



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

Transfiguration Sunday

Service of the Word

February 27, 2022

This worship is being livestreamed. Your presence in the sanctuary signifies your agreeing to be on our live broadcast.

There is great joy in gathering with one another to lift up praise and thanksgiving to God. Measures have been put in place to provide a safe environment for us to gather in church to worship, and we ask that you do your part in this endeavor, as well.

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

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

* As we gather for worship today, I greet you with these words: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Beloved, as we gather in this place to worship, we acknowledge that we have not always been faithful to the promises we've made to live as your people God. **How can we bear the realization of our faithlessness, knowing you've never stopped loving us?**

Friends, here in this place, before the baptismal font, we remember how **in the waters of baptism, God cleansed us and claimed us.** God binds God's word to this abundant element of water, precisely to tell us that there is no place where we are apart from God's grace. This reminder is everywhere: It is in the waters of Elk Creek and Chippewa Rivers. It sprays from our showers. It makes tea kettles whistle. It is in our very cells.

So I invite you to make the sign of the cross, ✝ on your brow or on your body. As you do, you proclaim what is true everywhere and always: God is here! **God is here! Amen!**

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* #526 GATHERING HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (Verses 1-3) p. 5

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Holy God, mighty and immortal, **you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

GROWING

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God. A reading from Exodus, chapter 34.

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

After Jesus' conversation with his closest disciples about his suffering and death, he provides a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God has chosen a particular place for Jesus' identity to be revealed in a new way. God confirms Jesus' identity, and those disciples present are stunned speechless. After leaving this mountain top experience, Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

The GOSPEL according to LUKE the 9th chapter. **All: Glory to you O Lord.** (*Jesus told his closest disciples "The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised...and if any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.*) Now about eight days after these sayings, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. ³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a}And all were astounded at the greatness of God. This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GIVING

*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.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER God, there's nowhere we can go where you aren't already waiting: in the farmyards, schoolyards, health facilities, and in the places where we live and work. Reveal yourself to us now. Please accept the offerings we humbly bring before you, our time, talents and treasures. Amen.

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* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: God of grace **All: Hear our prayer.**)

* LORD'S PRAYERS **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**

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING God, who leads you in pathways of right living, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

*Green #518 SENDING HYMN "*Beautiful Savior*" vs. 1-3 p. 7

* DISMISSAL Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE Michelle Young

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

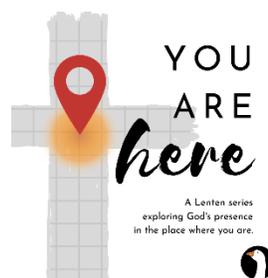
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| TODAY: | 8:45am | Sunday School |
| | 10:00am | Worship |
| | 11:00am | Fellowship Hosted by Rita Lee |
| Monday: | 6:30 pm | - Church Council Meeting |
| | 7:00 pm | - AA meeting |
| Tuesday: | 4-6 pm | - Food Pantry |
| | 7:00pm | - Grief Share Zoom (online) |

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| Wednesday: | 6-6:45pm | Soup Supper |
| | 7:00pm | Ash Wednesday Worship |
| Friday: | 10-Noon | Food Pantry |
| Sunday: | 8:45am | Sunday School |
| | 10:00am | Communion Worship |

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER (6PM) AND WORSHIP (7PM) this Wednesday, March 2nd Check out the SIGN UP Sheet to find out ways YOU can help make our meal this week and others Wednesdays in Lent.

THE SEASON OF LENT, beyond Ash Wednesday (3/2/22)

Wednesdays 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6 6pm Soup; 7pm Holden Evening Prayer Service



Speaking of Lent, **our theme this year is**

DAILY DEVOTIONALS are available for your Lenten Journey, as we reflect on the PLACES where God is present in our lives and around the world.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY beginning **Wednesday, 3/23 at 10am** in the church basement. We are learning about one of the topics Jesus teaches on the most...***the kingdom of God.*** The author of this 4-part study, Mark Allan Powell, has a way of explaining the Bible that makes it easier to understand. Copies of the 1st and 2nd lesson can be found in the Gathering Place at church, or a copy can be emailed/mailed to you. There is also a 12-minute introductory video you can access at the following website for both sessions. <https://www.gathermagazine.org/resources/>

What about SUMMER CAMP for the kids at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek? Check out the SUMMER CAMP Booklets in the Gathering Place by the mailboxes Use Code: **SH50** when you register, and the church will pay 50% of camp costs!!

