

Transfiguration Sunday



February 14, 2021
9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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Theme: The Temple

As We Gather

Only 2 more services in this beloved Church Sanctuary that has served us so well. We are thankful for Redeemer and yes, this brick and mortar. The church is more than just a building; it is a people, the people of God. Why do the people of God need to meet together? What is the purpose for a place of worship? What is God desiring for us to find in this Sacred Space? Last week we reflected upon the Tabernacle, today we are going to reflect upon the 2 Temples, and next week, Holy Dirt!

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord our God, whose might upholdeth all creation, establish the work of our helpless hands; and make this lowly church a place for the showing of Thy glory; and for all peoples a house of prayer pleasing in Thy sight. We pray Thee hear us and have mercy. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Prelude Swing Low, Sweet Chariot Spiritual
 Redeemer Brass

Call To Worship The Swan – Saint Saens
 Ben Kletzli, cello; Rick Helderop, piano

Opening Hymn Thy Strong Word

1. Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness; at Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, while Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, breathed Thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

**For the safety of your brothers and sisters in Christ,
please wear your mask for the entire service. Thank you!**

Order of Service

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Installation of Vicar James Greenwalt

Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-7, 12-17

(David is not allowed to build the Temple)

After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent." Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you." But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the

throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.” Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 9:1-9

(Worship in the Earthly Tabernacle)

Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand and the table with its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron’s staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now. When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still functioning. This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Anthem

O Love – Hagenburg

Ben Kletzli, cello; Chancel Choir Quartet:

Michele Fredericks, Julie Noe, Max Trombley, Steve SeGraves

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-8

(The Transfiguration of Jesus)

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters — one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn Alleluia! Alleluia! (Hymn to Joy)

1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.
2. Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance at His second coming yield:
Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before Him wave,
Ripened by His glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.
3. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

Sermon

Text: 2 Samuel 7:1-7, 12-17

“The Two Temples”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Prayer of the Church

Majestic Lord, to you be adoration, exultation, glory, praise, and honor. We bring you our humble offering of worship. Our lips, though unworthy to speak your holy name, sing boldly of your eminence and splendor. In the routine of our lives, our eyes are dulled to your great majesty. Our spirits, too small to bear the knowledge of your grandeur, accept your love and favor as if those were our due. Rouse us to discern your glory and your eminence. Help us grasp the wonder that you who are equal to God stoop down to serve and save us who are so petty, mean, and insignificant. It is good for us to be wakened over and over again to an understanding of the exalted place you occupy at the heavenly Father's side so that we may begin to fathom your great grace in regarding us of low estate. Royal David's Son, let the knowledge of your splendor do more than prompt our worship and our praise. Let it be the motive for a closer walk in your commands through the long and tedious hours of each day. We do not stay atop the mountain to bask forever in the grandeur of your kingship. We walk the common path, fulfill the daily round in the service of you who are our king throughout the week. Let every action of ours bring you the acclaim you deserve. Bless all those who call on you, and today we remember: *(petitions spoken by the pastor)*.

Lord's Prayer

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 and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn Farewell to Alleluia 11th Century Text

(The Alleluia banner will be removed from the Sanctuary during the singing of this hymn)

It is an ancient custom in the Christian church that a “Farewell to Alleluia” be sung at the close of the liturgy on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Traditionally “Alleluia” is not sung then until Easter morning, symbolizing our voluntary restraint of praise during the penitential season of Lent. This 11th-century hymn, translated by John Mason Neale, is a traditional farewell to Alleluia.

1. Alleluia, song of sweetness, voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.
2. Alleluia thou resoundest, true Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother, all thy children sing with thee;
But by Babylon’s sad waters mourning exiles now are we.
3. Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
Alleluia our transgressions make us for awhile forego;
For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.
4. Therefore in our hymns we pray thee grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter in our home beyond the sky,
There to Thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.

Silent Prayer

Postlude Thine Be The Glory - GF Handel
Redeemer Brass



Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by Michelle & Peter Fredericks in honor of Emily Frederick's 21st birthday and praising God for her continued good health. Sanctuary lectern flowers were placed by Robin Swift wishing all of Redeemer's congregation a Happy Valentine's day filled with love!!

Family of God Soup Kitchen sponsors for this month are: the Murphy family in thanksgiving for God's blessings; the Vanderhoef family; the Orava family in memory of Jack Orava and Tom Yeip; Kyle and Cheryl Chuhran in gratitude for the many blessings God has given us; and two anonymous donations.

Organist

Rick Helderop

Audio/Video Operators

9:00 - Jim Endress and Brian Tyler

10:30 - Don Meier

Acolyte

9:00 - Tommy Lewis

Ushers

9:00 -Keith Lewis, captain; Dave

Peterson, Peter Hawkins,

Rick Russ, Mike Bacon,

John Wagnitz, Arnie Glesmann,

Andrew Farah

10:30 - Family Ushering

Thank you to our altar guild team members, usher team members, AV team members, acolytes, musicians, and all those who work so hard behind the scenes each week to make our services happen.

