

Transfiguration of Our Lord



Service of Holy Communion

with the sacrament of Holy Baptism

March 2, 2025 • 10:00 AM

Mission

The mission of Calvary Lutheran, a welcoming and nurturing church, is to provide a place where all can receive and share God's love.

Vision

By 2028, Calvary will be known for our community involvement;
be a more diverse congregation, with more engaged members;
be physically and spiritually inviting;
encourage and provide more opportunities for learning and growth.

About Today's Worship

Today we gather to celebrate Transfiguration of Our Lord. The transfiguration is frustrating for disciples—past and present—who long for an unmediated experience of God. Jesus' glory is revealed, and then, just as suddenly, a cloud descends and the vision fades. And even though Paul contrasts the Christian's experience of God with Moses's veiled experience of God, he notes that we see the glory of the Lord "as though reflected in a mirror" (2 Corinthians 3:18). Even with unveiled faces, we don't see directly, or even clearly. Even when God is revealed in shining glory, much remains veiled and hidden.

Today's worship also celebrates baptism as two new children are welcomed to the font, and another is welcomed into the congregation of Calvary. Like the transfiguration, baptism happens in an instant, but the impact it has is far-reaching. Baptism is a moment that we see the glory of God unveiled, but day-to-day life does a good job of veiling our identities as children of God. When we gather to hear the word and to take part in the sacraments—both holy communion and holy baptism—we are renewed to live out the mountaintop experiences of our faith.



PRELUDE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God.
Amen.

The assembly stands. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved.
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN **ACS 1100** *O Beauty Ever Ancient*

GREETING

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

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.



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,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace,
that where there is hatred, we may sow love,
where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope.
Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand,
and to love in your name, for you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 34:29-35

²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, ³⁴ 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, ³⁵ 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99

The assembly sings the refrain. The cantor sings it first.

Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD;
wor - ship up - on God's ho - ly hill.

1 The Lord is king; let the people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

2 The Lord, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.

*3 Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.*

*4 O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.*

Refrain

*5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool;
God is the Holy One.*

*6 Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those
who call upon your name, O Lord,
they called upon you, and you answered them,*

*7 you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.*

*8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.*

*9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.*

Refrain

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 3:12–4:2

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not 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. ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And 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. ¹Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The basso continuo line is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is in a simple, rhythmic style, with the vocal line featuring a melody and the basso continuo providing harmonic support. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

A verse is sung, then repeat alleluia.

GOSPEL: LUKE 9:28-36

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ 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.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 671** *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

ADDRESS

The assembly is seated.

God, who is rich in mercy and love,
gives us a new birth through the sacrament of holy baptism.
By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death
and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.
We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ,
anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit,
and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

The sponsors present the candidates.

We present Sovona Love for baptism.

We present Grayson Damien for baptism.

The candidates are questioned.

Sovona and Grayson, do you want to be baptized?

Yes!

The parents are questioned.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

We do.

Do you promise to help them grow in the Christian faith and life?

We do.

The sponsors are questioned.

As sponsors, do you promise to nurture Sovona and Grayson
as you are empowered by the Holy Spirit,
helping them live as baptized children of God?

We do.

PRESENTATION FOR AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The sponsor presents the candidate.

I present Robin Padovani,

who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

The presiding minister prays.

Merciful God, we thank you for this sister,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called her to yourself,
enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished her in the community of faith.

Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The assembly stands.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,
and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Robin, you have made public profession of your faith.
Do you intend to continue in the covenant
God made with you in holy baptism?
I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support
Sovona and Grayson as they are baptized today,
and Robin, making public affirmation of her baptism,
and to pray for them in their life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
At the river Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you set us free from sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word,
that those who are washed in the waters of baptism are given new life.
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

BAPTISM

Sovona Love, I baptize you
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Grayson Damien, I baptize you
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The acclamation is sung after each person is baptized.

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The first staff has lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' and the second staff has lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. There are slurs over the first two notes of each phrase and over the last two notes of each phrase. The second staff ends with a double bar line.

PRAYER AND ANOINTING

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Sustain Sovona/Grayson with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
Amen.

Sovona/Grayson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit
and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
Amen.

Stir up in Robin the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
Amen.

WELCOME

A candle is lit from the paschal candle, which was blessed at Easter, reminding us of the resurrection promised to us in baptism.

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized
and rejoice with the one who has affirmed her baptism.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and to the mission we share:
providing a community where all can receive and share God's love.
Join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Baptismal signs are presented.

