

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church! Welcome to all and we extend a special welcome to our guests. Please sign a Guest Card available in the pew in front of you. Introduce yourself to the Pastor, and please, come and worship with us again.

Worship is a time when our Lord speaks and gives and we listen and receive his gifts of mercy, presence and forgiveness. We respond in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. You may use this prayer to prepare for worship:

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord.

Taking the Lord's Supper at Redeemer ... The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Redeemer in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, and any denial of His Holy Words, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Please fill out a Communion Registration Card (located in pew racks). If you are in any doubt about our confession of faith, are communing for the first time or are a member of another denomination, please speak to the Pastor before communing in person. Thank you.

Here is a prayer for use before taking Holy Communion:

Merciful God, I do not presume to come to your table trusting in my own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant therefore, gracious Lord, that I may eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that I may live in him and he in me, now and forever. Amen.

+ **PRELUDE** +

Divine Service One (LSB, Page 151 with modifications)

Hymn: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, #395, verses 1-3

Confession and Absolution

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.

C **Amen.**

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,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

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

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm (Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9)

P Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!

P The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

C **The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

P Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

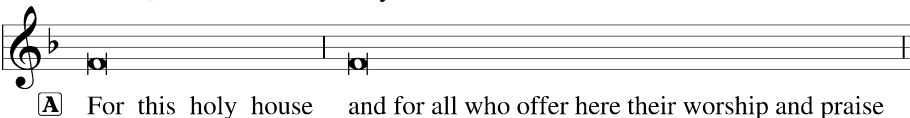
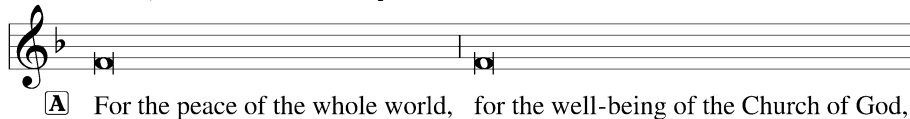
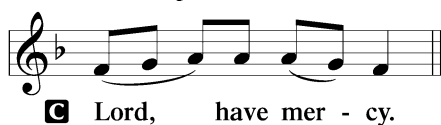
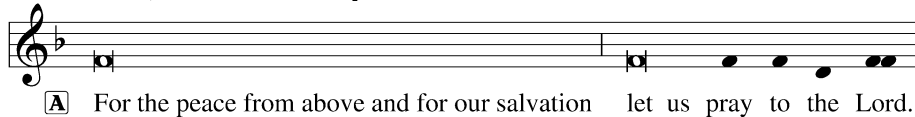
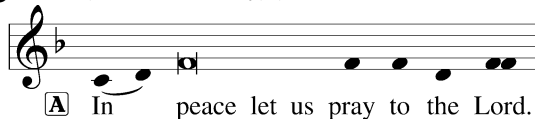
C **The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

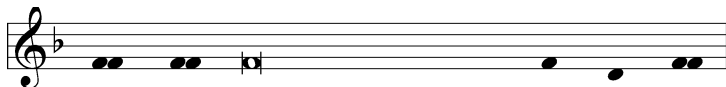
P Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

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.**

P Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy) (Mark 10: 47)





A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



G A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



G Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



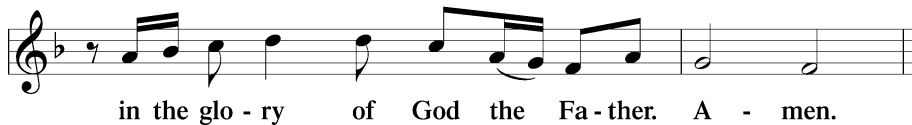
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)



C And al - so with you.

P *Let us pray.* 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.

Sit

First Reading: Exodus 24:8-18

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Hymn: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, #395, verse 4

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, #395, Verses 5-6

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed (Spoken by All)

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 worshiped 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.

Prayer of the Church (1 Timothy 2: 1-4)

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (as below)



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were

sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:22

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord (Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14: 22-24, Luke 22: 19-20, 1 Corinthians 11: 23-25)

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ (1 Corinthians 11:26)

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
- C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** (Revelation 22:20)
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer (Spoken by all)

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. Matthew 6:9-13

Pax Domini (Peace of the Lord) (John 20: 19)

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **And also with you.** (*We greet one another, saying, “The Peace of the Lord.”*)

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) (John 1: 29)

C 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.

