

**FIRST READING. Exodus 34:29-35**

Moses 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. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but 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, the 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.

**SECOND READING. 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2**

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

**GOSPEL. Luke 9:28-36**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now 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. Just 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. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When 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.



**Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Sunday, February 27, 2022**

Witness to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by the spirit of God.

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**Welcome!**

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

**COVID-19**

Following guidelines from our Synod and Public Health, we are making every effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Everyone must show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 and wear a face covering. Please stay home if you are ill. Let’s all stay safe!

**If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.**

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Pre-recorded worship for Ash Wednesday will be available on our website on Wednesday, March 2. Small packets of ashes, along with transcripts of the service, are available to help enhance remote worship, and make our service accessible for those without computer access. Please distribute these resources to those who will find them helpful!

As we slowly transition back to in-person worship, we are trying Zoom for midweek Lenten worship. Please join us on Wednesdays throughout Lent at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. For a ZOOM invitation email pastor Bart: bartsterc@gmail.com

As COVID restrictions ease, we are happy to include more participants in Sunday morning worship. Please let us know if you are willing to read scripture or the prayers of intercession. We love having a variety of voices participate in our worship each week!

**Reminder:** Daylight Savings Time begins March 13, 2022.

**Our council meeting is planned for Sunday, March 27 after the service in the Fellowship Hall. If you have a report that needs to be included in the Annual Report, please submit it to Jennifer by Monday, March 7.**

**C o n f e s s i o n                      a n d                      F o r g i v e n e s s**  
**leader/response**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**We confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

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**Psalm 99** - Tune 879, *For the Beauty of the Earth* (Dix)

*The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.*

**Leader:** Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain.

**Alleluia! Praises sing | Unto our exalted King!**

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! Let the people tremble and confess his name, for it is great and awesome.

**Alleluia! At his feet | Bow in worship, as is meet.**

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**Alleluia! E'er adored | Holy, holy, holy Lord!**

Moses and Aaron were his priests, and Samuel was one who prayed to him. They called to the Lord and he answered them; he spoke to them in the pillar of cloud, and they obeyed his laws.

**Alleluia! Come and pray, | And the will of God obey.**

O Lord our God, you answered their prayers and forgave their sins, and punished them for their wrongdoings.

**Alleluia! Praise is due | To our righteous God, and true.**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain.

**Alleluia! E'er adored | Holy, holy, holy Lord!**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Luke 9:35



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Dismissal: Go with Christ into a weary world.

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**Thanks be to God.**