



*Sunday, February 23, 2020
Transfiguration of Our Lord
Holy Communion*

February 23, 2020 • 9:30 & 11:00 A.M. Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRELUDE

Shine on Me

**Smith/arr. Culpepper
Martie Miller, flutist**

INTRODUCTION

We are the faces of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, who on this COMMITMENT SUNDAY encounter the glorious vision of Christ's presence on the Mount of Transfiguration. The disciples are filled with awe and gratitude for what is being revealed to them. Their very lives are being transformed into disciples of Christ, a day by day journey where they too will be wrapped in the vision of their Lord and follow him down the mountainside, pouring out their lives alongside Jesus for the sake of others. Jesus will be emptied upon the cross for the sins of the world and raised again on the third day. Today we offer with joy and thanksgiving our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's most gracious love as we venture into the vision of Christ's renewal for the world. Our discipleship is immersed in gratitude as we strive to change the world around us!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITARIAN CHIMES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one,
the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection. The assembly may stand or kneel.

God who searches us and knows us,
**you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have not been just in our dealings with others.
We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.
With what shall we come before you?
Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God,
you have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit that is from God,
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.
Receive the promise of baptism:
You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

ELW 671

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, lead us in renewed commitment to our mission and ministries here at Emmanuel Lutheran, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12–18

(Please turn in the Old Testament to page 78 in your pew Bible).

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16–21

(Please turn in the New Testament to page 255 in your pew Bible).

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

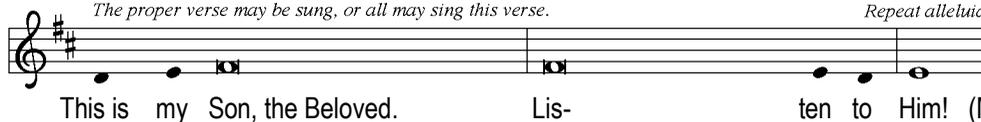
The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation



The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.

Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1–9

(Please turn in the New Testament to page 19 in your pew Bible).

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Steven Wigdahl

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Are an Offering (sing twice)

ELW 692

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *Hear us, O God.*
Your mercy is great.

HEAR OUR PRAYER



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

We bring to you, Christ, members and friends of Emmanuel who need your healing touch

(Names from our congregation...)

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.

Congregational refrain: "Hear Our Prayer"

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

On today's Commitment Sunday, the ushers will direct you to join in a procession to the front of the sanctuary where you will find a large container in which to place your gifts, including offerings and pledge cards. (If you are not able to come forward, ask the kind person sitting next to you to bring your gifts forward. Additional cards can be found in the pews.) Please return to your seats by the side aisles.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Emmanuel Choir

Pat Day, soloist

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James and John, we are dazzled by Your glory, light as blinding as the sun. There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight. What do you want us to see there that Your close companions saw? Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self-same awe. Clothed in flesh like ours You go, matched to meet our deadliest foe. What do You want us to hear there that Your dear disciples heard? Once again the voice from heaven says of the incarnate Word: "Listen, listen ev'ryone; this is My beloved Son!" Take us to that other mountain where we see You glorified; where You shouted, "It is finished!" Where for all the world You died. Hear the stunned centurion: "Truly this was God's own Son!" We who have beheld Your glory, Risen and ascended Lord, cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard, say with Peter, James, and John: "You are God's beloved Son!"

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of wonder,

you formed us in our mother's womb,

and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine.

We place them on your table,

together with our lives and all that you have made.

Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit.

We wait for your mercy;

we long for your peace;

we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ,

our banquet of life.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;

in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;

and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

*Jesus Christ is the host of this Holy Communion, in which we celebrate the Real Presence of our Lord. All are welcome! The Communion is administered by "intinction," that is, the bread is handed to the communicant and the communicant dips the bread into the wine. **If you are not able to take the wine, simply take the bread.** Children are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you desire Communion, but are not able to come forward, please let an usher know. We'll bring it to you. If you do not wish to partake of the Sacrament, simply remain seated when your row is directed to come forward. Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the server.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table of mercy and joy.

