



The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

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P (Pastor): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (Congregation): **Amen.**

Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word
Let our hearts and souls be stirred

We are gath - ered all to hear you.
Now to seek and love and fear you,

By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

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P: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: for they are ever with me.

P: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

P: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

SING:

All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.

P: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work

2 Timothy 3:16, 17

P: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

ALL: 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.

SING:

Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light from Light,
from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your people raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

P: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." *John 20:31*

The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

SING:

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing your praises yonder.**

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

OLD TESTAMENT 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.

MUSICAL SELECTION (Sunday)

Tom Seidl

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Refrain: High upon a mountain, in a quiet place, they were prayin', prayin', prayin',
Peter, James and John with Jesus in that place, they were prayin', prayin', prayin'.

When there came forth from the face of Jesus a brilliant light gleaming like the sun,
His raiment all aglow, and white as the whitest snow with radiance brightly shining. Refrain

Then appeared Elijah, with Moses at his side, speaking to Jesus of the coming days;
Speaking of Jerusalem and of great sorrow, speaking of destiny. Refrain

High upon a mountain Peter, James and John heard the pow'r of Christ proclaimed:
“This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; my beloved Son in who I'm pleased.”

Refrain

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

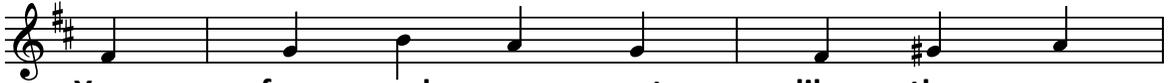
SERMON HYMN

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

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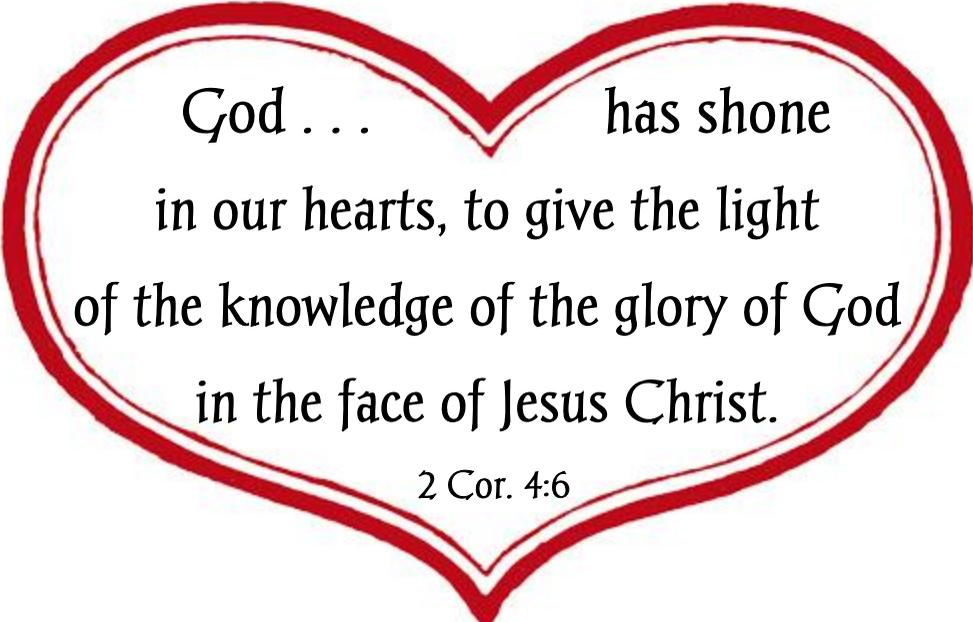
How, good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
How good, Lord, to be here Your beau - ty to be - hold,
Ful - fill - er of the past, Prom - ise of things to be,
Be - fore we taste of death, We see your king - dom come;
How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



Your face and gar - ments, like the sun,
Where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand,
We hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied
We long to hold the vi - sion bright
But since you bid us leave the mount,



Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
Your mes - sen - gers of old.
And our re - demp - tion see.
And make this hill our home.
Come with us to the plain.



God . . . has shone
in our hearts, to give the light
of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Cor. 4:6

SERMON TEXT

Mark 9:2-10

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.

A Glimpse of Jesus' Glory

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O Lord, you have revealed your good and gracious will to your people on earth. Forgive us for pursuing that knowledge that serves only our selfish desires and for using what we have learned to exploit and hurt others. Cleanse our guilty hearts of the apathy we feel for searching out the deeper truths of your Word.

C: Holy Spirit, hear our prayer that we may put self aside and rejoice in the truth that builds up.

P: Heavenly Father, send the Spirit of Jesus into our hearts so that we eagerly learn of you. As the deer pants for streams of water, may we be instilled with a longing to explore the mysteries of your grace.

C: **Holy Spirit, increase in us the knowledge of your truth.**

P: God of light, give to the Church renewed wisdom and fresh understanding that the message of your salvation may shine ever brighter in this dark age.

C: **Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love so that others may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth so that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow.

