



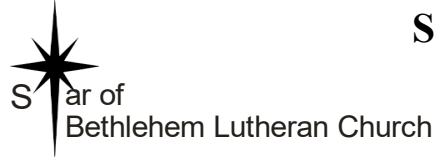
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AS [Jesus] was praying,  
the appearance of his face  
changed, and his clothes  
became as bright as a  
flash of lightning.

Luke 9:29



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, February 27, 2022 10:00 a.m.*

**Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

**TRANSFIGURATION of our LORD**

**Theme of the day:** Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to come into this world to save us, never lost the glory he has as the Son of God. We see his glory shining in his saving message of salvation, and that glory reflects off us and shines to others as we share the Good News.

## WELCOME

A warm welcome to our friends and visitors! Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church is eager to share with you the blessings of its Christ-centered ministry. If you are a new or long-time resident of the Central Coast looking for a church home, we invite you to meet with us at the close of this worship service or at your convenience. All are welcome to stay for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

**Families** are encouraged to worship together. If you need to step out with your children, the service can be seen and heard in the fellowship hall or narthex area. Feel free to enter and return at any time.

## OUR MISSION

Our congregation exists for the purpose of "HOLDING OUT THE WORD OF LIFE." This is accomplished by faithfully preserving and proclaiming all of God's inerrant word, and administering the Sacraments as they were instituted by Christ.

**OPENING HYMN: # 586 “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”**

♪ **O Splendor of God’s glory bright,  
You daily bring forth light from light.  
O Light from Light, light’s fountain-spring,  
O Day, our days enlightening:**

**Come, very Sun of truth and love,  
Come in your radiance from above,  
And shed the Holy Spirit’s ray  
On all we think or do today.**

**Teach us to work with all our pow’r  
To conquer in temptation’s hour.  
Let faith her eager fires renew  
And hate the false and love the true.**

**Oh, joyful be the livelong day,  
Our thoughts as pure as morning ray,  
Our faith like noonday’s glowing height,  
Our souls undimmed by shades of night.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise to Christ eternally,  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
Forever and forevermore.**

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.** (*spoken*)

**M**: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C**: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

M: Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST LESSON: Exodus 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup>When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not realize that the skin of his face was shining because he had been speaking with the LORD. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, they were amazed that the skin of his face was shining, so they were afraid to come close to him. <sup>31</sup>Moses called to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the community returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward, all the people of Israel came close to him, and he gave them all of the commands that the LORD had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses was finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup>But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out again. Then he would come out and tell the people of Israel what he had been commanded. <sup>35</sup>Whenever the people of Israel saw Moses' face, they would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining. Then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the LORD again.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 148

*Refrain*



For - ev - er let us sing the good - ness of the Lord.

*Psalm tone*



Praise the LORD from the heavens,\*  
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,\*  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,\*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

*Refrain*

**Praise the LORD from the earth,\*  
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,  
  
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,\*  
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,  
  
kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,\*  
young men and maidens, old men and children.**

**Let them praise the name of the LORD,\*  
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

**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.**

*Refrain*

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.” Alleluia! (*Mark 9:7*)

C: ♪Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

<sup>3</sup>But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled among those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In the case of those people, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from clearly seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is God’s image.

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For the God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,” is the same one who made light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

**HYMN: # 96, verses 1-4 “Oh, Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”**  
*(to melody of CW 466)*

♪ Oh, wondrous type! Oh, vision fair  
Of glory that the Church may share,  
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,  
Where brighter than the sun he glows!

With Moses and Elijah nigh  
Th’ incarnate Lord holds converse high,  
And from the cloud the Holy One  
Bears record to the only Son.

With shining face and bright array  
Christ deigns to manifest today  
What glory shall be theirs above  
Who trust in his atoning love.

And faithful hearts are raised on high  
By this great vision’s mystery,  
For which in joyful strains we raise  
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

**SERMON: Luke 9:28-36**

<sup>28</sup>About eight days after he said these words, Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Just then, two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him! <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were talking about his departure, which he was going to bring to fulfillment in Jerusalem.

<sup>32</sup>Peter and those with him were weighed down with sleep, but when they were completely awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

<sup>33</sup>As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let’s make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not realize what he was saying.

<sup>34</sup>While he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them. They were afraid as they went into the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love.

**Listen to him!”<sup>36</sup> After the voice had spoken, they found Jesus alone. They kept this secret and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.**

*Please stand.*

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **HYMN: # 25 “The King Shall Come”**

**♪ The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes—**

**Not as of old a little child  
To bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.**



**Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
When Christ, victorious, rose  
And left the lonesome place of death  
Despite the rage of foes.**

**Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
Shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendor comes  
And we shall see his face.**

**The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of kings!**

## *OFFERING*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain.

**C:** **Grant that with the eyes of faith we may behold the radiance of his heavenly beauty, the image of your own divine Being, and worship him in sincerity and truth.**

**M:** Give us the firm resolve to listen to your Son, the joyful readiness to believe his promises, and the spirited willingness to heed his commandments. By their appearance Moses and Elijah show us that blessed are the dead who die in faith, blessed are they who live in Christ, and blessed are all who believe,

**C:** **for they shall know the power of his resurrection and shall be “changed from glory into glory.”**

**M:** O God and Father, let your Holy Spirit find a dwelling in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into radiance of goodness, purity, and righteousness. Transform our minds by the renewing grace that flows from you. Transform our vision, our understanding, our judgments, yes, our whole persons, to reflect the mind of Christ.

**C: Take all these, O Father, and transform them by the touch of Jesus into noble impulses, pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, high courage, and true faith.**

M: Look upon your church, O Lord, here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer up to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving, and loving obedience.

**C: Hear our prayer and by your mercy grant our petitions for Christ's sake. Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### **HYMN: # 95 "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"**

♪ **How good, Lord, to be here!  
Your glory fills the night;  
Your face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.**

**How good, Lord, to be here  
Your beauty to behold,  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Your messengers of old.**

**Fulfiller of the past,  
Promise of things to be,  
We hail your body glorified  
And our redemption see.**

**Before we taste of death,  
We see your kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright  
And make this hill our home.**

**How good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since you bid us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain.**

**The WELS Connection**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS** for today's service were given to the glory of God by the Obergers on the occasion of Terry's birthday.

**PRAYERS:** Remember to pray for: Shawn Lozano, John Velasques, Ruth Fabian, little Elias, Shawna Bushey, Rose Marie Hillberg, Dennis Douglas, Julieanna Saenz, Bob Ward, George Caravana, Don Fabian, Doris Scheuffele, Molly Webb (and her brother Jim), Helen Marten, Doug Ward, Kathy Jones, Art Amarillas, Linda Hill & Christina, Wayne Chapman, Roberta Gowin, Amber (Kathryn's granddaughter), and Melinda Brown.

**LWMS SPRING RALLY:** March 12, 8:30 a.m. — 2:15 p.m., at King of Kings Lutheran Church, Garden Grove.

**BIBLE STUDIES:** While we do meet in person for our weekly Bible Classes (Sundays at 9:00 a.m.; Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.), we also continue to "Zoom" all our studies. If you want to be included in the weekly e-mail with the zoom codes and print-outs, please let Pastor Foley know.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY Communion service, 7 p.m.**  
**Thursday Bible Class, 10:00 a.m.**

**Saturday**    **Catechism, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday**      **Bible Class and Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.**  
                    **Worship with Communion, 10:00 a.m.**

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