

# Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 2, 2025



Last Sunday  
After Epiphany

**Welcome, guests!** We're delighted that you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. This folder contains all the information about our services and the congregational responses are indicated by indented and bolded letters. Please also take a moment to fill out the guest register at the church's entrance; this is used by the pastor and elder only. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

**THE THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS:** Jesus is revealed as the Lord of Glory.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**ORDER FOR TODAY'S SERVICE:** SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT— CW, p.26

*The "Service of Word and Sacrament" is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.*



# OPENING HYMN:

#79

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

**\*\*Please Stand for The Last Verse\*\***



1 How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see and  
2 O high - est joy by mor - tals won, True Son of God and  
3 O might - y Fa - ther, in your Son You loved me ere you  
4 Oh, joy to know that you, my Friend, Are Lord, be - gin - ning  
5 Lift up the voice and strike the string, Let all glad sounds of



hail a - far The light in Ju - dah shin - ing.  
Mar - y's Son, The high - born King of a - ges!  
had be - gun This an - cient world's foun - da - tion.  
with - out end, The first and last, e - ter - nal!  
mu - sic ring In God's high prais - es blend - ed.



O Da - vid's Son of Ja - cob's race, My Bride - groom  
In your blest bod - y let me be, E'en as the  
Your Son has made a friend of me, And when in  
And you at length— O glo - rious grace— Will take me  
Christ will be with me all the way, To - day, to -



and my King of grace, For you my heart is pin - ing.  
branch is in the tree, Your life my life sup - ply - ing.  
spir - it him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.  
to that ho - ly place, The home of joys su - per - nal.  
mor - row, ev - 'ry day Till trav - 'ling days are end - ed.



Low - ly, Ho - ly, Great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious  
Sigh - ing, Cry - ing For the sa - vor Of your fa - vor  
What bliss Is this! He is liv - ing, To me giv - ing  
A - men, A - men! Come and meet me, Quick - ly greet me!  
Sing out, Ring out Tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious



Prince of gra - ces, Fill - ing all the heav'n - ly pla - ces.  
Rest - ing nev - er Till I rest in you for - ev - er.  
Life for - ev - er; Noth - ing me from him can sev - er.  
With deep yearn - ing, Lord, I look for your re - turn - ing.  
Chos - en na - tion; Praise the God of your sal - va - tion.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, abr., adapt.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.  
Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also, with you.**

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

## CONFESSION OF SINS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*KYRIE*

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise. (*Psalm 145:3*)

## O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 7/8. The lyrics are printed below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the second, third, and fourth lines of music. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

### FIRST LESSON:

### EXODUS 34: 29 – 35

*The radiant glory of the Lord could be seen reflected in the face of Moses. With hearts veiled by the shame of sin, the people of Israel could not look upon Moses' face. The stark contrast between the Lord's glory and our own darkened countenances reminds us of our guilt yet foretells of the glory that awaits us through the Lord's Anointed.*

***When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not realize that the skin of his face was shining because he had been speaking with the Lord. When Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, they were amazed that the skin of his face was shining, so they were afraid to come close to him. Moses called to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the community returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. Afterward, all the people of Israel came close to him, and he gave them all of the commands that the Lord had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. When Moses was finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out again. Then, he would come out and tell the people of Israel what he had been commanded. Whenever the people of Israel saw Moses' face, they would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining. Then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the Lord again.***



*Refrain*

Praise the LORD from the heavens,\*  
 praise him in the heights above.  
 Praise him, all his angels,\*  
 praise him, all his heavenly hosts.  
 Praise him, sun and moon,\*  
 praise him, all you shining stars.