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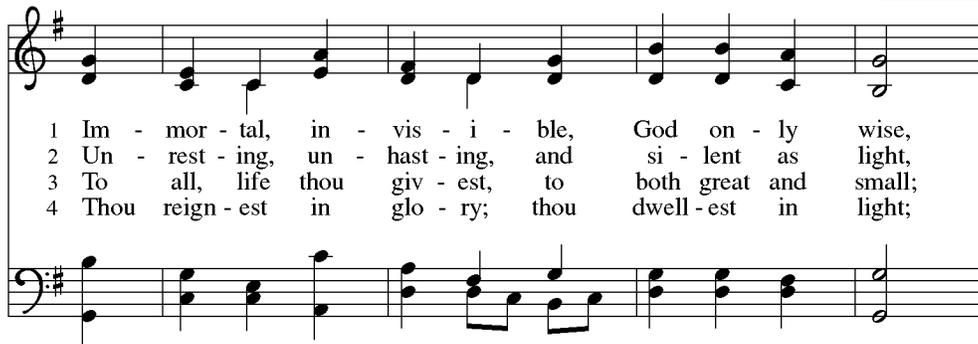
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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

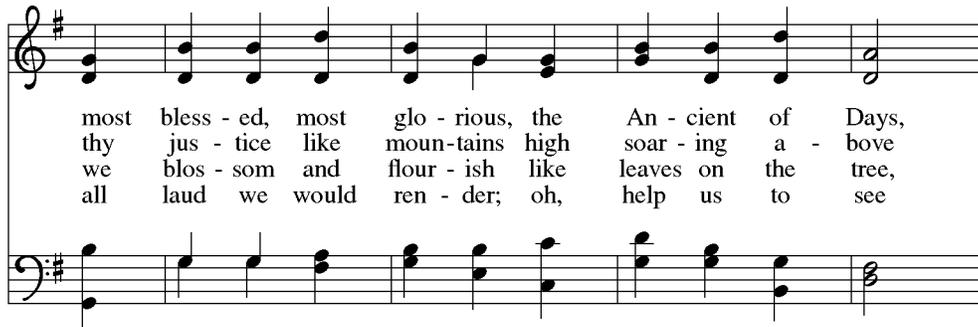
Singing verses 1-3
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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

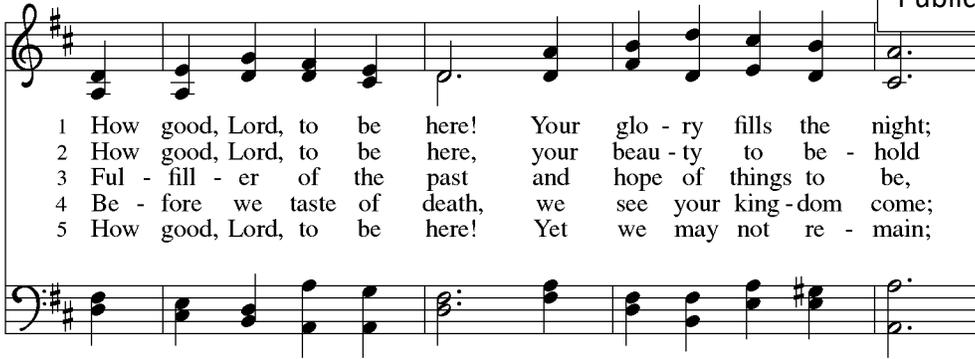


al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

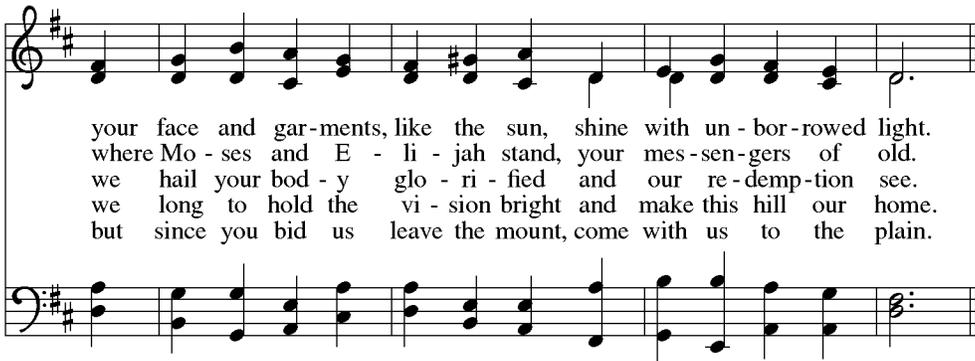
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Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

Sing verses 1-3, 5
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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.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.
Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 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 - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.