C: **May your peace, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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.**

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Beautiful Savior"

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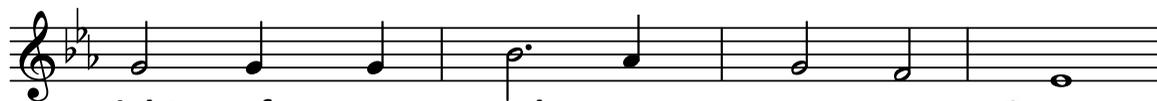
Beau-ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,
Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,
Beau-ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
Bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru-ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je-sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er;
Je-sus shines bright-er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo-ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion



Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
Than all the an - gels in the sky.
Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 14	8 & 10:30a	Worship
Monday	9:00a	Bible Class & Sunday School
Wednesday	6:15 – 7:30p	Catechism
	5:00p	Ash Wednesday
Thursday	7:00p	Worship Services
Sunday, February 21	5-45-6:45p	Growing in Hope Bible Study
	8 & 10:30a	Worship with Communion
	9:15a	Bible Class & Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Service: A Memorial Service will be held Friday, February 19th, for Judy Garretson who received her crown of life February 4th. Visitation will be held here at COR from 9:30-10:30a, the Memorial Service at 10:30a, followed by a luncheon. A reservation is required.

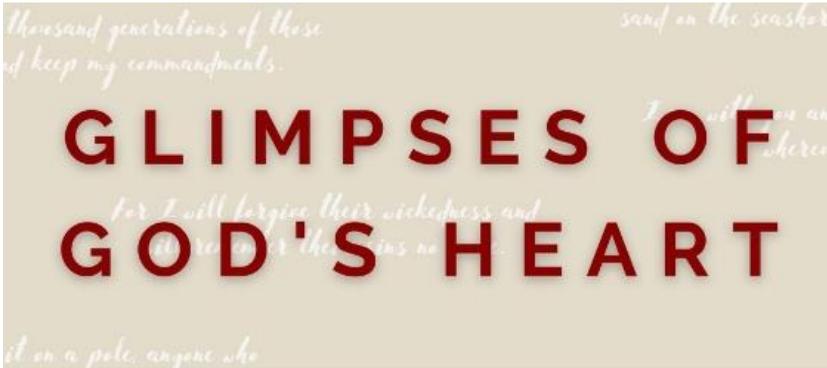
Ash Wednesday Worship Services: There are two worship services scheduled for Ash Wednesday, February 17th, one at 5p and the other at 7p. Reservations are available online by clicking the reservations tab on our website. If you are currently scheduled for the 7p service and wish to switch to the 5p, please contact the church office.

Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School: RMLHS's Eagle Choir will sing at COR Sunday, February 28th, in both services. Masks and social distancing will be observed. We look forward to their enhancing our worship.

COR's Silent Auction: Our annual silent auction is officially open!

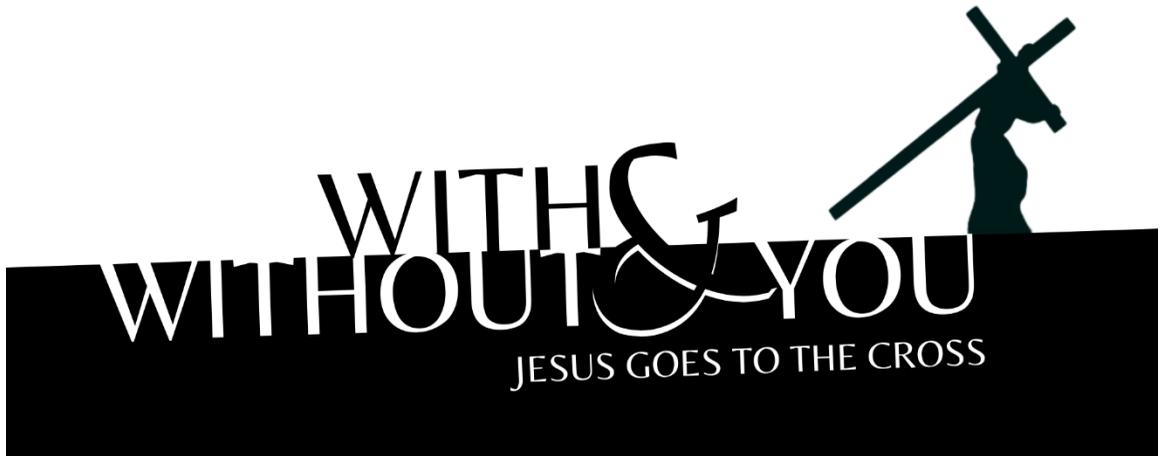
www.32auctions.com/COR2021

Visit the website to view and bid on items. Proceeds from the auction are going toward the last bit we need for a security system for the church/school building.



Sundays in Lent: We are about to enter the season of the church year where we focus on our Savior's path to the cross for us and for our salvation. The Wednesday services during Lent focus on the Passion, or suffering, of Jesus. The Sunday

worship services in Lent are designed to be little glimpses of the victory that Jesus won on Easter. Our Sunday worship during Lent is going to focus on the "Glimpses of God's Heart" from some of the most familiar and important verses of the Old Testament. Join us during Lent to catch a glimpse of God's heart as he shows his providing care, his accessibility, jealousy (in a good way!), grace, forgiveness and humility. Services are at 8a and 10:30a.



Midweek Lent Services: Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17, we will be having our midweek Lent services leading up to Holy Week and Easter. As Jesus made his way to the cross on our behalf he was always fully present in his suffering by his Word and action. He truly came to be "with us" as he suffered and died. At the same time, he was also "without us," carrying out the will of his Heavenly Father alone as his disciples slept, betrayed, fled and denied him, and as the world rejected, despised and mocked him so that he could suffer and die for us. Join us for the Ash Wednesday service at 5p and 7p, and the rest of the midweek Lent services at 7p.