



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

"Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving."

Transfiguration Sunday

Communion Worship

February 19th, 2023

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*NOTE: **Bold text** indicates worshippers' response, and '*' means please stand as able.*

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

- * CONFESSION P: We confess our sins before God and one another. *Pause* Merciful God, **Christ came into the world and showed us how to live, but we have failed to live by what he taught. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, we have not done to others as we would have done to ourselves. Shine a light on our hearts, that we might turn from the shadows of our sin and walk in your ways.**
- * FORGIVENESS Jesus came not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. By his love, all your sins are forgiven, that you might **✝** walk in the light of Christ. **Amen.**¹

HYMN #80 *Oh, Wonderous Image, Vision Fair* pg. 6

* GREETING The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

*KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for all salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of Christ, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

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☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

* P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY P: Let us pray. Almighty God, **You call us to listen to your Son, and follow him in all things. Transform our hearts with your love that we might continue his ministry of healing and reconciliation in the world. Amen.**¹

GROWING

Jesus has asked his disciples who they say he is, and Peter declares "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus makes it clear that such knowledge has been given to Peter from Jesus' Father in heaven. He goes further to say his church will be built on Peter the rock, then Jesus orders them not to tell anyone he is the promised Messiah. As we will hear how the disciples are not on board with the plans God has made for Jesus, and Jesus' shocking message of what it takes to follow him.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew the 16th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord** ²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at

the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

*As we hear the retelling of the familiar Transfiguration story in the 17th chapter of Matthew's Gospel, try to see the strange parallel and contrast of this mountaintop scene where Jesus is glorified and God speaks, with the hilltop scene that will take place at Jesus' crucifixion...where Jesus hangs in shame and crying out to God. Does Jesus changing before their eyes, mean that the lives of his followers will also change? Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John 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 dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. The Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to you O Christ.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/SERMON

Pastor Mary Eide

#89 Hymn of the Day *How Good Lord, to be Here* pg. 7

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*Or, He descended to the dead. ** universal

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: Merciful God, **All: You hear our prayer.**)¹

The OFFERING PLATE is located at the entrance of the church sanctuary. Giving to support God's ministry at Shepherd of the Hill can be mailed to (Mailing address: 207 University St., Elk Mound, WI 54739) – OR – as a 'bill pay' on your bank account – OR – go to <https://www.sothem.org/give> to make a one time or reoccurring donation. Setting up an account with GivePlus offers you control over the amount & timing of your giving.

* OFFERING PRAYER O God, **you ask us what we will give in return for our lives, and we know we cannot possibly offer what you deserve. Accept these, our humble gifts, as a sign of gratitude for all that you have given us, and of commitment to all that you have called us to. Amen.**¹

P: What is the Sacrament of Holy Communion? **The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself, for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

P: Jesus Christ's introduction of the Lord's Supper is found in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Jesus took bread and wine and presented it as his body and blood to his disciples. The Christian church continues this sacrament to this day. What benefit do we receive from such eating and drinking? **The benefit which we receive from such eating and drinking is shown us by these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins," namely, that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

P: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things? **It is not the eating and drinking that does this, but the words here written, "Given and shed FOR YOU for the remission of sins." These words, along with the eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament; and whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, namely, the forgiveness of sins.**

P: Would those receiving their First Communion and their family members please stand. Let us pray. Gracious God, thank you for Stella Lugo and Brecken Plemon. As they grows in years, deepen their faith in Christ and their trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for their parents and family members that support and love them. **We welcome you as communing members of God's church. Together we will explore the mystery and wonder of Holy Communion and accept Christ's gifts of grace and salvation that come to us through this Holy Sacrament. Amen.**

* GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* LORD'S PRAYER **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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

* INVITATION It is good for us to be here in the presence of our savior, Jesus Christ, and all the saints, living and departed. Jesus invites you to the feast of all creation. Come and be fed.¹
HOLY COMMUNION – *All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to commune with us. Gluten-free wafers available and give "thumbs up" for grape juice. Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing. If you or a family member would like communion brought to them, please tell an usher.*

- * POST COMMUNION PRAYER Pour out upon us... **Amen.**
- * ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING God who longs for us to speak in prayer, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, † bless your going out and coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**
- * SENDING HYMN *Will You Come and Follow Me* pg. 8

* CLOSING LITANY/DISMISSAL *(please respond with bold-faced text)*
 We have come to the mountain with Jesus. **We're so glad he invited us to join him.**
 But suddenly everything is different. **Jesus is different, transformed before us,**
 And we are afraid **because we thought we knew him.**
 We thought we understood what he was about, **But we have discovered we had no idea.**
 Jesus is so much more than we could possibly understand. He touches us and tells us "Don't be
 afraid," **And invites us to know him yet more deeply.**
 So, we follow him back down the mountain, **Open to learning what he has yet to teach us.**
 Go in peace, Jesus will lead you. **Thanks be to God.**

