TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

... his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2, ESV

The Transfiguration of our Lord February 19, 2023 10:45 a.m.

The altar flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Vickie Dahm and Steve and Karen Dahm in memory of Cyril and Alberta Dahm and Cathy Nickens.

As We Gather

In one sense, the Transfiguration of Our Lord provides a sort of climax to the first part of the story of Jesus in the liturgical year. In the glorious vision, Moses and Elijah appear as if to prove that everything written in the Bible in the Law and the Prophets has come true in the advent and appearance of Jesus, "true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary" (explanation of the Second Article). Yet this climactic event is not yet the true and complete climax of the story, but a transition now into the season of Lent and the road to the true climax: the cross of Good Friday, the resurrection of Easter, His ascension into heaven, and the sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. There is so much more to tell. This brief glimpse of glory and Peter's eyewitness account is to give us the strength and encouragement now to bring the story to completion in us, that we become witnesses in possession of the glorious hope of eternal life through the forgiveness of our sins.

My God Is Still The Same

by Benji, Chris Rohman, Dustin Lolli, Josh Bronleewe

Just ask the waves If they are stilled at the mention of His name They'll say my God is still the same Ask the walls If they still fall at the mighty sound of praise They'll say my God is still the same

Chorus When did He break His promise When did His kindness fail Never has never will My God is still the same When did He lose His power When did His mercy change Never has never will My God is still the same yeah

Interlude My God is still the same

Just ask the words You prayed in desperation if they're heard They'll say my God is still the same Ask the grave If it's strong enough to keep hope in its chains It'll say God is still the same yeah Chorus Bridge Not once did He ever stop moving Not once has He ever let go Not once did He ever stop proving Our God is in control Bridge Not once did He ever stop moving Not once has He ever let go Not once did He ever stop proving Our God is in control Not once did He ever stop moving Not once has He ever let go Never has never will My God is still the same Chorus/Bridge

Ending My God is still the same My God is still the same

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Sentences

Ps. 99:1-5, 9

Pastor:	Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!	
People:	The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!	
	He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!	
Pastor:	The Lord is great in Zion;	
	he is exalted over all the peoples.	
People:	Let them praise your great and awesome name!	
	Holy is he!	
Pastor:	The King in his might loves justice.	
	You have established equity;	
	you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.	
People:	Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!	
	Holy is he!	
Pastor:	Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!	

A Thousand Hallelujahs

Who else would rocks cry out to worship Whose glory taught the stars to shine Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing But this joy is mine

Chorus

With a thousand hallelujahs We magnify Your name You alone deserve the glory The honor and the praise Lord Jesus this song is forever Yours A thousand hallelujahs And a thousand more

Who else would die for our redemption Whose resurrection means I'll rise There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done But I have eternity to try Chorus

Bridge (twice) Praise to the Lord To the Lamb To the King of heaven Praise for He rose Now He reigns We will sing forever

Chorus, Bridge, Chorus

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: As we approach our triune God and gather in His majestic name, we draw near with a true heart and confess our sins.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Together we confess:

- People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness.
- Pastor: We have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing.
- People: We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins.
- Pastor: Have mercy on us, heavenly Father, because of the obedience of our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.
- People: Forgive us and with the power of the Holy Spirit, move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

Words of Forgiveness

I Am Loved by Jason Ingram, Jonathan Smith, Mack Brock

Just as I am You welcome me With open arms How can this be

My guilt is undone My past is untethered I leave it behind And run to my Father

Chorus There is no disappointment in Your eyes There is no shame there is only pride I am loved Father I'm loved by You

So unreserved Your heart for me My fear is gone I am set free

There's nothing to hide There's nothing to measure 'Cause I am Your child And that's all that matters

Chorus 2 There is no distance in Your embrace Over and over again You say I am loved Father I'm loved by You I am loved Father I'm loved by You

Bridge You are changing ev'rything You are changing ev'rything I believe it I receive it You are changing ev'rything

Old Testament

Exodus 24:8–18

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the

elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And 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, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Only A Holy God by Dustin Smith, Jonny Robinson, Michael Fareen, Rich Thompson

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven Who else could make every king bow down Who else can whisper and darkness trembles Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises What other splendour outshines the sun What other majesty rules with justice Only a Holy God

Chorus Come and behold Him The One and the Only Cry out sing holy Forever a Holy God Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire What other power can raise the dead What other name remains undefeated Only a Holy God Chorus Who else could rescue me from my failing Who else would offer His only Son Who else invites me to call Him Father Only a Holy God Only my Holy God Chorus

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed and Meaning

Children's Message

Transfiguration by Aodhan King, Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, Taya Smith

From the cloud You speak What was veiled now is seen Jesus the image of the invisible God

Divinity confirmed In the transfigured Word A kingdom once concealed On the earth now revealed

Chorus Holy is the Lord Revealed before my eyes And my burning heart Can scarcely take it in As I behold Your beauty With unworthy eyes The only song my soul can find to sing Is Hallelujah Hallelujah my King Lead my longing heart To the high ground to a clear view And in awe I'll be there Beholding You Chorus

Bridge Now I know I have seen Your glory that cannot be unseen I am changed and changing still As I look upon You Lord and believe Chorus

Sermon

Lift Our Hearts in Prayer

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy: **People: Hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

(It is an ancient custom in the Christian church that a "farewell to Alleluia" be sung at the close of Sunday worship before Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, "alleluia" is not sung then until Easter morning, symbolizing our voluntary restraint of praise during the penitential season of Lent. During this hymn, "Alleluia" will be solemnly rolled up and laid away until Easter Sunday.)

