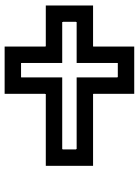
Transfiguration of our Lord

February 19th, 2023

9:00 am

Communion



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SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA
Founded in 1743

Sunday, February 19th, 2023 – Guest Senior Seminarian, Sarah Fryman

INTRODUCTION

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

PRELUDES

On Tannenberg - Variations on "Hendon"
Tune by Henri A.C. Malan, Arr. Rachel Sawyer

On Piano - "Forever"
Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Arr by Carol Tornquist

On Allen Organ - "Arietta"
William Stickles

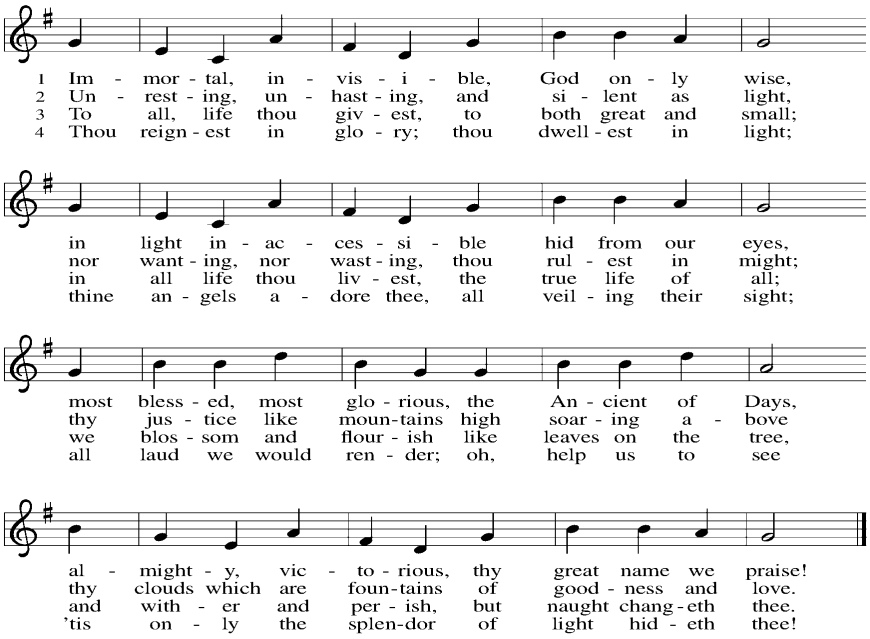
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

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

A: And also with you.

HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"- ELW # 834, Vs. 1, 2, & 4



PRAYER OF THE DAY

S: 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, 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.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

S: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

A: Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

S: Holy God,

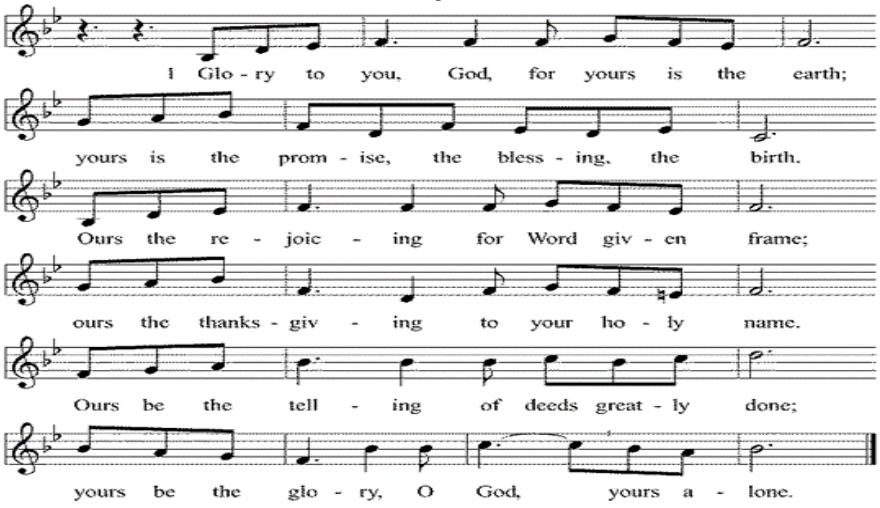
All: you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin, our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

