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The Transfiguration of Our Lord **February 14th, 2021**



Transfiguration of the Lord

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 9AM SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

AS WE GATHER

There is nothing quite like being an eyewitness, giving a special perspective to share on the event. Peter writes about being on the Mount of Transfiguration as he, James, and John were privileged to have a special vision of the Lord Jesus Christ. He states: “We were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, ‘This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,’ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain” (2 Peter 1:16b–18). Today, through the words of Scripture, we, too, become eyewitnesses and are given a glimpse of glory in the vision of our transfigured Lord!

DIVINE SERVICE FOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME	Elder of the Day
BAPTISMAL HYMN (<i>Sat. Only</i>) <i>“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”</i>	LSB 590 vs.1 - 3
ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR <i>Kinsley Rachel Wagner</i>	LSB page 268
BAPTISMAL HYMN <i>“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”</i>	LSB 593 vs.4
OPENING HYMN (<i>Sun. Only</i>) <i>“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”</i>	LSB 873

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION LSB page 203

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *“Glory to God in the Highest”* LSB page 204

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: God of grace and glory, before Your Son turned His face to Jerusalem and Mount Calvary, on another mountain You revealed His glory as He appeared with Moses and Elijah. Sustain Your Church both by His glory and also by Your grace, and help us to reflect the glory of Your love to all; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM ~ Read Responsively

Psalm 50:1-6

Pastor: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: *Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.*

Pastor: Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.

People: *He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people:*

Pastor: “Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!”

People: **The heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is judge!**

All: **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.**

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-9

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES CREED

(Back of the Hymnal)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

LSB 416

SERMON *“From Disfiguration to Transfiguration”* Isaiah 52:14-15, Philippians 3:20-21

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives.

People: **Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned.**

Pastor: May Your kingdom come to us and expand.

People: **Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil’s kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased.**

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s), and] all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: (Special Petitions) Lord, in Your mercy,

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Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs.

People: **Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.**

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles.

People: **And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever.**

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

OFFERING

****5:30PM SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE****

HYMN

“Thy Word”

CCS 53

Words by Amy Grant, Music by Michael W. Smith

**Chorus: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way. Still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear, as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Chorus

2. I will not forget your love for me and yet. My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide, and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.

Final Chorus

***Final Chorus:* Thy Word is lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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You're the light unto my path.**

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EVENING PRAYER

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CLOSING HYMN

“Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”

LSB 414

****9:00AM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ****

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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HYMN

“Change My Heart, O God”

CCS 87

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.
You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and Make me,
this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

HYMN

“O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”

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OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30PM WORSHIP

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Organist

9:00AM WORSHIP

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Karlee Small
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Sarah Peterson
Organist

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Rick Melius
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