



### **Jesus Mafa – The transfiguration of Jesus**

*In the 1970s Mafa Christians in North Cameroun wanted to have pictures of the Gospel using their own cultural resonances. With the help of French missionaries, they acted out the scenes, and sketches of the plays were worked up by French artists and given back to them – and to the world.*

### **Our Savior Lutheran Church Transfiguration of Our Lord - February 27, 2022**

**Prelude**

**Announcements and prayer concerns**

**Sharing of Peace**

### **Call to Worship (from Psalm 9)**

A: We will give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**C: We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

A: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**C: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

A: Be gracious to us, O LORD. See what we suffer; you are the one who lifts us up from the gates of death.

**C: Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples.**

**Gathering Hymn – How Good, Lord, to Be Here - ELW #315**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DLnPtz2vsl>

### **Invocation**

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, who create us, redeems us and calls us by name.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.**

**We 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.**

L: Rejoice in the good news: In +Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven.  
We are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of  
Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven people  
of God.

**C: Amen.**

### **Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

### **Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the  
Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of  
God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise – Faith of Our Fathers - ELW #812**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tsk0yq5oRio>

**Prayer of the Day**

A: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing,

**C: 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,**

A: Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**The Word**

**First reading – Exodus 34:29-35**

<sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on 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; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>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

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

<sup>4</sup>**Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

<sup>6</sup>**Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.**

<sup>7</sup>He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

<sup>8</sup>**O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

<sup>9</sup>**Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.**

## Second reading – 2 Corinthians 3:12 — 4:2

<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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.

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

**Holy Gospel** – Luke 9:28-36

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>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.**

**Message – Tim Leitner, SAM**

<https://youtu.be/4XZEGGRx4oU>

**Hymn of the day – Love Divine, All Love Excelling - ELW #631**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbWNjMyZvd4>

## Apostles' Creed

**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 Intercession

L: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Heal those who are in distress (*especially*). Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: pastors, deacons, musicians, and all who contribute to our worship life (*especially*). God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him (*especially*). Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **Offering Prayer**

A: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

**C: 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,**

A: in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

### **The Meal – Consecration**

#### **The 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,  
the power and the glory,**

for ever and ever.  
Amen.

### **Communion**

#### **Post Communion Blessing**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you  
and keep you in His grace.

**Amen.**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

A: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the  
abundance of your house.

**C: Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace,**

A: through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

#### **Blessing**

L: God, who leads us in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over us, and who calls us by name,  
bless our going out and our coming in, today and forever.  
+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:Amen.**

**Closing Hymn – Alleluia, Song of Gladness - ELW #318**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0IOrc7EuiU>

#### **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**