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MATTHEW 17:2, ESV

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As We Gather

We consider the Father's words on the Mount of Transfiguration: "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." The Father bears witness to the authority of the Son. Remember God's words to listen to the voice of Jesus. We also recall the brightness of Jesus shining upon the disciples. Jesus' transfiguration reminds us of the blessing we hear every week at the end of worship in the Benediction for the Lord's face to shine upon us. In the person of Jesus, God's face certainly shines upon us, and we look forward to the day when Christ returns in glory to permanently shine His face upon us.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 16 – Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 99:2-3, Numbers 6:26

- P** The LORD is great in Zion,
C And He is high above all the peoples.
- P** Let them praise Your great and awesome name—
C He is holy.
- P** The LORD will lift up His countenance upon us,
C And give us peace.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Today we celebrate the transfiguration of Jesus. We hear the voice of our heavenly Father saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" Yet, as we follow Jesus, we have often failed to listen to His words. We have chosen to listen to the voice of the world rather than the voice of our transfigured Lord. So now, we come before our heavenly Father to ask for His forgiveness.

- C** Heavenly Father, we confess that we have not listened to You or Your Son. We have ignored His voice and plugged our ears to His words of mercy. Forgive our sins and open our ears to Your voice once again.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen. God's face has shined upon us. We are forgiven in Christ.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** 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.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** Amen.



Hymn of Praise

WS 743 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



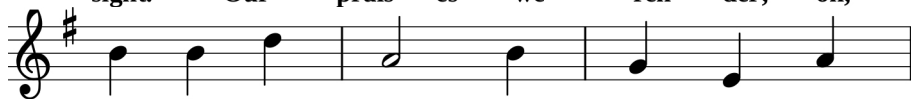
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as
3 All life You en - gen - der in great and in
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of



wise, In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our
light, Not want-ing nor wast-ing, You rule in Your
small, Of all life Be - friend-er, the true Life of
light, Your an - gels a - dore You, all veil - ing their



eyes, Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, O
might, Your jus - tice like moun - tains high
all. We blos - som and flour - ish in
sight. Our prais - es we ren - der; oh,



An - cient of Days, Al - mighty, vic -
soar - ing a - bove, Your clouds which are
rich - ness and range; We with - er and
lead us to see The light of Your

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray...
... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:8-18

⁸ And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words." ⁹ Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. ¹¹ But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank. ¹² 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." ¹³ So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. ¹⁴ And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed, Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to 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.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 2:6-12

- P** "Yet I have set My King
C **On My holy hill of Zion.**"
P "I will declare the decree:
C **The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.**
P Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance,
C **And the ends of the earth for Your possession.**
P You shall break them with a rod of iron;
C **You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' "**
P Now therefore, be wise, O kings;
C **Be instructed, you judges of the earth.**
P Serve the LORD with fear,
C **And rejoice with trembling.**
P Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little.
C **Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.**

Epistle Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ 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.

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



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

Confession of Faith

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

WS 719 – Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Sermon Text

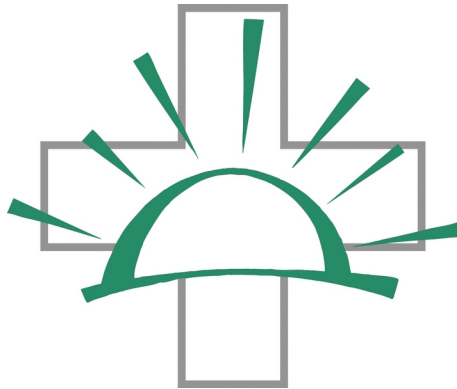
Matthew 17:1-9

¹ Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; ² and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. ³ And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. ⁴ Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” ⁶ And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” ⁸ When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹ Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.”