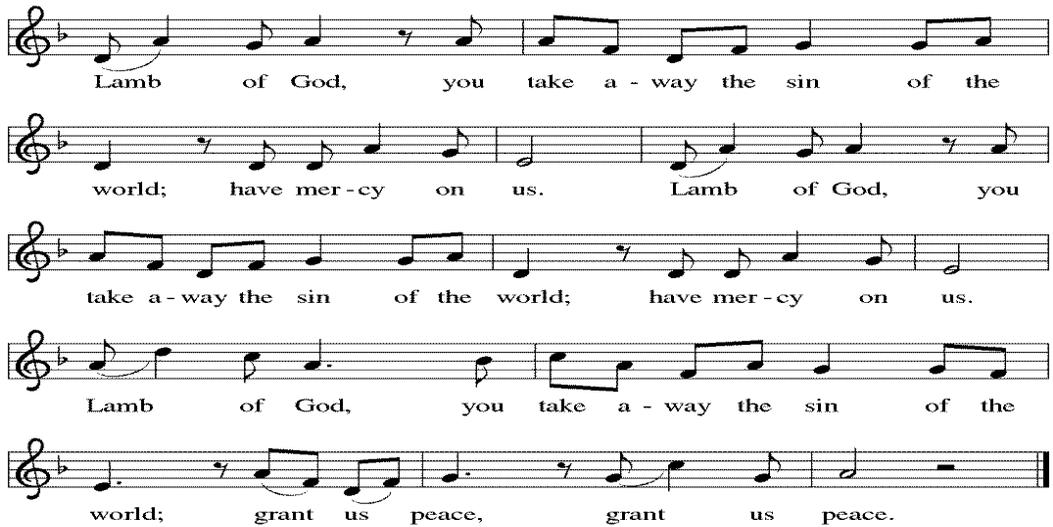
The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
And each person may respond
Amen.



COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!* (Tune: *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*)

- 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
and hope of things to be,
we hail your body glorified
and our redemption see.
- 4 How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

ASSEMBLY HYMNS:

Beautiful Savior
Praise and Thanksgiving
We Give Thee but Thine Own

ELW 838
ELW 689
ELW 686

The assembly stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
you have kept your promise to us in this meal,
nourishing us with the gift of salvation.
Now send your servants forth in peace,
that we may testify to your goodness
and share the hope that is ours
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God,
and the source of our life together,
keep you united in mind and purpose.
And the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

We Are Marching in the Light

ELW 866

(Vs. 1—Marching Vs. 2—Dancing Vs. 3—Praying Vs. 4—Singing)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Earth and All Stars

arr. Leavitt



ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today we celebrate Transfiguration Sunday—the last Sunday before the beginning of the Lenten season.

The Emmanuel Choir will be singing Jesus, *Take Us to the Mountain*, at the 9:30 and 11:00 services, with one of our wonderful soloists, Pat Day.

Flutist Martie Miller and pianist Joyce Finlay will play *Shine on Me* for the 9:30 and 11:00 Prelude.

So many of God's children are sharing their gifts and giving of their time and talents. We are truly blessed. Thanks be to God!

***You are invited to join us this Wednesday,
February 26, for our Ash Wednesday Services
12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.***

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

9:30 Service

Greeters: *Dave & Kerstin Beitzel*

Assisting Minister: *Tom Jackson*

Lector: *Fred Davis*

Acolyte: *Gussie Paulson*

Ushers: *Hal & Barbara Linnerud, Peter & Pat Shaulis*

Altar Guild: *Bruce & Cheryl Carlson*

AV: *Zack Faust, Colleen Ziegelmaier, Jayden Wampler (helper)*

11:00 Service

Greeters: *Rick & Maridee Boe*

Assisting Minister: *Kathy Worley*

Lector: *Rick Boe*

Acolyte: *Jola Boe*

Ushers: *Donna Rhode, Tom & Karen Palmer, Hal Williams*

Altar Guild: *Jamie Hickman*

AV: *Zack Faust, Colleen Ziegelmaier, Jayden Wampler (helper)*



*Today
in Worship*



The flowers that beautify our altar today are given by Emmanuel Lutheran Church.