rake, weed, reseed, etc.,)

DONE Dismantle and remove the metal shed

 X Assemble new storage shed

Name: _____