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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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We are delighted to have you with us this morning to receive the Lord's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation.

The Offering

Members of this church are privileged to give to the Lord for the work of His church in this community and throughout the world. *Visitors should not feel obliged in any way to contribute to the offering plate.*

Children in the Service

It is a delight and a privilege to have children in the service. Children as much as adults are members of God's family and Jesus welcomes little children to Him.

Please do not worry if your child will not sit still or quietly throughout the service. Most young children won't manage that! There is plenty of space at the back of the room. If you do need to take a child outside, the smaller room is available for that purpose.

Holy Communion

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, we eat and drink the true body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and the wine, according to Jesus' own words. We also believe that those who participate in Holy Communion in a particular congregation should be in agreement in the confession of the faith.

If you are visiting us and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor *before the service*. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Our teaching on this matter is explained in more detail in the little leaflet, 'Why Closed Communion?', which is available at the back of the church. **Thank you for honouring our beliefs.**

Explanation of Symbols:

- C** Congregation
- P** Presiding minister
- A** Assisting minister(s)
- I** Male/Low Voices
- II** Female/High Voices
- ✙ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism
- ❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

Silent prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Saviour, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

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RITE OF PREPARATION

HYMN—LSB 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we are gath - ered
2. All our know - ledge, sense and sight lie in deep - est
3. Gra - cious Sav - iour, good and kind, Light of light, from
△ 4. Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and

all to hear you; let our minds and wills be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,

now to love you and re - vere you; by your teach - ings
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; you a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -

true and ho - ly drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.
Church now rais - es; Lord, ac - cept our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

*Text: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619–84), sts. 1–3; Berlin (1707), st. 4. Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–78), et al.
Music: Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625–73), alt.*

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

A confessional address will follow, concluding as follows:

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the ✠ name of the Lord.

G **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

G **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

G **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.**

But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Ps. 84:1-2a, 4, 10-11; antiphon: Ps. 77:18*)

A Your lightnings lighted up the world;*
the earth trembled and shook.

I **How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!***

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;*

II **Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,*
ever singing your praise!**

- I** For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*
 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell
 in the tents of wickedness.
- II** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favour and
 honour.*
 No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- C** ❖ *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.
- A** Your lightnings lighted up the world;*
 the earth trembled and shook.

KYRIE

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

- P** Glory be to God on high:
C and on earth peace, goodwill towards men.
 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we ❖ *worship* Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heavenly King,
 God the Father Almighty.
- O Lord, the only-begotten Son, ❖ *Jesus* Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
 ❖ *receive our prayer.*
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
 have mercy upon us.
- For Thou only art holy;
 Thou only art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the † glory of God the Father.
- Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Silent prayer, concluding with the COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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.

THE READINGS

FIRST READING—Exodus 34:29–35

After the Reading

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2 (*antiphon: v. 7*)

A I will tell of the decree:*

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”

I Why do the nations rage*

and the peoples plot in vain?

II The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,*

against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

I “Let us burst their bonds apart*
and cast away their cords from us.”

II He who sits in the heavens laughs;*

the Lord holds them in derision.

I Then he will speak to them in his wrath,*

and terrify them in his fury, saying,

II “As for me, I have set my King*
on Zion, my holy hill.”

I I will tell of the decree:*

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

II Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,*
and the ends of the earth your possession.

I You shall break them with a rod of iron*
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

II Now therefore, O kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

I Serve the LORD with fear,*
and rejoice with trembling.

II Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his
wrath is quickly kindled.*

Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

C ❖ *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.

A I will tell of the decree:*

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”

EPISTLE READING—2 Peter 1:16–21

After the Reading

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL (Ps. 45:2a, 110:1)



A You are the most handsome of the | sons of men;*
grace is poured up- | on your lips.

C The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my | right hand,*
until I make your enemies your | footstool.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (Ps. 96:2–3)



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing to the LORD; tell of his salvation from day to day.*

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous works among all the peo - ples!

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL—Matthew 17:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one ❖ *God*,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord ❖ *Jesus Christ*,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
❖ *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is

❖ *worshipped* and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

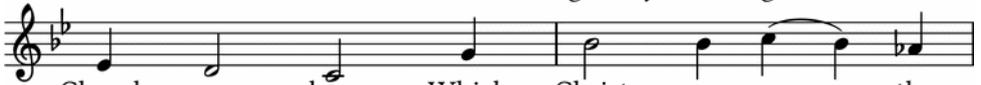
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

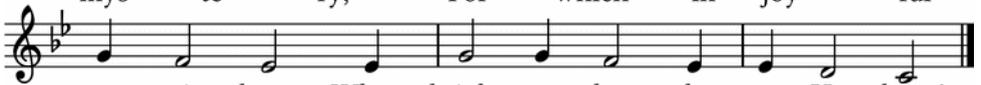
HYMN OF THE DAY—LSB 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair!



