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Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Worship 9:00 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess
that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you

**with our whole heart;
we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake
God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister
of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE *

OPENING HYMN* *"How Good, Lord, to Be Here"*

ELW #315

How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here, your beauty to behold
where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,
we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.

Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come;
we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.

How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

APOSTOLIC GREETING *

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Word

FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "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. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, 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 company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "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 company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6 (read responsively)

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God shines forth in glory.**

³Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.**

⁵"Gather before me my loyal followers,

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”
**⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,
for it is God who is judge.**

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled 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 we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. ***Response: Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL * Mark 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to St. Mark. ***Response: Glory to you, O Lord.***

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The gospel of our Lord. ***Response: Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY * *“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”*

ELW #779

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
grace my fears relieved; how precious did that
grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I
have already come; 'tis grace has brought me
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his
word my hope secures; he will my shield and
portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright
shining as the sun, we've no less days to
sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION * *Response: Have mercy, O God.*

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.

Sending

BLESSING * *Response: Amen, Amen, Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN * *"Beautiful Savior"*
Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

ELW #838

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

DISMISSAL *
Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus, the Word of God.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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*We again welcome back Mitchell Sensenig to our organ console
this morning and thank him for providing our music.*

We also thank Alice Lubrecht for being our reader and Dawne for being our vocalist this morning.

Manna Food Pantry – Our “2nd Sunday” food collection is still ongoing. During the winter, around the holidays and during this time of the pandemic food pantries are seeing a greater demand of their services. If you would like to make a donation you may bring your items into the church & place them on the table in the Narthex at any time. If you are not comfortable with coming into the church building we would be happy to offer "curbside drop-off" during regular office hours. Pastor Joel & Barb are keeping their regular hours during this current shut-down. Just let us know & will be happy to come out & get your donation from you. Thank you.

Help us keep an updated prayer list. *If you have placed an individual on our prayer list, please remember to notify the office when that individual can be removed. Thank you.*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Robyn, Evelyn, and their family (friends of the Zimmermans), Robin Ellerman (Wendy Snyder's sister), Adam, (Phoebe Drake's cousin), Bob McIntyre, Tom & Wendy Snyder, Linda Freed, Pastor Joel and his family, Ed Digon (Malane's husband), Musser family (Carol Ranck's in-laws), Ann Wolf, Diane Trullinger (friend of Marcia Schreffler), Cheryl Digon (Ed & Malane Digon's daughter-in-law), Lorraine Brubaker (friend of Nancy Pinko), Kathy (friend of Andrea Faber), Carol Ranck, Alexa Phillips (Ed & Malane Digon's granddaughter), John Digon (Ed Digon's brother), Doris Balas, Linda Freed, Kelly Utter, Andrew H. (Carol Ranck's cousin), Gertrude Gassner (friend of Merle Beachell), Julianna Stoner (friend of Eva Kunz), Linda Schreier, Chuck Walker (friend of Nadine & Otis Martin), Pastor Chuck & Shelley Lisse, Katie Nanov- Schwehr (Irene Nanov's daughter), Bruce MacMurtrie (brother of Hope Bowling), Kathy Dare, Bob Sheetz (Bill's brother), Lisa McManuels, Patsy Baumann, Linda Brittelli (Tara Beachtel's step-mom), Lee Wheeler (friend of Kathy Dare), Makwan Sayed (friend of the Flemings), Christy Silvers (friend of Nedda Pollock), Helen Kester (friend of Malane Digon), Veronika Lenker (friend of the Flemings), Candy Evans, Millie Horvath, Romaine Leedy (Marion Tosheff's sister), Veronica Malesic (Mindy Grace's mother-in-law), Jesse (neighbor of Kathy Dare), Michael Zorek (Mindy Grace & Melanie Trea's brother), Corine Harold (friend of Kathy Dare), Joe Newman (friend of Kathy Dare), Pastor Sharron Blezard (assistant to the Bishop), Betty Giovaninello (friend of Linda Schreier), Don Bolonif (friend of Kathy Dare), Sondra Andrews (Bob & Jean Lisse's daughter), Marsha Randel (Bob McIntyre's cousin), Connie Johnson, Barbara Hammell (Betty's daughter), Bob & Jean Lisse, Kenly Underkufler (relative of Tom & Wendy Snyder), Vernel Brown (friend of the Flemings), Bishop Dunlop.

Pray for missionaries, especially Tonya Starner in Mongolia.

Pray for our military, especially Ian Bowling, Jason Nunez, Noel Sanchez & George Schreffler, III.

Pray for our shut-ins, especially Shirley Kaltreider, Irene Nanov, Miriam Reinard, Ellavene Rutter, Alta Shadel, George Sheleman, Tom & Wendy Snyder.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Saviour Lutheran Church, a caring congregation dedicated to the word of Christ welcomes all people to worship and grow with us as we share His love and salvation with our neighbors, our children and ourselves.