*Refrain*

Praise the LORD from the earth,\*  
 lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,  
 you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,\*  
 wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,  
 kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,\*  
 young men and maidens, old men and children.  
 Let them praise the name of the LORD,\*  
 for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy Spirit,  
 as it was in the beginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

**SECOND LESSON**

**2 CORINTHIANS 4: 3 – 6**

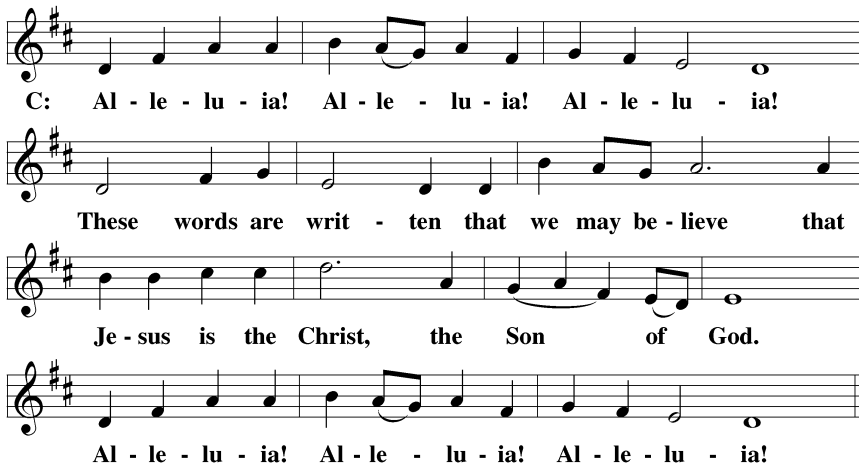
*The glory of the Old Covenant of Sinai fades, giving way to the New Covenant as seen in the unending glory of Jesus Christ. But it is a hidden glory, veiled from the self-righteous unbelievers of this age. In his grace, God has caused the light of his glory to be seen by hearts of faith in the face of Christ.*

***But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled among those who are perishing. In the case of those people, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from clearly seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is God’s image.***

**Indeed, we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," is the same one who made light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ.**

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia. (Mark 9:7b)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

### GOSPEL

**LUKE 9: 28 – 36**

*Once again Jesus is revealed as the Lord's Anointed. Basking in the divine glory that has been his from eternity, the Son of Man is proclaimed to be God the Son with the approval of God the Father. We stand with Moses and Elijah, the disciples, and saints throughout the ages in this sure and certain hope: the Christ has come and our salvation is at hand.*

**About eight days after he said these words, Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothing became dazzling white. Just then, two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him! They appeared in glory and were talking about his departure, which he was going to bring to fulfillment in Jerusalem.**

**Peter and those with him were weighed down with sleep, but when they were completely awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let's make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not realize what he was saying.**

**While he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them. They were afraid as they went into the cloud. Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I**

love. Listen to him!" After the voice had spoken, they found Jesus alone. They kept this secret and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**#95**

**HOW GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE**



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry  
 2 How good, Lord, to be here Your beau - ty  
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past, Prom - ise of  
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, We see your  
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may



fills the night; Your face and gar - ments, like  
 to be - hold, Where Mo - ses and E - li -  
 things to be, We hail your bod - y glo -  
 king - dom come; We long to hold the vi -  
 not re - main; But since you bid us leave



the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.  
 ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.  
 sion bright And make this hill our home.  
 the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.  
 Tune: POTSDAM (SM) J. S. Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

**SERMON TEXT:**

**LUKE 9: 28 – 36**

**SERMON THEME:**

**MANIFEST IN ALL HIS GLORY**

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was**



buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*\*\*Please Be Seated\*\**

*OFFERING – Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9: 7: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH’S MISSION**

Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, and for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge.

**Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament, bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have.

**Move us to support missionaries at home and overseas with our sincere prayers and generous offerings. Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ in our own neighborhoods.**

### *SPECIAL PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits.

### *SILENT PRAYERS*

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

## 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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#97

#### DOWN FROM THE MOUNT OF GLORY



1 Down from the mount of glo - ry Came Je - sus  
 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, Stood ra - diant  
 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the  
 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that  
 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry Of Je - sus



Christ, our Lord. Re - call the won - drous sto - ry,  
 in the light, Light found in God - head sole - ly,  
 mount de - scend And, by the Fa - ther bid - den,  
 is his fame Our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed  
 Christ, our Lord, And let the won - drous sto - ry



