

February 27, 2022

Transfiguration Sunday

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Matthew 17:1-9

Transfiguration
Listen to Him



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1The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! 2The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. 3Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! 4The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. 5Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he! 6Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the Lord, and he answered them. 7In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them. 8 O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. 9Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!

Order of Divine Worship

Hymn: TLH #135 **“Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”**

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ **A - - - men.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P Pastor

C Congregation

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and

has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ A - - - men.

INTROIT

Psalm 84:1-2,9,11

P Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

C How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

P My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

C Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

P For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

C 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.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

The musical score consists of four staves. The first two staves are a vocal line with lyrics. The last two staves are a piano accompaniment. The music is in a major key with a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men."

VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 45:2a

P Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia.

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score consists of four staves. The first two staves are a vocal line with lyrics. The last two staves are a piano accompaniment. The music is in a major key with a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us."

G ♪ All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G ♪ A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Exodus 24:12,15-18 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them.” 15 Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. 16 Now the glory of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 The sight of the glory of the Lord was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. 18 So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

EPISTLE LESSON – 2 Peter 1:16-21 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. 19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

- I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.


Hymn: TLH #719

“Jesus on the Mountain Peak”

SERMON – Matthew 17:1-9 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

THE TRANSFIGURATION, HIS AND OUR

OFFERTORY

- ☞  Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #192 v.1-2,7-8

“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING: TLH #442:2 "Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us"

C 🎵 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C 🎵 Amen, amen, a – men.

HYMN: TLH #651

"Be Still, My Soul"

✝ Announcements ✝

Pastor Fossum Pastor Fossum will be returning to preach March 6 for communion Sunday. There will be Bible Class at 9:15 a.m. He will be conducting Orlando service the following Sunday, March 13 and returning for the Winter Haven service at 10:15 a.m. There will be no Bible Class that Sunday.

- ✝ **Feb. 27:** Orlando Service 8a
- ✝ **Feb. 27:** WH 10:15am
- ✝ **Mar. 6:** Bible Class 9:15am
WH 10:15am Communion
Installation of officers
- ✝ Pastor Fossum preaching
- ✝ **Mar. 13:** Orlando Service 8a
- ✝ **Mar. 13:** WH 10:15am

Last Week: WH – 31

Total Offering = \$6,545.25

General = \$3295.25 | Act. Fund = \$750 | Property = \$500 | Benevolence = \$500 | School Fund = \$1500

Prayers Please remember Pastor Aaron Ude in your prayers as he seeks guidance from the Lord where best to serve in Christ’s kingdom.

Cleaner (3/5): Bernthal | **Acolyte (3/6):** Maxwell Kuehne

CLC NEWS Pastor Aaron Ude, Good Shepherd, Rapid City, SD has been called to Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL. ♦ Mr. Luke Willitz, a member of Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has been called to be the pastor of Living Savior, Eden

Prairie, MN. ♦ Mrs. Dawn Mayhew, a member of Redeemer has been called to be the teacher and principal of Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. ♦ Mrs. Becky Buck, a member of Messiah has been called to be the 3rd & 4th grade teacher at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. ♦ ILC Professor Joel Gullerud has returned the call to be teacher and principal of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. ♦ Ms. Claire Abbas of Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane Valley, WA, has been called to be the lower grade teacher at Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Feb.28-March 5, '22

Mon Exodus 34:29-35 God chose a simple way to impress Moses and His people with His holiness, and Moses' sun-shiny face did the job. Whenever Moses and God met person-to-person ("face-to-face") inside the tabernacle, the veil was off, but when he came outside, Moses used the veil as a shield to protect the eyesight of his congregation. That's symbolic; stay tuned.

Tues Luke 9:28-36 Jesus outshined Moses in more ways than one, for He is God incarnate. On this occasion His deity shone like sunshine, and God's heavenly heroes Moses and Elijah honored Him also. That was already more than Peter could fathom, and it was even more stupefying to hear the voice of Almighty God directing them to listen up when Jesus had something to say. [Jesus is still with us in His Word, and we are staying attuned to His voice.]

Wed 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 Moses administered God's Law, glorious in its own way. Contrariwise, God's grace in Christ Jesus is more glorious. Those who face God via Moses are dazzled by the Law and blind to Jesus, the Messiah revealed in God's Old Testament After his conversion Paul dumped soul-servitude to the Law (which is a lost cause) and instead devoted his life to serving the gospel, God's glorious answer to sin. We bask in that glory.

Thurs 2 Samuel 12:1-13 Who dared confront King David with his sins—and hope to survive? A man of God with enough love to run the risk, apparently. David was already feeling rotten (Ps. 32:3-4; Ps. 38:1-8) about his sins, so via pastor Nathan, God touched him gently. Now, what caused David to explode (5)? Well, he did so because he was Law-oriented, as a king and judge is apt to be. It took him a while to digest God's mercy, which he needed all along.

Fri Luke 8:9-14 Did Jesus avoid confrontation? Nope. He loved people enough to face them with the truth about themselves. God can humble the self-righteous/proud sinner—so that He can embrace the repentant sinner. It's a good parable, but where do we fit? Sometimes we are proud of ourselves, and sometimes we are ashamed of ourselves. Lord Jesus, help us!

Sat 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 God determined to end the war with humanity—and declare truce—so that humans can trash their battle gear and face God without fear of reprisal or punishment. It takes some convincing, of course, and God’s good-will ambassadors do their best to get the message across. The real crux is to convince wary ex-enemies that the treaty is authentic, on the grounds that it has been signed in Jesus’ blood (20-21). God has been gracious enough to save you and me and our neighbors all across the globe, declaring an end to the warfare and assurance of peace with our Creator. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!