Sit

Distribution Hymns

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, #821


Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory, #416 (Tune: Come Thou Fount)

Beautiful Savior, #537

How Firm a Foundation, #728

Stand


Post Communion Cantic: Nunc Dimittis (as below; #937)



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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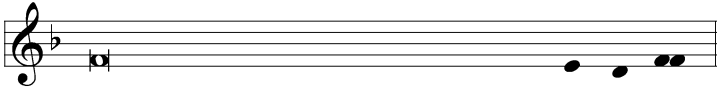
Post-Communion Collect

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.



C A - men.

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - - men.

Hymn: Alleluia, Song of Gladness, #417

POSTLUDE

SERVING REDEEMER: Landon Bumgarner, Thurifer/Book Bearer; Carroll Yount, Banner Bearer; Stephan Raddatz, Crucifer; Kelsie Lael, Zoey Rose, Torch Bearers; Bryson Burkett, Everett Smith, Acolytes; Redeemer Senior Choir; Barbara Sigmon, Director and Organist; Redeemer Bell Choir; Suzanne Alms, Director; The Reverend Greg Alms, Pastor; George Wilson, Carroll Yount, Elder-Servers; Mr. & Mrs. David Kidwell, Greeters; Barry Edwards, Ken Edwards, Greg Fisher, Dent Sigmon, Ushers.

MARCH UPDATES AVAILABLE THIS MORNING please request Updates for family and friends unable to worship with us this morning.

FEBRUARY is Redeemer's month to bring non-perishable food items for the Blessing Box. Donations can be left in the Narthex during the week or on Sundays. A door offering is being gathered to purchase items for those unable to shop and want to participate.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 26TH the beginning of Lent, a season of repentance and preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Join us as Pastor Alms leads us in a service of the Lord's Supper with the Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 p.m.

LENT MIDWEEK services will be March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1 at 7:00 p.m. preceded by a Soup and Sandwich Supper at 6:00 p.m. "*God so Loved the World*" is the theme as we consider John 3:16 week by week and reflect upon the great love that God has for us in sending His Son for us. There will be both adult and children devotion books available in the Narthex.

MIDWEEK LENT SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPERS volunteers are still needed to prepare and serve soup and sandwiches for one of the five (5) Lent suppers. If you can help, please sign-up in the parish hall this morning.

NOT SO YOUTH GROUP (NSYG) MARCH OUTING Saturday, March 14th at 5:00 p.m. dinner at Pelligrinos Trattoria 275 N. Main Street in Troutman. Signup sheet in the Parish Hall need head count by March 8th.

HURRICANE REBUILDING group from our area is heading to Fayetteville area to help rebuild homes that were damaged nearly 2 years ago from Hurricane Florence. The date for the group servant event is **March 16-20**. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Eric Hollar at hollar76@yahoo.com or [828-244-7201](tel:828-244-7201) by March 2.

CATAWBA METHODIST CHICKEN AND VENSION BBQ FUNDRAISER. February 29th 5:00 p.m. eat in or take out all proceeds to benefit Michelle Day's medical expenses.

RISING HOPE FARMS VOLUNTEER TRAINING March 14th and 28th 10-noon. Several ways to volunteer: Rider Assistant, Horse Care, Grounds Maintenance and Administrative. To register call or text Sandy Sherrill at 828/302-7240 prior to March 14th.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Has your friend returned to normal activities?

Please advise church office so prayers of thanksgiving may be made.

Members of Redeemer

Carolyn Galloway; Lori Thomas; Eugene Medlin; Connie Rufty; Ruby Overcash; Phillip Medlin; Jack Wagner; Mabel Medlin; Norris Harwell; Bert Sigmon; Rodney Lowrance; Dennis Hedrick; Doris Nagle; Shirley Stewart; Bobby Matthews

Friends of the Redeemer family

Nell Wagner, (Jack Wagner's sister eye cancer); Donna Martin; Stephen Westmoreland; Geri Spears; Christopher Thomas; Ginger Lynch, Lee Durham; Edith Miller; Jack Lynn; Melanie Matthews; Debbie Bernard; Travis Smith; Everett Biscoe; Chris Worley; Bradley Lyda; Chris Averitt; Carol Pelto; Tom Hurley, Brian Sullivan; Jerry Kanipe; Wilma Hoke, Erin Sipe

