



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2018

10:30 Service of the Word

In Mark's account of Jesus' baptism only Jesus sees the descent of the dove and hears the voice from heaven saying, "You are my Son, the beloved." Now at the transfiguration the voice from heaven says the same thing, and it is also heard by Peter, James, and John. The truth of Jesus' full identity is spreading; albeit slowly and imperfectly. May we also know Jesus as God's Son and embrace what that means for our lives.

Welcome to worship today!

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

† GATHERING †

Prelude and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.
(A moment of silence for reflection)

P: Loving God,

**C: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times:
we have spoken or acted too quickly;
we have not spoken at all;
we have hurt those closest to us;
we have hurt those we have yet to know;
we have thought more about ourselves than others;
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen

Gathering Hymn *Open the Eyes of My Heart*
(For music turn to Hymn 26 in the Songbook binder)

Chorus, Verse and Bridge are repeated however the musicians feel moved to play

Chorus **Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You.**

Verse **To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out your pow'r and love
as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."**

Bridge **Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see You.**

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Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Dialog (John 1)

A: In the beginning was the Word,

C: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

A: In the Word was life,

C: and the life was the light of all people.

A: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

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.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

First Reading 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

[Paul writes] Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. ³And even 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.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 50:1-6 (*read responsively*)

A: The Lord, greater than all gods,
summons the earth from east to west,

**C: makes light shine from Zion,
beauty beyond compare.**

A: The Lord will not be silent
but comes in fire and storm

**C: to summon earth and heaven
as witness to our trial:**

A: “Gather the faithful
who seal my covenant with sacrifice.”

**C: The heavens will testify
that God, our judge, is just.**

Gospel Acclamation (Mark 9:7)

C: Alleluia. This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him! Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Mark 9:1-13

The gospel is announced:

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

C: Glory to you O Lord.

And [Jesus] said to them, “Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.”

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean. ¹¹Then they asked him, “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” ¹²He said to them, “Elijah is indeed coming first to restore all things. How then is it written about the Son of Man, that he is to go through many sufferings and be treated with contempt? ¹³But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written about him.”

After the reading:

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Take Up Your Cross

For music turn to Hymn 81 in the Songbook Binder

1. **In a world of many
voices calling at me,
it's hard to hear the one that's true.
Even when I hear it,
when my heart discerns it,
I lack the will to see it through.
Though I'm falling, falling,
the voice is always calling:
Take up your cross.
Take up your cross.
Take up your cross and follow me,
and follow me.**

2. **The call is hard to swallow:
Take up your cross and follow.
The words reach deep inside of me.
I find myself so troubled,
to lose my life, be humble,
the sins within refuse to see,
Though I'm falling, falling,
the voice is always calling:
Take up your cross.
Take up your cross.
Take up your cross and follow me,
and follow me.**

Text and music: Dakota Road

Apostles' Creed

A: We confirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

The pastor concludes the prayer:

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

† THANKSGIVING †

Offering

Hymn of Thanksgiving As the offering is brought forward the congregation sings:

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

For music turn to Hymn 713 in the Blue Hymnal

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your Word.**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard,
break the stone away.**

**When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day.**

**When my heart is lost,
lead me on your way.**

Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Thanksgiving Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

A: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

A: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world

in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

A: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn We Are Marching in the Light
(For music turn to 866 in the Red Hymnal)

**We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of, the light of God.**

**We are marching, marching,
we are marching, marching
we are marching in the light of,
the light of God.**

We are marching, marching,

**we are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God.**

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

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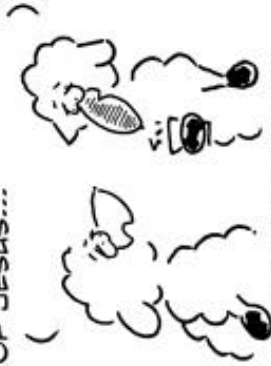
Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.

THE
TRANSFIGURATION
OF JESUS...

YES!



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AN ANTICIPATION OF
HIS **RESURRECTION**
AND **ASCENSION!**



IT'S A TIDE AHEAD!



MARK 9:2-9

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Carol and Tom Urbanic
Acolyte	Olivia DeLeon
Nursery Care	Beth Perdan
Counters	Bruce Boncke and Art Fields
Coffee Hour	Bettina Kalish

Worship assistants for next Sunday, February 18

Greeters and Ushers	John and Linda Thompson
Acolyte	Joe Wyman
Altar Care	Sally Mansfield
Communion Assistants	Tricia Kolczynski and Beth Bright
Nursery Care	Judy VanDeVelde
Counters	Ivan and Nancy Shuler
Coffee Hour	<i>Please sign up!</i>

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