1. O won-drous type! O vi - sion fair Of glo - ry that the
2. With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh Th'in-car - nate Lord holds
3. With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray Christ deigns to man-i -
4. And faith - ful hearts are raised on high By this great vi - sion's



Church may share, Which Christ up - on the
con - verse high; And from the cloud the
fest to - day What glo - ry shall be
mys - te - ry, For which in joy - ful



moun - tain shows, Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
Ho - ly One Bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
theirs a - bove Who joy in God with per - fect love.
strains we raise The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

- △ 5. O Father, with the eternal Son
And Holy Spirit ever one,
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace
To see Thy glory face to face.

Text: Sarum Breviary, Salisbury (1495); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–66). Music: English (15th century).

SERMON

After the SERMON, the pastor says:

P The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

OFFERTORY

C Create in me a clean heart, O God
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Cindy & Nikola; Žina; Reg & Carol; John

Family of members

Helen (Covid-19) & Holly (health); Mike (Alzheimer's); Ian (Parkinson's); Doug & Myra (health); Howard (health); Žanna (health); Sheridan (health); Holly; Rita (cancer); Diana (Rett Syndrome); Decerie (leukemia); Philip & Carol (cancer)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Claire & Phil (health); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Charlotte (cancer); John & family (cancer); Tim (health); Pauline (cancer); Sharon (brain tumour); Joby Beresford (cancer); Christine (health); Serena (cancer); Jenny (health); Michael (health); Freddie & Grace (health); John (health); Phillip (mental health); Matt (brain surgery); Martin (tumour); Ken (health); Tressey (health); Val (stroke); Emily (Tourette's); Lena (brain tumour); family †Norman

ELCE

Good Shepherd, Pr. Samiec; ELCE Committee on Worship; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Ingrid Flor (cancer); Anja & Neil (health); Sine Biba (health)

The Church of God

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; Fareham Community Church; Amiir & Sana Ilahi

The World

Covid-19 pandemic; the Uighur people (China); the Yazidi people (Iraq)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C **It is meet and right so to do.**

The PROPER PREFACE appropriate to the day or season is spoken or chanted:

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

- C** ❖ *Holy, holy holy
Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed † is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Let us pray:
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, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace..

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

If you are visiting us, please read the note about Communion on the front page of this service booklet.

Silent prayer before receiving the Sacrament:

Dear Saviour, I come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your holy Body and Blood. Let me find favour in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

After the distribution, please stand.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN—LSB 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here



- 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glo - ry fills the night;
- 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beau - ty to be - hold
- Ful - fil - ler of the past And hope of things to be,
- Be - fore we taste of death, We see Thy king - dom come;



Thy face and gar - ments, like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
Where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.
We hail Thy bo - dy glor - i - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
We long to hold the vis - ion bright And make this hill our home.

- 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson (1848–1933). Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), alt.

NUNC DIMITTIS

- G** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace*
according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,*
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people.
a Light to lighten the Gentiles*
and the glory of Thy people Israel.
- ❖ *Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be*
world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

G And His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

G And with Thy Spirit

P Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you † peace.

G Amen.

CLOSING HYMN—LSB 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1. Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that can - not die;
2. Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3. Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while here be - low;
4. There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them Ev - er raised by choirs on high;
Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, All thy chil - dren sing with thee,
Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions Make us for a while fore - go;
At the last to keep Thine East - er With Thy faith - ful saints on high;



In the house of God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
But by Ba - by - lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
For the so - lemn time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
There to Thee for - ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin (11th century); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–66). Music: Sir John Goss (1800–80).

Sit after the candles are extinguished

Silent prayer after worship:

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshipped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Thu	1.15 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	6.45 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
Sun	5.30 pm	Divine Service (Titchfield Evangelical Church)

Daily Readings:

Today	Joel 3:1-21 Romans 12:14-13:14 <i>Large Catechism IV:47-55</i>
Mon	Zechariah 1:1-21 Rom 14:1-23 <i>LC IV:56-67</i>
Tue	Zech 2:1-3:10 Rom 15:1-13 <i>LC IV:68-86</i>
Wed	Zech 4:1-5:11 Rom 15:14-33 <i>LC V:1-14</i>
Thu	Zech 6:1-7:14 Rom 16:17-27 <i>LC V:15-30</i>
Fri	Zech 8:1-23 2 Timothy 1:1-18 <i>LC V:31-41</i>
Sat	Zech 9:1-17 2 Tim 2:1-26 <i>LC V:42-57</i>
Sun	Zech 10:1-11:3 2 Tim 3:1-18 <i>LC V:58-74</i>

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