S: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

A: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to You God



Please be seated

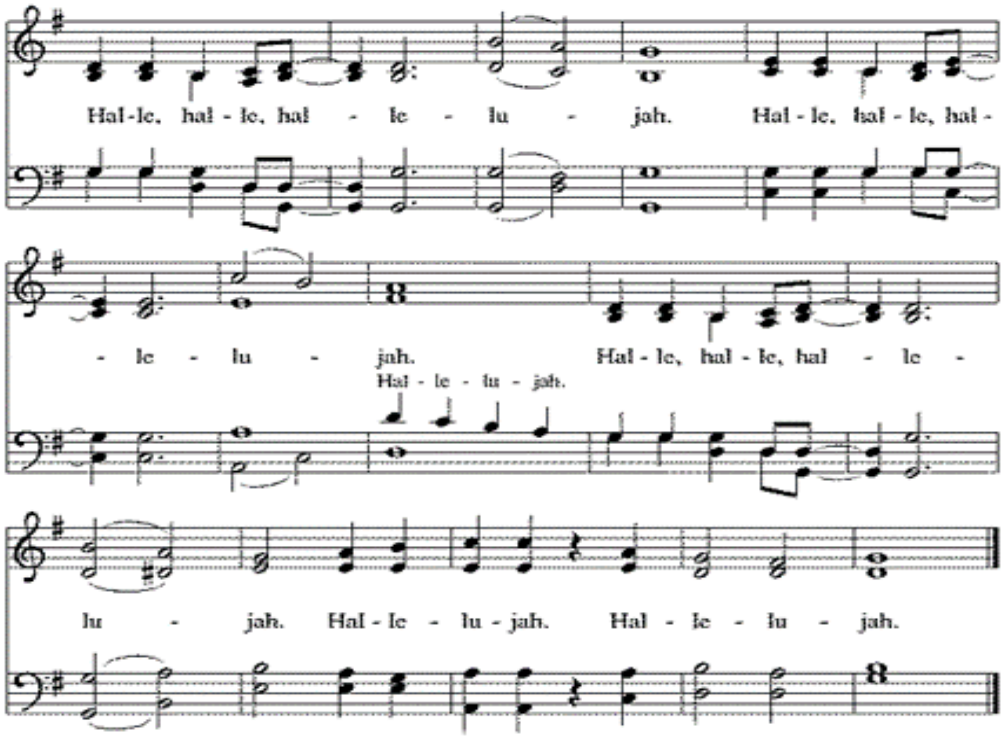
FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

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.

12 The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the
tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." 13 So
Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. 14 To the
elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you;
whoever has a dispute may go to them."
15 Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 16 The glory of
the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called
to Moses out of the cloud. 17 Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire
on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. 18 Moses entered the cloud, and went
up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Those able, please stand

ACCLAMATION "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW #172



GOSPEL:

S: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

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

[1]Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. [2]And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. [3]Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. [4]Then 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." [5]While 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!" [6]When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. [7]But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." [8]And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

[9]As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

S: The Gospel of the Lord.
A: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Apostles' Creed

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These removed people will still be in our private prayers.

A: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

(A brief silence.)

A: Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats. Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our local leaders, our governor and state legislators, our president and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated *especially* ***Barbara*** *Winter,* ***Dave*** *Grubb,* ***Brookelyn*** *Rogers,* ***Joan*** *Emswiler,* ***Jan*** *Miller and* ***Kent*** *Weaver*. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus' voice in the needs of our neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

S: Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

S: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.
C: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

S: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
A: And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Great Thou, Art"

Carl Gustav Boberg, Trans. Stuart K. Hine

Zion Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
C: Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

S: The Lord be with you.
A: And also with you.