Rich gem in sa - cred Word. A - gain your faith will  
 For hu - man eyes too bright. Then came a voice from  
 His will - ing foot - steps bend To seek hu - mil - i -  
 A mount—the hill of shame. Up - on the cross he  
 Full peace and joy af - ford! The ho - ly mount ac -



view him In dou - ble glo - ry here; The great - er  
 heav - en, Con - firmed what here we see; The words “my  
 a - tion In deep - est depths of woe, To suf - fer  
 prof - ered Him - self to ag - o - ny; His ho - ly  
 claims him The maj - es - ty di - vine; Mount Cal - va -



hom - age due him Will in your life ap - pear.  
 Son” were giv - en To seal his de - i - ty.  
 deg - ra - da - tion No mind can probe or know.  
 soul he of - fered To set the guilt - y free.  
 ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

Text: Werner H. Franzmann, 1905–96. © 1968 Werner H. Franzmann. All rights reserved. Used by permission.  
 Tune: ICH FREU MICH IN DEM HERREN (76 76 D) Bartholomäus Helder, 1585–1635.

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

## THE SACRAMENT



The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

## SANCTUS



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



C: A - men.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

AGNUS DEI

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

## DISTRIBUTION

**DISTRIBUTION** – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul's guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: "For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord's body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself." Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

## THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.

He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

**BLESSING**

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

**CLOSING HYMN:**

#242

**OH, THAT I HAD A THOUSAND VOICES**

1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To  
 2 O for - est leaves, so green and ten - der, That  
 3 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That  
 4 Lord, I will tell, while I am liv - ing, Your



praise my God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which  
 dance for joy in sum - mer air, O mead - ow  
 fill the earth, the sea, and sky, Now join me  
 love and grace with ev - 'ry breath And greet each



in the Lord re - joic - es, Would then pro - claim in  
 grass - es, bright and slen - der, O flow'rs, so won - drous  
 in my heart's de - vo - tion; Help me to raise his  
 morn - ing with thanks - giv - ing Un - til my heart is



grate - ful songs To all, wher - ev - er I might  
 sweet and fair, You live to show his praise a -  
 prais - es high. My ut - most pow'rs can nev - er  
 still in death, And, when at last my lips grow



be, What great things God has done for me.  
 lone; With me now make his glo - ry known.  
 quite Ex - press the won - ders of his might.  
 cold, Your praise shall in my sighs be told.

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (KÖNIG) (98 98 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

## What We Believe:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God and is the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life, and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment and destroy this present world.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fellowship Opportunities:** We all experience times when we become ill, have surgery, face challenges attending church due to various circumstances, or simply need an extra prayer of support and a reminder that Jesus is with us during tough times. If you want to get more involved in your church family by helping fellow members facing these challenges, please stay after church briefly to discuss how we can support one another in our congregation. Feel free to reach out to Lani Carroll or Mavis Vandelicht with any questions. (We'll meet about 10 minutes after the worship service in the overflow area on the left side of the sanctuary, behind the sliding room divider.)

**Sunday Bible Study:** Join us for our Sunday morning Bible Study as we explore the book of Luke. Feel free to bring your questions; reading is always optional, and you're welcome to come and go as you please. We start at 9 a.m.

**Midweek Bible Study:** We will be suspending our Midweek Bible Study for the Lenten Season. We will resume May 6 with an Old Testament study of the Minor Prophets.

**Council Position:** In May, our council president, Mitch Brayton, will have completed two terms. According to our constitution and by-laws, he is ineligible to serve another term. Please consider taking on this role. The requirements are as follows: You must be one of the primary signatories on all legal documents for our congregation, coordinate all council and voter meetings, and collaborate with council members to oversee the congregation's administrative tasks.

**Lent Services:** March 5 is Ash Wednesday, and we will hold our services at 5:30 pm. Please note that the Lent services will be on Tuesday evenings except Ash Wednesday. The theme of our Lenten services will be "Reflections on Repentance."

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