

ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

Call to Worship • Transfiguration

[Psalm 77:18 (EHV)]

PASTOR: *Today we pray to the God who shows His humanity through His life and His glory through His miracles. May we, with eyes of faith, see Him as the disciples did—as the glorious King of kings and Lord of lords who shines brightly as our Savior. Then in our lives may we shine our faith for Him by giving sacrificially for His glory.*

“The sound of your thunder was heard in the tornado.

CONGREGATION: **Lightning lit up the world. The earth trembled and quaked.”**

Hymn • “How Good, Lord, To Be Here”

[CW 95]

1. How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.
2. How, good, Lord, to be here
Your beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Your messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past,
Promise of things to be,
We hail Your body glorified
And our redemption see.

-Stand-

Confession of Sins and Forgiveness

[Ps 3:7, 143:11, 27:9, 51:15]

☞ *In the Name of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we call on You, dear heavenly Father:*

☞ **Almighty Lord God, we stand in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word and to worship You with thanksgiving and prayer.**

☞ *Rise up, O Lord! Save me, my God!*

☞ **For the sake of Your name, O Lord, preserve my life.**

☞ *Do not hide Your face from me. You have been my help.*

☞ **Do not reject me or forsake me, O God who saves me.**

☞ *O Lord, open my lips;*

☞ **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

☞ *Hear us as we pray, O Lord:*

Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life.

☞ *Lift up your hearts! For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, God has had mercy upon you, forgiven you all your sin, and brought you to everlasting life.*

Peace ☩ be with you.

Song of Praise

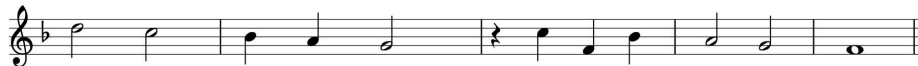
[TEXT: ELH 66; TUNE: ELH 32]



- A**
1. Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs
 2. "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry,
 3. Let all cre - a - tion join in one



With an - gels round the throne. Ten thou - sand
 "To be ex - al - ted thus." "Wor - thy the
 To bless the sac - red name Of Him that



thou - sand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
 Lamb," our lips re - ply, For He was slain for us.
 sits up - on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

Prayer of the Day • Transfiguration

P Let us pray:

O Lord, giver of life and source of all love, we know that all we have received comes from your gracious hand. You call us to be stewards of your bounty, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send your Holy Spirit to work through us, that many more might come to know the saving riches of your Son who shined brightly for His disciples at His Transfiguration and who shines in our hearts today through His Word.

A We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our living Lord, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.


-Be seated-

First Lesson • 2 Peter 1:16–21

St. Peter uses the account of Jesus' Transfiguration to show the truthfulness of all Holy Scripture. The Bible is not made up by human beings, but is God's true record of our salvation.

To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, ²⁰since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. ²¹In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit. (EHV)

 *This is the Word of the Lord.*

 **Thanks be to God!**

Second Lesson • 2 Corinthians 8:1–9

St. Paul tells us of the Macedonians who, moved by the grace of Jesus Christ, let their faith shine brightly by giving sacrificially.

Now brothers, we want you to know about the grace of God that was given in the churches of Macedonia: ²In a severe test of trouble, their overflowing joy and their deep poverty overflowed into an abundance of their generosity. ³I testify that of their own free will they gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability, ⁴pleading with us with an urgent request for the gracious privilege of joining in this service to the saints. ⁵And they did this not as we had expected, but in keeping with God's will they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us. ⁶As a result we urged Titus, since he had already made a beginning, to bring to completion this gracious gift on your part. ⁷But just as you overflow in every way—in faith, in word, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your

love for us—see that you also overflow in this gracious gift.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but to test how genuine your love is, by comparing it with the eagerness of others. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich. (EHV)

📖 *This is the Word of the Lord.*

🔊 **Thanks be to God!**

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation • Psalm 100:1–2 (EHV)

📖 *Alleluia! Alleluia! Shout to the LORD with joy, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness.*

Alleluia!



Gospel • Matthew 17:1–9



Jesus' closest disciples briefly see Him for who He really is: the Almighty God. His glorious change of appearance is a little window into His glory.

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James; and he led them up onto a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured in front of them. His face was shining like the sun. His clothing became as white as the light. ³Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus.

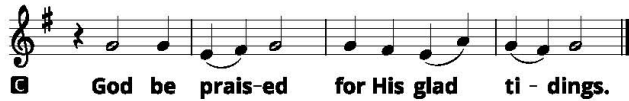
⁴Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Just then, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.”