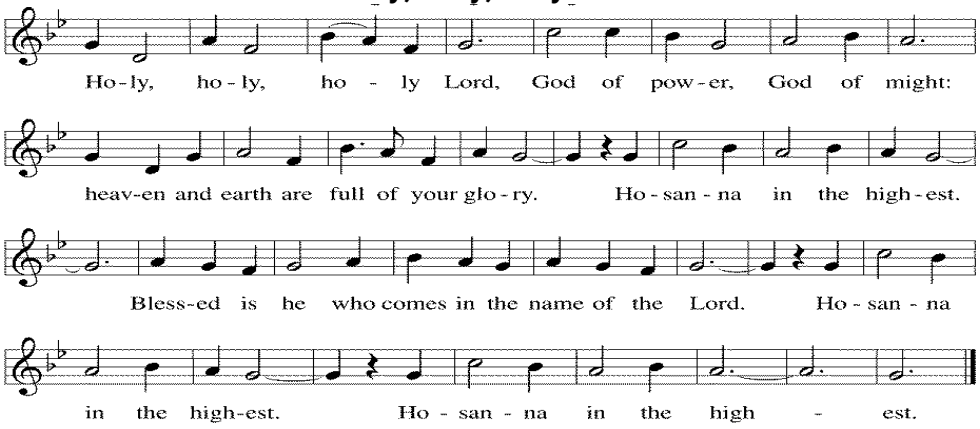
S: Lift up your hearts.
A: We lift them to the Lord.

S: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
A: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

S: Holy are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Before you breathed the Word which tamed the deep waters of chaos, you named us your children, heirs of all the goodness you desired for us. Yet, we walked into the shadows of the world, leaving your goodness behind. You persisted in your hopes for us, knowing that where no life is anticipated, no hope is expected, no future is seen, there you gather us up to carry us into your kingdom.

We lift our voices to the One who journeys with us through the waters of baptism and who feeds us at the Table of hope.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

S: 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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

S: Holy Spirit, fill us with the Bread of forgiveness and the Cup of hope. Flow through us with baptismal waters, so we might become a river of reconciliation; grant us your peace, so we might carry it to others; set our hope on Christ, so we might build such hope in our neighborhoods and communities.

And then, when the river of time stops flowing, and we gather around your Table, we will join our voices as one people, singing "Glory!" to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God in Community, Holy in One.

A: Amen.

S: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

A: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

S: Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

A: Amen.

SHARING IN COMMUNION

S: This is the Body of Christ given for you

A: I believe or Amen

S: This is the Blood of Christ given for you

A: I believe or Amen

COMMUNION HYMNS

#1 – "I Come with Joy" - ELW #482

Text: Brian A. Wren, Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony

#2 – "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" ELW #494

Text: Louis F. Benson Music: Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, arr. William Smith Rockstro

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

S: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

A: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

S: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ☩ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING HYMN **Shine Jesus Shine - WOV - 651, all verses**

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1: Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the dark-ness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine up-on us, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me:

2: As we gaze on your king-ly brightness, so our faces dis-play your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me:

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Let All Things Now Living"
Tune: The Ash Grove, Welsh Folk Tune, Setting, Nancy Raabe

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Leviticus 24:10-23	An eye for an eye
Tuesday	Proverbs 25:11-22	Caring for the enemy
Wednesday	Matthew 7:1-12	The golden rule
Thursday	Genesis 31:1-7, 17-26, 44-50	Laban and Jacob reconcile
Friday	Romans 12:9-21	Caring for the enemy
Saturday	Psalm 119:57-64	Keeping the law in spite of the wicked

Worship Assistants

We have an Assistants Schedule now, if you're interested in any dates after Memorial Day, please let the Office know!

Sunday, February 19th	**Today!**		Sunday, February 26th	
Senior Seminarian	Sarah Fryman		Senior Seminarian	Sarah Fryman
Assistant Minister	Bruce Wilson		Assistant Minister	Bruce Wilson
Reader	Amy Kirk		Reader	Dan Bauman

Sunday, March 5th			Sunday, March 12th	
Senior Seminarian	Sarah Fryman		Congregation-Led	
Assistant Minister	Amy Kirk		Assistant Minister	Dan Bauman
Reader	Deb Batten		Reader	Beverly Tyson

Altar Flowers & Bulletins Sponsors

If you'd like to sponsor Altar Flowers or Bulletins in memory of someone or in celebration of a wonderful day, please let the Office know!

Bowling Sunday is **next Sunday, February 26th** (2-4pm) at Jay Lanes,
Sign-up sheet is on the table outside the Office!

Bulletins Sponsored this week in honor and memory of Ivan H. Shoemaker, a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather by Laura Clark and family.

Please remember to consider the upcoming Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event in your donations to Zion. This is being sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church in Royersford and will be held on April 29th with the goal being to pay for and package 40,000 meals for the hungry. A signup sheet will also be available soon for anyone interested in helping to pack these meals. Please mark any donations for "Rise Against Hunger". Thank you for your support.

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