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die; Alleluia is the anthem Ever raised by choirs on high; In the house of God abiding Thus they sing eternally.

Alleluia, thou resoundest, True Jerusalem and free; Alleluia, joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee, But by Babylon's sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.

Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below; Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while forgo; For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.

Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, blessèd Trinity, At the last to keep Thine Easter With Thy faithful saints on high; There to Thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.

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The Blessing

by Benjamin Hasting, Bryan Fowler, Chris Llewellyn, and Gareth Gilkeson

Rescuer

Chorus He's our Rescuer He's our Rescuer We are free from sin forevermore Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

There is good news for the captive Good news for the shamed There is good news for the one who walked away There is good news for the doubter The one religion failed For the good Lord has come to seek and save Chorus

He is beauty for the blind man Riches for the poor He is friendship for the one the world ignores He is pasture for the weary Rest for those who strive Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life Chorus

Bridge So come and be chainless Come and be fearless Come to the foot of Calvary There is redemption for every affliction Here at the foot of Calvary Chorus

THY WILL BE DONE

"Not as I will, but as you will," Jesus prayed to his Father the night before he went to the cross for our salvation. And that is our prayer as well this Lent as we seek to do God's will in our lives, as we draw near to the observance of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection during Holy Week. Each service in the series focuses on a different aspect of God's will at work among us. Biblical characters are used as insightful reference points each week to guide us in following our Lord more nearly day by day.

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion:

God's Will and God's Promise: Abraham and Isaac

Lent 1: Wednesday, March 1, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. God's Will and My Inadequacy: Moses

Lent 2: Wednesday, March 8, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. God's Will and My Dreams: David

Lent 3: Wednesday, March 15, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. God's Will and My Identity: Mary

Lent 4: Wednesday, March 22, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. God's Will and My Worldview: Paul

Lent 5: Wednesday, March 29, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. God's Will and My Response: Lydia

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m. Service of Holy Communion

Good Friday April 7, 12 noon with Communion and Service of Tenebrae, 7 p.m.

The Resurrection of Our Lord, Sunday, April 9, 8 and 10:30 a.m. Communion at both services

Meals between Lenten Services

Feb. 22 – Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Pie March 1 – Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Cookies March 8 – Taco Salad, Corn, Fruit, Cake March 15 – Italian Beef, Italian Salad, Chips, Pie March 22 – Chili, Cornbread, Cookies March 29 – Brats/Burgers, Sauerkraut, Beans, Chips, Cake

Worship Leaders:	Seminarian Josh Kintz, Proclaimer		
	Pastor Chris A. Spelbring		
Children's Message:	Pastor Chris A. Spelbring		
Elder on Duty:	Eric Batchelder		
Vocals and Band: Vocals—Ananda Baron, Luke Mandeville, Josh Davis Guitar—			
Josh Davis, acoustic; Steve Westlund, bass; Erik Westlund,			
set; Keys—Dawn Tayon			
Sound/Video/Camera: Craig Tayon/Scott Combs/ Michele Brown			
Acolytes:	Nolan Knop, Wyatt Robinson		
Ushers:	Eric Schlechte, Pat Mandeville		

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Worshippers may request a personal radio amplifier from an usher. These can be used anywhere in the sanctuary.

Sight Saving Editions

Large print copies of this Worship Bulletin and Bibles are available from an usher.

Communion

Those baptized and confirmed Christians who share our Lutheran confession of faith are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. Since the Lord's Supper is a testimony of our unity in faith and love, those Christians of a different confession of faith who desire to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with a Pastor before worship. All are welcome to come to the altar and receive a blessing. The desire to receive a blessing can be indicated by crossing arms over the chest.

Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. After communion, individual cups are to be placed in the baskets near the aisle. For further discussion and a guide to self-examination before communion, see the Holy Communion Guide in the pew pocket.

Communion in the Pew

Please notify an usher if you would like to be served communion in the pew.

Care Needed During Worship

Should you or anyone with you today experience a health-related problem, look for someone wearing a yellow lanyard/nametag (seated on the center aisle left side as you exit sanctuary). They have specialized training to assist you.

Nursery Available

Children are welcome in worship here at Zion but if a little one (or their parent) needs a short break, the church lobby is available for walking and comforting. The nursery is located to the left as you exit the sanctuary if you should need a quiet space. Diaper changing stations are located in the handicapped stalls of the restrooms.