



Welcome to Worship

Today is Feb. 23rd – Transfiguration Sunday

“The Secret to Our Certain Hope”- 2 Peter 1:16-21

Pastor, Rev. H. Christopher Sheets



...PROPHETS, THOUGH HUMAN,
SPOKE FROM GOD
as they were
CARRIED ALONG
by the
HOLY SPIRIT.

2 P E T E R 1 : 2 1 , N I V

PRELUDE

"Chant Modale"- G. Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Balm in Gilead"- arr. Ryden

Stand

HYMN OF INVOCATION: "ALLELUIA, SONG OF GLADNESS"

LSB #417



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
 4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
 Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
 All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
 Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
 With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
 time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
 ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION OF SINS

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

KYRIE



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C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY: TRANSFIGURATION

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Exodus 24:8–18

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day

he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 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. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord"- Kosche

EPISTLE: *2 Peter 1:16–21*

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

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

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C 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 to You, O Lord.

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT" LSB #395 sts. 1-4



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride-groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in
 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!
 from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
 In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -
 Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
 here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
 Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us
 Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.
 For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
 Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

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SERMON

"The Secret to Our Certain Hope" - 2 Peter 1:16-21

We are tempted to _____ our Father's Word as we hear the voices of this world which always destroys _____.

To restore hope, our Father comes to _____ his Word to us to shatter all doubt in his loving _____ in Christ.

That Word restores _____ that our Father does work under a _____ to lead us to glory in Christ so that we persevere.

OFFERING

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" - arr. F. Ritter

Stand

OFFERTORY: "PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW" LSB #805



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly



host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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☞ 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.

BENEDICTION

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☞ 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.

G Amen.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

CLOSING HYMN: "TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE"

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1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy
 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past And
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, We
 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,
 beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -
 hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y
 see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the
 we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.
 glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
 vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
 leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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POSTLUDE

"Grand Choeur"- G. Young

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PRAYER REQUESTS

GSLC CONGREGATION

NEW: Wayne Babb– *healing; aneurysm on front right lobe.* Josiah Wicknick–*healing.*

SHORT-TERM: Family of Erma Miller, Family of Petie LaRoche, Bob Twomey, Bob Wingard, Julianna Schuster, Terry Humphrey

LONG-TERM: Shirley Berry, Rick & Karen Brines and Kaitlin, Joanne Brownlee, Makala Bumgarner, Debi Cate, Karen Colbert, Hope Crawford, Bill & Barbara Dautrich, Kay Dintsch, Bertie Fann, Joan Hearn, Pattie Henze, Desiree Humphrey, Penny Jordan, Mark Lumpkin, Dave Mietzner, Doris Morris, River Polley, Bob & Roberta Robinson, Myra Steele, Bob Twomey, Clyde Whisenant

OUR HOMEBOUND: Sheila Arnold, Sandy & Wayne Babb, Gloria Bevill, Connie Foster, Arlene Feinauer, Betty Frischmann, Bob & Sara Newman, Hilda Ramsey, Sara Reeves, Virginia Smith, Jane Williamson

PRAYERS FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Adam, Andrew, Alex, Brenley, Brogen, Chloe, Christopher, Cole, Edna, Evan, Grayson, Jackson, Jacob, Kaitlynn, Kirsten, Lexie, Mary Catherine, Megan, Miranda, Sara, Sophie, Tabitha, Taylor, Tyler

FAMILY MEMBERS

NEW: Caitlyn– *healing.* Family of Mitchell Fisher, Wayne Adkins– *healing*

SHORT-TERM: Schaefer Family, Linda Hopla

LONG-TERM: Bud Adkins, Melissa & Jeff Austin, Joanne Barney, Jeanie Buckingham, Bernice Celick, Carl Charlton, Samuel Charlton, Sharon Coleman, Karen Diehm, Lee Ewton, Rhonda Gilliland, Lee Hane, Fred Hein, Leatrice Jackson, Jerry & Nancy Lee, Bethany M., Jean & Dale Morris, Kim Morris, Melanie Skelton, Diane Smith, Myra Slaten, Arnold Torkelson

COMMUNITY & FRIENDS

NEW: Michelle Walden– *God's peace,* Mary Crawford–*comfort & mercy,* Paul Griffin– *healing,* Brayden Jones Wells– *1st grade student at BCA who is very sick,* Janet B.– *healing,* Sanchez Family, Lisa & Jerry Foster–*Thanks for safe return to the USA and safe travels back home to Colorado,* Lester G.– *healing*

SHORT-TERM: Bethany Tumolo, Family of Perky Long, Jerry G., April G., Robin T., Kim Patton, Mark H.

LONG-TERM: Kyle Baker & Family, Susan Bettinger, Celeste Caroland, Harold Cash, Rob Chadwick, Jerry Gann, Charles Geter, Sarah Glenn, Donna Gobert, Leslie A.H., Kerwin Hetzler, Michelle Iffert, Bob Kennedy, Werner Kierschberg, Lindsey, Phil M., Dean Matthew, Lizette

Williams-Marlow, Ricky McConnell, Lindsey Monbarren, Kevin O'Brien, Amy Rossi, Betty S., Gene S., Phil & Carol S., Marlene Schiavon, Jan Stutzman, Bob & Linda Thompson, Olivia Weatherford, Carolyn White,

WE ALSO PRAY FOR

Our school, BCA, students & staff. Our Pastors, All those who are homeless. All marriages & families. All those unemployed. All those battling addictions. All those persecuted. All those actively serving in the Military—*Wes Morris, Matthew George, Corey Brown, Christian Warnock, Christina Miller*. Israel & our Political Leaders. Missionaries around the world- *Rachel Meyer in Uganda. Josh Woodrow— Bridge City Church*. All unspoken prayers in our hearts.