

Transfiguration of Our Lord
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**+ HOLY COMMUNION SETTING FOUR +**

**ORGAN PRELUDE** “Praeludium in G” D. Buxtehude

**GATHERING** Pg. 147

**P** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**CATECHETIC MOMENT** Anniversary of Highwood

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** Pg. 94

**GATHERING HYMN** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise **No. 834**

**A** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**GREETING** Pg. 147

Dialog for Transfiguration:

**A** The Lord, the God of gods has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**C** **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.**

A The Lord is king; he is enthroned upon the cherubim.

**C The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.**

A Let me announce the decree of the Lord: "I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

**C "You are my son; this day have I begotten you."**

A Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome.

**C Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**                      Glory to God

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you**

P O merciful and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we thank you that you have revealed to us the glory of your Son and let the light of your gospel shine on us. We pray that you would guide us by this light, that we may walk diligently as Christians in all good works, always be strengthened by your grace, and conduct our lives in all godliness; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON** – A Reading from the Book of Exodus

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. Afterward 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. (*Exodus 34:29-35*)

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Sung* **Psalm 99**

The Lord is King; let the | people tremble.

He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

The Lord is | great in Zion;

he is high | above all peoples.

Let them confess his name, which is | great and awesome;

he is the | Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have | established equity;

you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down be- | fore his footstool;

he is the | Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among those who call up- | on his name,

they called upon the Lord, and he | answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;

they kept his testimonies and the decree | that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered | them indeed;

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his | holy hill;

for the Lord our God is the | Holy One.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,

and to the | Holy Spirit;

as it was in the begin-| ning, is now

and will be forever. | Amen.

## **SECOND LESSON**

A Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians

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 practice 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. (2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2)

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Please stand as you are able.* Pg. 151

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

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. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God. (Luke 9:28-43)

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Jesus on the Mountain Peak

**No. 317**

## INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please stand as you are able.*

Our response is "*Hear us, good Lord.*"

A Almighty God, giver of all things, with gladness we give thanks for all your goodness. We bless you for the love which has created and which sustains us from day to day. We praise you for the gift of your Son our Saviour, through whom you have made known your will and grace. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, the comforter; for your holy Church; for the means of grace; for the lives of all faithful and good people; and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness by lives that are wholly given to your service.

**C Hear us, good Lord.**

A Save and defend your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Give it pastors and ministers filled with your Spirit, and strengthen it through the Word and the

holy sacraments. Make it perfect in love and in all good works, and establish it in the faith delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the creator and redeemer of all.

**C Hear us, good Lord.**

A Give your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold office in your Church, that, by their faithful service, faith may abound and your kingdom increase.

**C Hear us, good Lord.**

A Send the light of your truth into all the earth. Raise up faithful servants of Christ to labour in the Gospel both at home and in distant lands.

**C Hear us, good Lord.**

A In your mercy strengthen the younger churches and support them in times of trial. Make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord, and let their faith and zeal for the Gospel refresh and renew the witness of your people everywhere.

**C Hear us, good Lord.**

A Preserve our nation in justice and honor, that we may lead a peaceable life of integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land especially to His Gracious Majesty, the King; the Governor General; the Prime Minister and the Parliament; the Government of this Province and all who have authority over us and help them to serve this people according to your holy will.

**C Hear us, good Lord.**

A Take from us all hatred and prejudice, give us the spirit of love, and dispose our days in your peace. Prosper the labours of those who take counsel for the nations of the world, that mutual understanding and common endeavor may be increased among all peoples.

**C Hear us, good Lord.**

A Bless the schools of the Church and all colleges, universities, and centers of research and those who teach in them. Bestow your wisdom in such measure that people may serve you in Church and state and that our common life may be conformed to the rule of your truth and justice.

**C Hear us, good Lord.**

A Sanctify our homes with your presence and joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their baptism and enable their parents to rear them in a life of faith and devotion. By the spirit of affection and service unite the members of all families, that they may show your praise in our land and in all the world.

**C Hear us, good Lord.**

A Let your blessing rest upon the seedtime and harvest, the commerce and industry, the leisure and rest, the arts and culture of our people. Take under your special protection those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who lay their hands to any useful task. Give them just rewards for their labour and the knowledge that their work is good in your sight.

**C Hear us, good Lord.**

A Comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all grant a measure of your love, taking them into your tender care. We pray for: Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Karin Olafson (Dakota, Remi and Ada), Jerry Rasmuson and family, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Ron Sauer, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, those we name aloud ...  
and those we carry in our hearts.

**C Hear us, good Lord.**

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping.

**C Hear us, good Lord.**

P Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

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P The peace of the Lord be always with you.

C **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** Psalm 99 by R. Harbour

*Setting of the altar and reception of the Offerings.*

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (General 2)

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**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Version II)

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**THE FRACTION**

P We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world

C **God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

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**THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

P Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

C *(With Vigour)* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Please be seated.*

*Assistants and those in need commune first.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

**No. 671**

Beautiful Saviour

**No. 838**

**TABLE BLESSING**

*Please stand.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and



grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY**

**BENEDICTION**

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**SENDING HYMN** In Thee Is Gladness

**No. 867**

**DISMISSAL**

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**P** Go in peace...

**C Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

“In Thee is Gladness” (#867) arr. J.S. Bach

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WELCOME to all gathered here today. Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today’s servants or speak with the pastor.

WE THANK TODAY’S SERVANTS

- Usher: David Wong
- Lector: Laura Woycenko
- Assistant: Jennifer Primmer
- Altar Guild: Helen Sandau
- Refreshments: Sandi Whitehead, Elizabeth Anderson
- Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Last week	16 February	Budget 2025
Current	\$ 2,252	\$2,911
Benevolence	\$ 25	
Building Fund	\$ 20	
Other	\$ 1,217	
Attendance	41	

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today	2 Mar	11:45 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments
		2:00 PM	CFMA Worship
Monday	3 Mar	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Tuesday	4 Mar		Shrove Tuesday
		6:00 PM	Pancake Supper
		6:30 PM	S.A.F.E. Place Peer Support
Wednesday	5 Mar		Ash Wednesday
		10:00 AM	12 Step Program
		7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
		7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Friday	7 Mar	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Saturday	8 Mar	9:00 AM	House of Hope Worship
Sunday	9 Mar	10:30 AM	First Sunday of Lent

WE WELCOME OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS – Chair: Cam Schneider, Secretary: Barb Patychuk, Treasurer: Darcy Anderson
Elders: Walter Anderson, Nelsy Ferreros, Clarice Rasmussen, Bill Strand, Helga Weissenberger,
Trustees: Jarrod Hanson, Remi Mitchel, David Richardson, Vern Schnell, Phil Tang

Our thanks to each one of you for your service to Highwood.

LAUDETTE COMMUNITY SINGERS – A free concert with the Maple Leaf Brass will take place at Brentview Baptist Church (3512 Charleswood Dr. N.W.) at 7:00 PM on Sunday, 2 March. No tickets are needed. Just come and enjoy.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – mark your calendars to join us 4 March 2025 at 6:00 PM. Sign up on the sheet downstairs, so we know how much food to prepare.

ASH WEDNESDAY – Service will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, 5 March. Join us as we prepare for our Lenten journey.

HIGHWOOD LADIES' BIBLE STUDY for March will be on the 2nd Tuesday, March 11, at 1:00 PM. This is to accommodate the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper on the 4th. Please come, all ladies are welcome. Bring a friend if you would like.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES – Annual General Meeting will take place at 10 AM, Saturday 15 March 2025 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

CLEANING BEE – Please join us as we prepare for Easter, on Tuesday 22 March at 1:00 PM to clean the church, pews and inside windows. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – If you need a ride to church, contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS	The First Sunday of Lent
Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
NEXT SUNDAY, 9 MARCH
Remember to "Spring Ahead"
or you will be joining us for Fellowship time.