



He Was Transfigured

Transfiguration Sunday

St. John's Lutheran Church—Sherburn, MN

Sunday, February 14, 2021

8:30 a.m.

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

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Setting Three

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: "I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light" *LSB #411 v 1-3*

Stand

Confession and Absolution

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

C **Amen.**

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.

P 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 You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9*

P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

C **for the LORD our God is holy!**

P The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

C **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

P The LORD is great in Zion;

C **he is exalted over all the peoples.**

P Let them praise your great and awesome name!

C **Holy is he!**

P The King in his might loves justice.

C **You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

P Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

C **Holy is he!**

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.

P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

C **for the LORD our God is holy!**

Kyrie *LSB 186*

C **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Sit

Hymn of Praise: "Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies" *LSB #873 vs 1-3*

Stand

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. 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 for ever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *2 Kings 2:1–12*

(Elijah speaks to his disciple Elisha before being taken to Heaven)

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And 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. ³And 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.”

⁴Elijah 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. ⁵The 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.”

⁶Then 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. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then 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.

⁹When 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.” ¹⁰And 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.”

¹¹And 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. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

C Extol him, all peoples!

P For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle *2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6*

(The Apostle Paul tells the Corinthians that Jesus fulfills the glory of the old covenant)

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not 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. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But 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. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In 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. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia *LSB 190*

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *Luke 9:28–36*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

The Second Article - *Redemption*

C **And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P *What does this mean?*

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: " 'Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here" *LSB #414 vs 1-5*

Message: "Master, It Is Good To Be Here"

Hymn: "Beautiful Savior" *LSB #537 vs 1-4*

Stand

Offering

Offertory *LSB 192*

C **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.**

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction *LSB 202*

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 peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

Closing Hymn: "Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise" LSB #917 vs 1-4

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Offering: February 7 we added back into our worship services the bringing of our offerings to the altar. We ask that you please put your offerings into the plate located at the back of the church before worship so when we bring the offerings up to the altar after the message, it can be included.

Return To The Lord is our theme for Lent this year. **Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, February 17th.** Services for Lent will be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings starting on the 17th.

Power of Love series for parents will continue this morning during the Sunday school. Vicar Jeff Hagen is leading this study and it is held in the fireside room. Join in for a short video, coffee, snacks and discussion that help build relationships that work with your children!

Youth Envelope Fundraiser: The youth are raising money to go to the next National Youth Gathering which will be held in Houston, Texas in July, 2022. Their envelope fundraiser is located in the hallway.

Take My Moments and My Days

Sunday, February 14: 8:30 a.m. Communion Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class/Parent Class

Wednesday, February 17: 3:45 p.m. Confirmation Class , 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Communion Service

Thursday, February 18: 8:30 a.m. Circuit Pastors @ Wilbert

Sunday, February 21: 8:30 a.m. Communion Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class/Young Adult Class



In Our Prayers: Vivian Richards, Crue Crosby, Janet & Dick Lepird, Dan Hanson, Wanda Klima, Butch Mulso, Sandy Claussen, Marilyn Pierson

Coping With Cancer: Brandon Krumwiede, Diane Beseke, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Bob Blazejak, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori

Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Paul Overgaard, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegeler, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Robert Ziemer, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

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Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week Tammy Hand, Cindy Bettin, Leah Hartung, Clifford Meyer, Kane Wohlhuter, Jeff Hagen, Lori Meacham, Gary Janssen, Maggi Anderson, Sebastian Lingle, Charlotte Cordes, Kristin Diekmann, Stefani Cain, Kurt Jans, Faith Schermerhorn, Kelly Stenson, Caleb Stibbe

We Remember the family and friends of Helen Roebbeke. Helen was called to her eternal rest on February 7.