

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church – Tempe, AZ

February 14, 2021

10:00 AM



Eyewitness to Glory

AS WE GATHER

There is nothing quite like being an eyewitness, giving a special perspective to share on the event. Peter writes about being on the Mount of Transfiguration as he, James, and John were privileged to have a special vision of the Lord Jesus Christ. He states: “We were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For 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,’ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain” (2 Peter 1:16b–18). Today, through the words of Scripture, we, too, become eyewitnesses and are given a glimpse of glory in the vision of our transfigured Lord!

CASUAL SUNDAY

PRAISE MEDLEY

1. "This is the Day" –TOSB #234

**This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made,
that the Lord hath made.**

**I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad
in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice
and be glad in it.**

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

2. "Brothers & Sisters in Christ" – Words & Music by Terry Dittmer

- 1. Sing alleluia! A-men! Let your prayers and praises
ascend. Lift up your voices and sing To our Lord God,
our Savior and King! Here brought together by grace We
are gathered as friends in this place.**

***Refrain: And assembled as one, In the name of the Son,
Lifting hearts, lifting hands, Celebrating as friends, And
proclaiming the Lord, All our praises afford. We are
brothers and sisters in Christ.***

- 2. We walked alone and in need Without faith hope or
promise or creed; Wandering, aimlessly lost, Unaware of
the staggering cost; That God in His mercy would save
All His people from death and the grave. *Refrain.***
- 3. Lord, teach us how to proclaim All your goodness, your
love and your name! Lord, teach us how to forgive And
in love, teach us, Lord, how to live. Raising our voices in
song, Help us tell all the world we belong. *Refrain.***

3. "This Little Light of Mine" – Lyrics: Harry Dixon Loes ~ Music: African-American Spiritual

**1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!**

2. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!

3. It will point the way to Heav'n

4. "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" –TOSB #417, St. 1 & 4

**1 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.**

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

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Dear Jesus, you bring us together in this place. We come to you, to be fed, to be renewed, to seek your peace and rest. On this day, we see your beauty shine on the mount of transfiguration. We see you shine with the light of heaven. But Lord, help us also to see how you reveal yourself in simple ways, in water, bread and wine, in a cross and an empty tomb, in your holy word and in the tender touch of a friend. Be with us in our worship, and also be with us when we stand on the mountain tops and when we

find ourselves in the valleys of life. In your name we pray. Amen.

(Stand) The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,

People: “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”

Pastor: Therefore, the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you.

People: For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him.

Pastor: You shall have a song as in the night when a holy feast is kept,

People: and gladness of heart, as when one sets out to the sound of the flute to go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O God, our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

People: Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: We confess that we have not always brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.

People: Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both that which we know and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.

People: Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

People: Amen.

INTROIT (*Read responsively*)

Ps. 99:1–5; antiphon: Ps. 99:9

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

for the LORD our God is holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

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.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

for the LORD our God is holy!

KYRIE (*Read responsively*)

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy on us, and give us Your peace. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Sing*)

LSB # 118, St. 1 & 3

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Hail Thee, as the sun
above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of
doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light
of day!**
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ the Brother, All who live in love are
thine; Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the Joy
divine.**

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

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.** (*Sit*)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 2:1–12

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he said, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” ¹⁰And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.”

¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 3:12–13; 4:1–6

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

^{4:1}Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

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SPECIAL MUSIC

"Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?"

GRADUAL *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

**People: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:2–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

APOSTLE’S CREED

All: **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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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. (Sit)**

HYMN OF THE DAY “Shine, Jesus, Shine” *Words & Music by Graham Kendrick*

REFRAIN

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me: ***Refrain (Cong. join in Singing)***

2 As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me: ***Refrain (Cong. Join in singing)***

3 Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into Your radiance; By your blood I may enter Your rightness; Search me, try me, consume all my darkness; Shine on me, shine on me. ***Refrain (Cong. join in singing)***

SERMON

“Not Just on the Mountaintop”

Mark 9:2–9

OFFERING BROUGHT FORWARD

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Stand)*

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy

name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend ... all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

C 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Go Tell it on the Mountain” TOSB #388

Refrain

**Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!**

- 1** While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night, Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. Refrain.
- 2** The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain.

**3 Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.
Refrain.**

POSTLUDE

“Jesus on the Mountain Peak”

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Visitors, please sign (with a complete address) our **Guest Book** on the podium in the entryway before you leave and/or complete a **grey/cream “Worship Information” card** found in the pew in front of you. **Members** are also encouraged to complete a “Worship Information” card (you can update address and phone number, request a pastoral visit).

Pastor Tim Anderson is available to you for pastoral and spiritual needs (prayer support, hospital calls, counseling, private communion, **Pastor Tim Anderson** is available to you for pastoral and spiritual needs (prayer support, hospital calls, counseling, private communion,

etc). He can be reached at the office Monday & Wednesday, 9 AM – 2 PM.

WE CAN ASSIST THOSE UNABLE TO HEAR WELL...We have 3 cordless headsets available to use in the pews. Just let an usher know and they will be happy to bring you one.

**Attendance for 2-7-21: Bible Study—8; Worship Service—30.
Income report for 2-7-21: Loose Plate \$; Weekly Envelopes \$2549;
Designated Gifts \$159; Other \$; Total \$2708.**

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

February 14, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study in Fuerbringer Hall

10 AM The Transfiguration of our Lord- Casual Worship (*Also, being streamed on Facebook online*)

11:30 AM Board of Trustees Meeting

11:30 AM Stewardship Committee Meeting

February 15 Monday

9 AM-1 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

February 16, Tuesday

7 PM Council Meeting

February 17, Wednesday

10:30 AM-3 PM Pastor Anderson in the office

7 PM Ash Wednesday Worship w/Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

February 19, Friday

11AM Church & Offices cleaned

February 21, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study in Fuerbringer Hall

10 AM The First Sunday in Lent Worship w/Holy Communion

Prayer List: Prayer List: Gerri Koski, Amina Kruck, Maebell Beard waiting for the decision from her doctor regarding heart problems, John McShee fell off a Hoover board and broke a femur & wrist, **Nancy**

Whittenburg slipped & fell on ice, **Len and Ruth Lacy** (Len fell a while ago & gets around w/walker, Ruth is his care giver), **Blue Sky (Tom Kruck)**, **Glenn Brown, Larry Wroblewski**.

**FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO STILL VIEW SERVICES
ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS ARE BELOW:**

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE YOU CAN GO ONLINE & VIEW AT

- 1) Open a webpage browser (internet explorer, chrome, Firefox, etc.)**
- 2) Type or paste the following link into your address bar:
www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/**
- 3) Option 1 - Scroll until you find a post that shows a “Live” feed titled for the Sunday service, or**
- 4) Option 2 - Click on the “Videos” button on the left-hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to Facebook)**
- 5) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service. Video stream will be live starting at or around 10am. If it does not show up, try refreshing the page. The video of the service will remain on the page if you would like to view it at a later time, or to replay it again at your discretion.**

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for your prayers--"Prayers are powerful." Thank you everyone for your cards, letters, telephone calls and e-mails of well wishes--all were very uplifting. It's good to be back among the active.
Gladys Meyer

Lutheran Hour Broadcast - KFAX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM:

February 21 "**Do You See Anything?**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The world wields power with blunt force, but God hides His power in suffering, weakness, and humility. (Mark)