BELLS/POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

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| TODAY | 8:45am | - Sunday School |
| | 10am | - Communion Worship |
| | 1:30-3:30pm | - Grief Share at Trinity United Methodist Church |
| MONDAY | President's Day <i>Office Closed</i> | |
| | 7pm | - AA Meeting |
| TUESDAY | 4-6pm | - Food Pantry |
| WEDNESDAY | 10am | - Adult Bible Study...join our conversation re: 10 Commandments |
| | 6pm | - Soup Supper |
| | 7pm | - Ash Wednesday Worship |
| FRIDAY: | 10am-Noon | - Food Pantry |
| SUNDAY: | 8:45am | - Sunday School |
| | 10am | - 1 st Sunday of Lent Worship |
| | 11am | - Fellowship |
| | 1:30-3:30pm | - Grief Share at Trinity United Methodist Church |

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

6pm SOUP SUPPERS begin THIS WEDNESDAY, followed by 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship. Sign up to help with the weekly soup suppers by coming into church or contacting us at meide@luthersem.edu

Many thanks to those who purchased Sub Sandwiches from the Luther League...and for those who gathered early in the morning to make them!

Our church is volunteering at **The Community Table** on Sunday afternoon **March 26th**. Sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Place. Questions? Contact Holly Sweeney 715-456-6960. The Community Table is 320 Putnam Street in Eau Claire. Please park in the back of the building.

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
 car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us

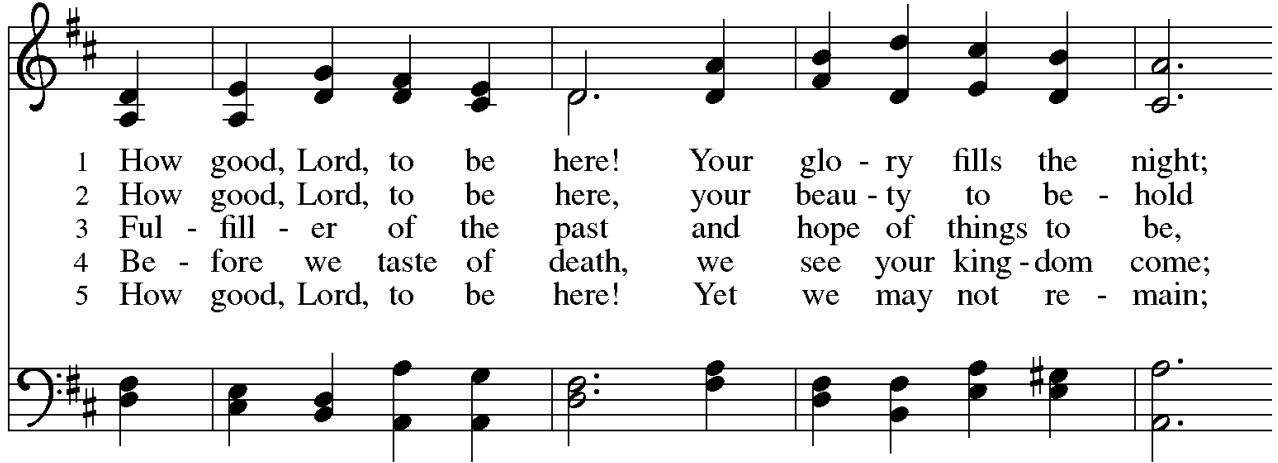


moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

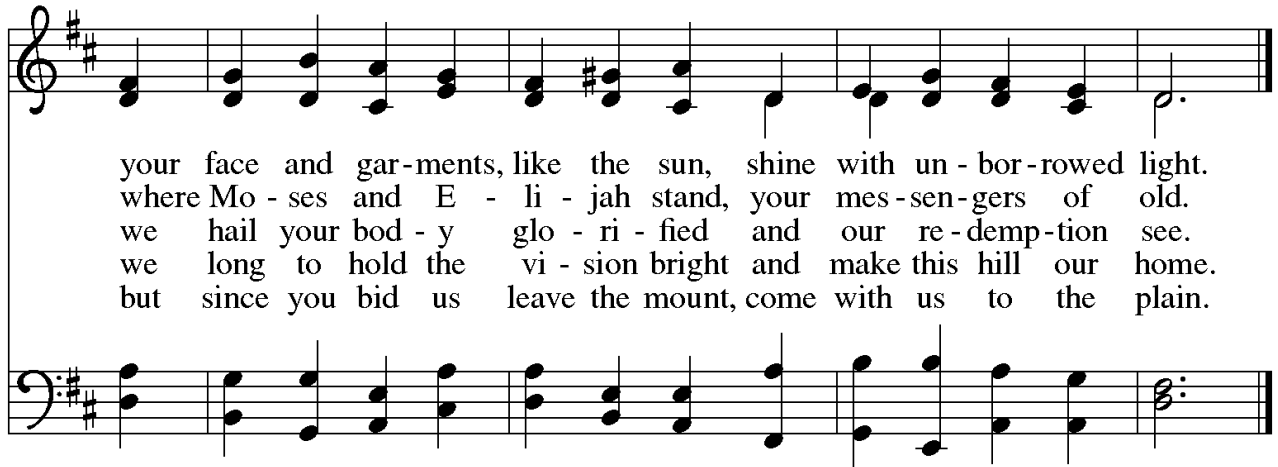
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 Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

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How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



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



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

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Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as -
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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