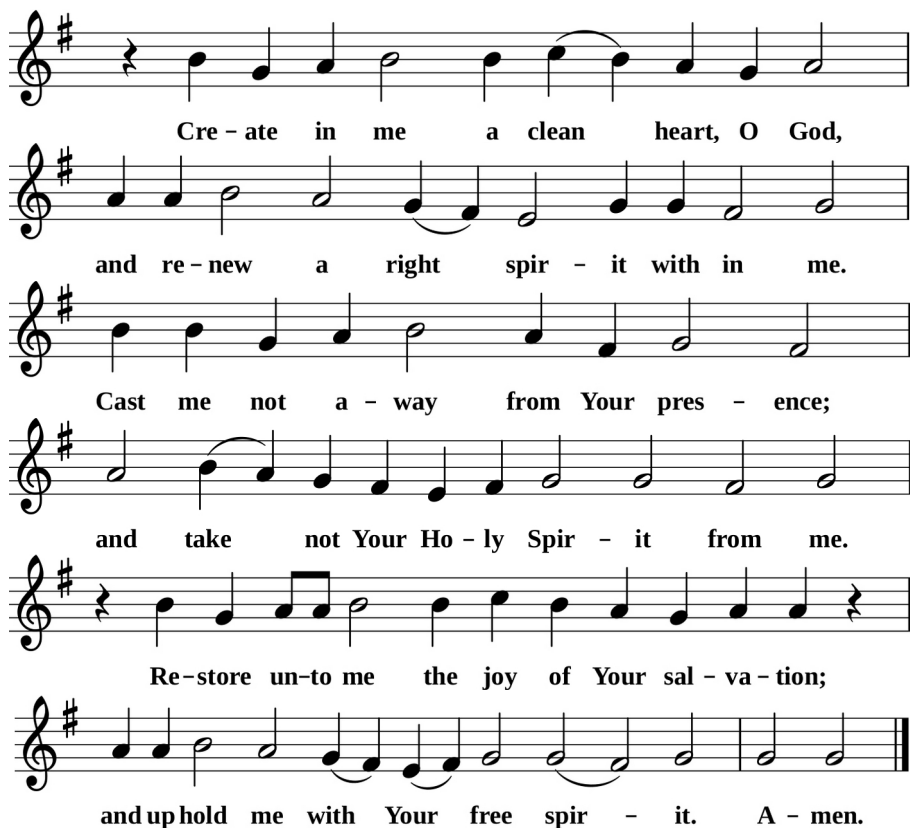


Sermon

A Glimpse of Glory



Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with in me.
Cast me not a - way from Your pres - ence;
and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion;
and uphold me with Your free spir - it. A - men.

Hymn

TLH 657 – Beautiful Savior

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Offering Hymn

TLH 442 st. 2

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.

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

C 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

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Farewell to Alleluia

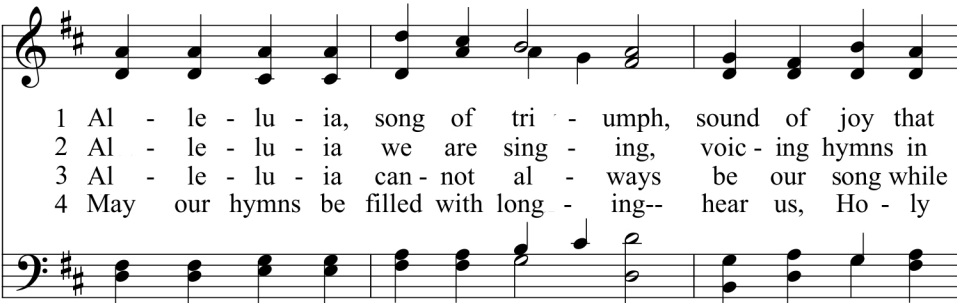
P On this day, alleluias are sung for the last time in the Church until the resurrection of our Lord. Alleluia is not heard during Lent as we turn in penitence to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ to be renewed in our baptismal faith. Though every Sunday is a “little Easter,” we restrain our praise until Easter Sunday, when all of Christendom joins in singing alleluias to our King. Let us now raise our voices in song as we anticipate not only our coming Easter celebration, but that ultimate feast of victory when we shall all sing “alleluia” with saints and angels, cherubim and seraphim, Moses and Elijah, apostles, martyrs, prophets, and all the company of heaven before the Lamb on His throne.

Hymn

CW 977 – Alleluia, Song of Triumph

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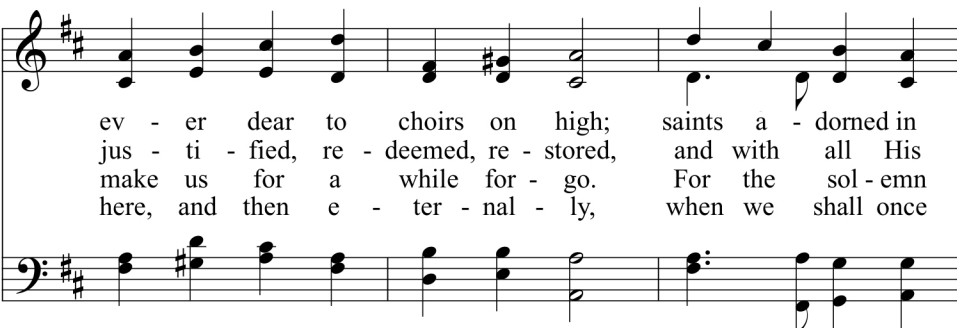
CW 977 -- Alleluia, Song of Triumph



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing-- hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
pure ac - cord, with Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
here be - low; al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty-- as we look to Your blest East - er,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; saints a - dorned in
jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, and with all His
make us for a while for - go. For the sol - emn
here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, when we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.
faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow
more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

✠ Announcements ✠

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

Upcoming Schedule

February 19	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
	11:15 am	Council and Elders Meeting
February 22	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
February 26	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
March 1	6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship Service
March 5	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

Midweek Lenten Worship: The season of Lent begins this Wednesday, February 22nd. Lent has been observed by Christians for centuries as a time to prepare for the Savior's death and resurrection. This year, our theme is "Chronicles of the King." Throughout this series, we will explore how the kings of Judah are a shadow of Christ, the King of kings who sits upon the throne of David, His Father, forever. We will see how the kings in Chronicles point us to Christ, who fulfills all the kingly promises that the kings of Judah were unable to realize in themselves. We hope you will make plans to join us for worship each Wednesday during the Lenten season at 6:30 pm.

CLC Call News: Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran, Greater Detroit Area, has received the call to Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA. <>Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel, Mankato is considering the call to Messiah, Eau Claire, as the third pastor. <> Mrs. Haley Seffens, a member of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI is considering the call to teach kindergarten at Messiah, Eau Claire.

Fruits of Faith – February 12, 2023 – Attendance: WH – 50

Immanuel Home	\$1,015.25
Property Improvement	\$60.00
Missions	\$5.00
ILC Scholarship	\$50.00
Total Offering	\$1,130.25

✝ Serving Next Weekend ✝

Cleaner (2/25): Custudio

Acolyte (2/26): Seth Bernthal