BAPTISMAL HYMN **ELW 445** *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*
The assembly stands.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us,
let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us.
Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your creation. As seasons change,
give patience to us who await the birthing of new life of spring.
Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in leadership, at national, state, and local levels.
Give them wisdom to protect local resources
so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you.
Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy.
We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings,
trusting in the promise of new life in Christ.
Accompany congregations needing to close,
and give courage to congregations starting new ministries,
especially as we journey to become Reconciling in Christ.*
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us
witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people.
We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that
your promise is revealed among the people.
Amen.

**What's Reconciling in Christ? Check out the info table in the entryway!*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

*Signs and words of God's peace are exchanged.
Then, the assembly is seated.*

*Brief announcements are made.
For a full list, please see the booklet you received with this bulletin.*

GATHERING OF GIFTS

*Gifts of bread, wine, music, and money are offered in thanks to God!
Money for Calvary's mission may be given using the QR code.*

Jesus, the Light of the World, Charles Wesley

Then, the assembly stands.

God of all creation,

all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.

You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world

signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

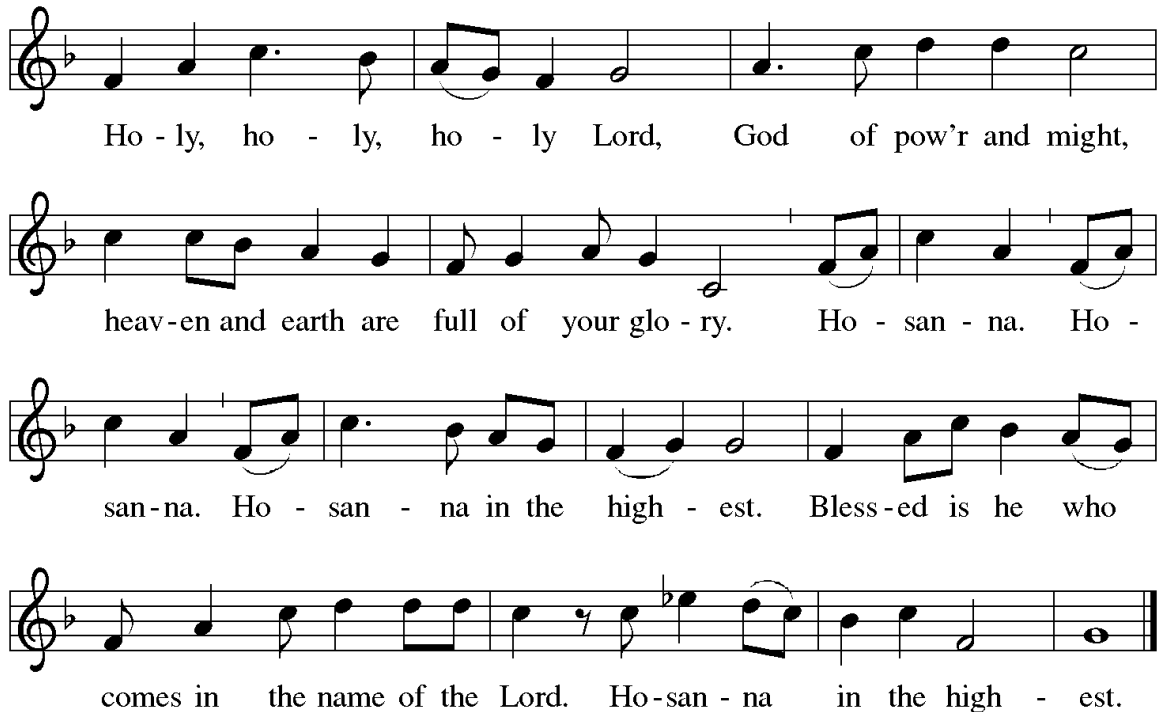
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





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.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
 You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
 You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
 to fulfill for us your holy will
 and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen, amen, amen.

**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.**

COMMUNION

The assembly is seated. All are welcome! In Holy Communion, we meet God at a table where all are welcome and Jesus is host. The words, "given and shed for you" are good news that sustains us in our baptismal life.

ELW 677 *This Little Light of Mine*

ELW 496 *One Bread, One Body*

PRAYER

The assembly stands.

God of abundance, **with this bread and cup you unite us with Christ.
Now send us forth to proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the life of Jesus, our Lord.
Amen.**

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN **ELW 318** *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE