

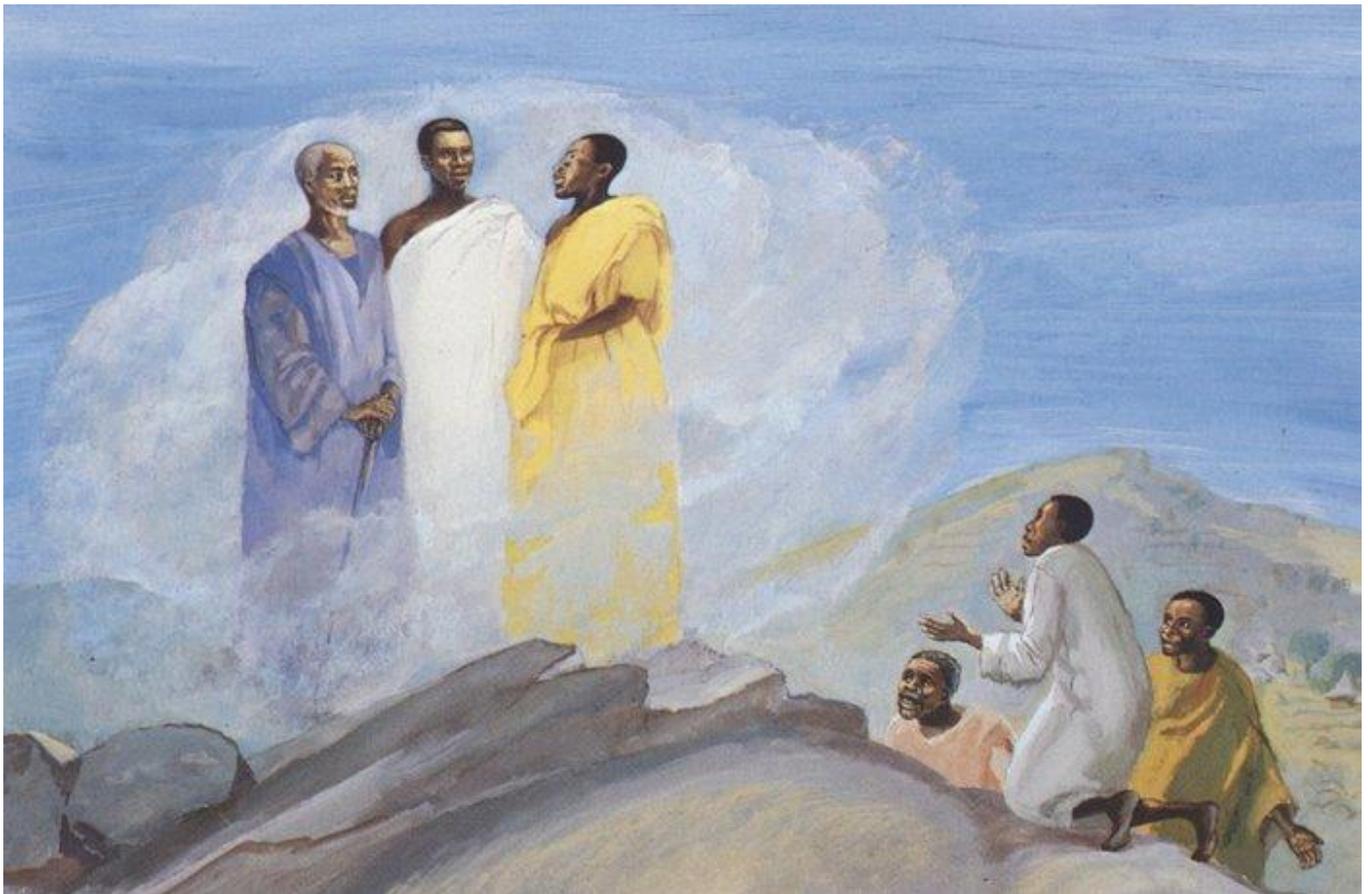


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Luke 6:27-38

Transfiguration of our Lord

C: indicates spoken responses by the congregation
P: indicates the Presiding Minister
A: indicates the Assisting Minister
* indicates for the congregation to stand as able

Welcome to worship at Rejoice Fellowship! Helpful instructions for various parts of our worship will be included throughout this bulletin at relevant places. If you have any questions, please ask a greeter.

Please note that currently we are asking everyone to wear a mask during worship, out of an abundance of love, respect and concern for those who are unvaccinated, especially our children. Thank you.

✠ Gathering ✠

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART/LET IT RISE

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.
To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your pow'r and love; as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.
To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your pow'r and love; as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us, let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise.
Let the song of the Lord rise among us, let the song of the Lord rise among us;
Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise.
O, let it rise. O, let it rise.