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. ⁷Jesus approached and as he touched them, he said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.” ⁸When they

opened their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Do not tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." (EHV)

📖 *This is the Gospel of our Lord.*



-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • "Let Us Lift Our Eyes to Jesus"

[text: DJH • tune: ELH 199]

- | | |
|--|--|
| <p>1. Let us lift our eyes to Jesus
 Seeing Him in lowly state.
 He brings comfort and relieves us
 From our sins which seal our fate.
 In our heart is not one good thing,
 We fall to our wicked foe.
 But our Jesus still is bringing
 Freedom from our death and woe.</p> | <p>2. Let us lift our eyes while blinded
 By His mighty, Godly, light.
 His appearance has reminded
 Us of all our sinful blight.
 He brings judgment. He brings terror.
 Our own sins have brought our fear.
 Yet His grace shines even greater,
 As our Savior, He is near.</p> |
| <p>3. Let us lift our eyes forever
 And see only Him each day.
 He who is both God and Savior
 Bids us now, with Him, to stay.
 By His death He's paid our ransom,
 By His cross He's set us free.
 Now our lips repeat the anthem:
 "Praise the Lord eternally!"</p> | |

Sermon • "Look at Jesus!"

1. He Shines In Power (Matthew 17:1–9)
2. He "Shines" in Giving (2 Corinthians 8:1–9)
3. He "Shines" in *Our* Giving (2 Corinthians 8:1–9)

-Stand-

Apostles' Creed

[ELH p. 46]

☞ *Having heard the Word of God, we confess our holy faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:*

☛ **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

And 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 shall 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.

Reception of Offerings and Prayer

Offerings are brought by those who are thankful to God for saving them through Jesus. Before the service starts we collect the offering in the designated areas in the entryway and Gathering Room.

For those who wish to give digitally, please use the link to our PayPal account to the left, or consult our Church Website: www.trinityels.org

Kyrie Prayer ~ "Lord, Have Mercy"

☞ *Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forevermore.*

☛ **Amen.**

☞ *For our salvation which brings us peace with God; we pray to You, O Lord:*

☛ **Lord, have mercy.**

☞ *For the peace of the whole world, and the safety of the Christian Church; we pray to You, O Lord:*

☛ **Lord, have mercy.**

⌄ *For this congregation and its members who join together in faith, reverence, and the fear of God; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🔊 **Lord, have mercy.**

⌄ *For all faithful pastors and teachers in the service of Christ; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🔊 **Lord, have mercy.**

⌄ *For our country, our elected officials, and all those in public service; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🔊 **Lord, have mercy.**

⌄ *For this city, for every city and country, and for all faithful Christians who live in them; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🔊 **Lord, have mercy.**

⌄ *For favorable weather, an abundance of crops, and temperate seasons; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🔊 **Lord, have mercy.**

⌄ *For all those who travel by land, sea, and air; and for the sick and the suffering; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🔊 **Lord, have mercy.**

⌄ *For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and distress; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🔊 **Lord, have mercy.**

-Additional petitions may be prayed here, each using the following formula-

⌄ *For ... [additional petitions] ... we pray to You, O Lord:*

🔊 **Lord, have mercy.**

⌄ *Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions:*

-Silence for personal prayer-

☞ *Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.*

☞ **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

[Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4]

☞ *Hear us as we pray, O Lord:*

☞ **Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

-Be seated-

Hymn • "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

[CW 485]

1. 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.
2. May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!
6. And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

-Stand-

Prayer of Thanksgiving

☞ *Let us pray:*

We give thanks to You, Lord God the Father, that You have given us Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

We give thanks to You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.

We give thanks to You, Lord the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

A O God, grant us Your grace to remain in this saving faith until we see You face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

Final Blessing

[Ps 103:1]

P *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.*

C Amen.

Closing Hymn • “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

[CW 486 sts 1–2]

1. Lord of Glory, You have bought us
 With Your life-blood as the price,
 Never grudging for the lost ones
 That tremendous sacrifice;
 And with that have freely given
 Blessings countless as the sand
 To th'unthankful and the evil
 With Your own unsparing hand.
2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield You
 Gladly, freely, of Your own.
 With the sunshine of Your goodness
 Melt our thankless hearts of stone
 Till our cold and selfish natures,
 Warmed by You, at length believe
 That more happy and more blessed
 'Tis to give than to receive.

-Be seated-

Worship Notes

- Preacher: Pastor Daniel J. Hartwig
- Organist: Thursday - Donna Moll; Sunday – Sarah Hartwig
- Scripture quotations marked EHV are from the Holy Bible, Evangelical Heritage Version® (EHV®) © 2017 Wartburg Project, Inc. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
- February Altar Committee: Janelle Brei