

*"Listen to him!"*

MARK 9:7

TRANSFIGURATION  
of OUR LORD

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
Transfiguration of Our Lord  
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# GATHERING

## **Prelude: I'll Fly Away**

### **Verse 1**

Some glad morning when this life is o'er  
I'll fly away  
To a home on God's celestial shore  
I'll fly away

### ***Chorus***

I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away  
When I die hallelujah by and by  
I'll fly away

### **Verse 2**

When the shadows of this life have grown  
I'll fly away  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown  
I'll fly away

### ***Chorus***

### **Verse 3**

Just a few more weary days and then  
I'll fly away  
To a land where joys shall never end  
I'll fly away

### ***Chorus***

## **Welcome**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**God, our rock and refuge, we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken:

The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

### **Gathering Hymn:** *This is Amazing Grace*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

#### **Verse 2**

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

#### **Chorus**

This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place

That You would bear my cross  
You would lay down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me  
All that you've done for me

### **Verse 3**

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

### **Verse 4**

Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

### *Chorus*

### **Bridge**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
And worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquers the grave  
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
And worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy worthy worthy

### *Chorus*

### **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. **Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by**

**your beloved Son, and light the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Children's Sermon**

Lisa Anderson

## **WORD**

### **First Reading**

2 Kings 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "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. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, 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. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "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. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have

asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:**

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In 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. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel**

Mark 9:2-9

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Only Jesus

### **Hymn of the Day: Transfiguration**

#### **Verse 1**

From the cloud You speak  
What was veiled now is seen  
Jesus the image of the invisible God

#### **Verse 2**

Divinity confirmed  
In the transfigured Word  
A kingdom once concealed  
On the earth now revealed

*Chorus*

Holy is the Lord  
Revealed before my eyes  
And my burning heart  
Can scarcely take it in  
As I behold Your beauty  
With unworthy eyes  
The only song my soul can find to sing  
Is hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah my King

**Verse 3**

Lead my longing heart  
To the high ground to a clear view  
And in awe I'll be there  
Beholding You

*Chorus*



## The Holy Baptism of Timer Denlen Tacke

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:*

**Sponsors: I present Timer Denlen Tacke for baptism.**

*The presiding minister addresses the parents.*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ? **Response: I do.**

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten  
Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that your child may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Timer grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Response: I do.**

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Timer in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response: I do.*

People of God, do you promise to support Timer and pray for him in her new life in Christ? *Response: We do.*

### **Profession of Faith**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

***Response: I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

***Response: I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

***Response: I renounce them.***

Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **Thanksgiving at the Font**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Timer Denlen Tacke, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **Acclamation ELW#174**

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The first staff has a final note with a fermata, and the second staff ends with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Timer with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Timer, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**Let us welcome the newly baptized.**

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## Prayers of Intercession

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May we all serve as examples of your grace and healing.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation, that we humbly observe the majesty of all you have made. Teach us to care for the animals, plants, water, sky and all parts of our planet. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice in all that they do.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for any who are sick and suffering especially Caden, Monica, James, Hugh, Brian, Kim, Grace, Judy, Ann, Samuel, Steve Anne, Marlene, Richard, Sammy, Peggy and the family of Jane Wickham. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. Bless the newly baptized and all those preparing for baptism.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

### **Offering**

*During this time please take a moment to greet one another with a wave and smile. Your offering may be placed in the plates as they are passed by the ushers, or you may support the ongoing ministry of Redeemer by making your offering electronically, online from our website or through our Simply Giving program.*

### **Offertory: We Believe**

#### **Verse 1**

In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only one foundation  
We believe we believe  
In this broken generation  
When all is dark You help us see  
There is only one salvation  
We believe we believe

#### **Chorus**

We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back again  
(We believe)

## **Verse 2**

So let our faith be more than anthems  
Greater than the songs we sing  
In our weakness and temptations  
We believe we believe

## *Chorus*

## **Bridge**

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised  
In the here and now let love invade  
Let the church live loud our God we'll say  
We believe we believe  
And the gates of hell will not prevail  
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil  
Now we know Your love will never fail  
We believe we believe

## *Chorus*

## **Ending**

He's coming back again  
We believe!  
We believe!

## **Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose  
name we pray. **Amen.**

## **The 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 God thanks and praise.**

## **Words of Institution**

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.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**



## **Communion**

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. We believe Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine, and we invite all to partake of God's grace and forgiveness through Jesus' body and blood. If gluten-free bread is needed, please ask the server. White grape juice is available in the center rings of the tray. Please come forward at the direction of the usher. Children who are not yet communing may come forward for a blessing.*

## **Communion Hymn: We Still Believe**

### **Verse 1**

From the thankful heart to the battle scarred  
From the comforted to those who grieve  
From the mountain top to the empty cup  
From the waiting to those who have received  
We cry out as one

### **Chorus**

We still believe  
We still believe  
We're still surrendering our hearts  
Your faithfulness is our reward  
We still believe  
We still believe  
And though the journey has been hard  
We will confess Your goodness God  
We still believe

### **Verse 2**

From the reborn hope to the weary soul  
From the quest for truth to those who see  
From the soaring wings to the shattered dream  
From the broken to those who have been healed  
We cry out as one

### **Chorus**

## **Bridge**

Oh through the fire through the pain  
We offer You our yes again  
Through the fire through the pain  
We offer You our yes again

## *Chorus*

## **Communion Hymn: *Drawing Nearer***

### **Verse 1**

Even in the midst of all of this  
Trouble on the news no peace within  
Still there is light in the distance  
Drawing nearer  
Drawing nearer

### **Verse 2**

So open up our eyes to see your light  
Open up our hearts they're clenched so tightly  
Come in like a thief and steal our hearts  
Like a baby  
Like a baby

### **Verse 1, Verse 2**

## **Prayer after Communion**

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, † bless you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

# **Sending Hymn: My Lighthouse**

## **Verse 1**

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

## **Verse 2**

In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

## *Chorus*

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness  
I will follow You oh  
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore

## **Verse 3**

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

## *Chorus*

## **Bridge**

Fire before us  
You're the brightest

You will lead us  
Through the storms  
(Repeat 4X)

*Chorus*

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to be God's beloved.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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