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us, let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise.
Let the song of the Lord rise among us, let the song of the Lord rise among us;
Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise.
O, let it rise. O, let it rise.

Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ Word ✠

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two covenant tablets in his hand, Moses didn't realize that the skin of his face shone brightly because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw the skin of Moses' face shining brightly, they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called them closer. So Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²After that, all the Israelites came near as well, and Moses commanded them everything that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴Whenever Moses went into the Lord's presence to speak with him, Moses would take the veil off until he came out again. When Moses came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining brightly. So Moses would put the veil on his face again until the next time he went in to speak with the Lord. (CEB)

A: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A: Let us praise and give thanks for the living Word:

C: Alleluia. This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him! Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-43a

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸About eight days after Jesus said these things, he took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray. ²⁹As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes flashed white like lightning. ³⁰Two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him. ³¹They were clothed with heavenly splendor and spoke about Jesus' departure, which he would achieve in Jerusalem. ³²Peter and those with him were almost overcome by sleep, but they managed to stay awake and saw his glory as well as the two men with him.

³³As the two men were about to leave Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it's good that we're here. We should construct three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—but he didn't know what he was saying. ³⁴Peter was still speaking when a cloud overshadowed them. As they entered the cloud, they were overcome with awe.

³⁵Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to him!" ³⁶Even as the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They were speechless and at the time told no one what they had seen.

³⁷The next day, when Jesus, Peter, John, and James had come down from the mountain, a large crowd met Jesus. ³⁸A man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to take a look at my son, my only child. ³⁹Look, a spirit seizes him and, without any warning, he screams. It shakes him and causes him to foam at the mouth. It tortures him and rarely leaves him alone. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to throw it out, but they couldn't."

⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and crooked generation, how long will I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon threw him down and shook him violently. Jesus spoke harshly to the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³Everyone was overwhelmed by God's greatness._(CEB)

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR KAREN PUGATCH

MUSICAL REFLECTION

REJOICE CHOIR - LIGHT OF THE WORLD

APOSTLES' CREED

A: As a community of faith, we have various tools to help us remember that we do not journey this path alone. We aren't responsible for having all the answers to the questions of life. A quintessential Lutheran question is "what does this mean?" Historical creeds, like the Apostles' Creed, help us grapple with what our faith tells us. They can be tools for us to construct a faithful life. This morning, as we read together the Apostles' Creed, may we feel supported in this journey.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each petition:

A: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

You are invited to safely share a greeting of Christ's peace with one another. Please respect the boundaries of those present, as not everyone will be comfortable shaking hands or hugging yet.

✠Meal✠

CALL TO OFFERING

Rejoice Fellowship is blessed by your generosity! Tithes and offerings can be given in a few ways: 1) electronically by clicking here: <https://tithe.ly/widget/v3/give.js?3>; 2) electronically by scanning the QR code at right to visit our donation page; and 3) physical checks/cash can be mailed to our office at 300 W Maple Rd, Linthicum, MD 21090. Thank you for opening your heart!



OFFERING PRAYER

C: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God... Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: This morning, God's table comes to you. There is a place for you and enough for all.

If you have joined us in person, you will be guided to the front to receive communion. If you would like communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

While our practice is usually to include bread and a cup, we are following the guidance of our Delaware Maryland Synod ELCA and communing in "one kind," that is, just with bread for now. Our theological understanding of Holy Communion is that receiving one element, like simply the bread, is still receiving the entire sacrament. You are welcome to the table.

If you are joining us through Facebook Live, we invite you to gather your own bread and wine or juice to receive the sacrament with us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

✠Sending ✠

BLESSING

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God!

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God!

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL

A: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Worship Leaders

Thank you to all who serve!

Date	Assisting Minister	Camera Person	Greeter	Altar Preparer	Usher
2/27	Alyce Cohen	Mike Fitzcharles	TBD	Alyce Cohen	TBD
3/6	Alyce Cohen	Mike Fitzcharles	Mary and Louise Fitzcharles	TBD	Kelsey Dillon
3/13	Gale Krol	Sharon Smith	Debbie Jones	Gale Krol	Tim Cochran

Thank you also to our musicians, Jan Brennan and Bob Hudgins!

What's Happening This Week

Sun., February 27	Worship – 10am in the Fellowship Hall at St John Lutheran Church and on FB Live
Mon., February 28	
Tues., March 1	
Wed., March 2	Youth Group – 7-8:30pm at the LHUMC Fellowship Hall
Thurs., March 3	
Fri., March 4	
Sat., March 5	Knitting Club – 10am in the Friendship Room at St John Lutheran Church