

Transfiguration



It must have been a rather interesting moment for Peter as he found himself on the Mount with Jesus and there was this amazing commotion in the heavens. It must have been amazing because God was doing the speaking. But was Peter doing the listening?

God chooses to invite us all to active ministry as His missionaries in our own time and space. Only we can reach certain people. Each

one of us has a circle of influence that not one other person on the globe has at this particular moment. So what are we doing with it?

If this is the moment that Peter is receiving the “active” call to ministry, he doesn’t fare well. In all of his running around and trying to pass the time looking important, he misses the point of all that is happening. When it comes to Jesus, is it any wonder God suggests that we “listen to Him?”

In the insecurity of the moment, Peter does what he might do best- fall to his feet, cover his head, as if to think that shutting his eyes from the events happening around him will somehow matter. The story continues as Jesus goes to Peter, and invites him to rise up and not be afraid. This would not be the last time that Jesus would come to Peter and invite him to start over.

That same situation falls to each one of us today. Are we aware of our call to being a disciple of Jesus? Are we running around trying to be in control of the situations rather than doing what God suggests? Ought we try “listen to Him” today?

Let’s not let our humanity get in the way. Jesus does not let Peter’s failures keep him from his calling. Instead, it would appear that Jesus embraces Peter’s imperfections and uses those to His advantage. It is my prayer today that Jesus would do the same with me, and with us all.

At the same time, I would pray that we all would “Listen to Him! It’s our turn!”

Pastor Jonathon Kosec

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

As we celebrate and conclude this Epiphany season, we are reminded of the revelation of Jesus Christ to the entire world through a variety of methods and many people. In our time and place, we forget what Christ has done for us, and at times, we lose our way and pick really terrible alternatives. Recognizing this weakness in our spirit, we pause to offer our confession this day:

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things 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

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us, and for His sake, and by His promise, forgives us all our sin. Therefore on His behalf, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go and sin no more, that the rest of your life might be pure and holy and modeled after our Lord Jesus in all we say and all we do, we pray in His Holy Name, Amen.

HYMN 33 Great is Thy Faithfulness 1+3

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison): O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia. This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him! Alleluia.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“HERE I AM, LORD”

DEAN CARSON, SOLOIST

THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 24:12-18

New Living Translation (NLT)

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain. Stay there, and I will give you the tablets of stone on which I have inscribed the instructions and commands so you can teach the people.” So Moses and his assistant Joshua set out, and Moses climbed up the mountain of God.

Moses told the elders, “Stay here and wait for us until we come back. Aaron and Hur are here with you. If anyone has a dispute while I am gone, consult with them.”

Then Moses climbed up the mountain, and the cloud covered it. And the glory of the Lord settled down on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from inside the cloud. To the Israelites at the foot of the mountain, the glory of the Lord appeared at the summit like a consuming fire. Then Moses disappeared into the cloud as he climbed higher up the mountain. He remained on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Peter 1:16-21

New Living Translation (NLT)

For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes when he received honor and glory from God the Father. The voice from the majestic glory of God said to him, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.” We ourselves heard that voice from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

Because of that experience, we have even greater confidence in the message proclaimed by the prophets. You must pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a lamp shining in a dark place—until the Day dawns, and Christ the Morning Star shines in your hearts. Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet’s own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

New Living Translation (NLT)

Six days later Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus’ appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus.

Peter exclaimed, “Lord, it’s wonderful for us to be here! If you want, I’ll make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But even as he spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is

my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him.” The disciples were terrified and fell face down on the ground.

Then Jesus came over and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” And when they looked up, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus. As they went back down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

SERMON “What Just Happened?”

Pastor Jonathon Kosec

SERMON HYMN: 46 Crown Him with Many Crowns 1,4,7

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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 into hell. 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERING:

After the consecration of the Offering, we will sing the Doxology:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

-PRAYERS OF PRAISE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, LORD’S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

HYMN 585 Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing 1+3

THE BENEDICTION & THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
C. **Thanks be to God**

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WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN! Thank you for joining us as we worship our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! Please take a moment to turn your Cell Phone or other devices to mute, so they do not go off during the service and become disruptive. We appreciate your help to this regard. And thanks again for being here with us this morning!

IN OUR PRAYERS: We take time during our service to offer petitions for the prayer needs of ourselves, our families, our friends, and the world. Please give those requests to Pastor at the beginning portion of the service so they can be included in our prayers during worship today.

OUR BIBLE STUDY ON ROMANS will next be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at 10:00 AM. We'll join in our Bible Study that morning and then join together for our Ash Wednesday worship. Please take the time to join us as we dig further into the Word of God with the continuation of our study.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH! Join us as we celebrate our fifth year of ministry together at our special dinner this morning following worship. Please plan to be with us as we celebrate this important milestone!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO BE WITH US THIS LENTEN SEASON! Traditionally a season of preparation and reflection, we hope to have a new look on the traditions of Lent as we celebrate the work that Jesus accomplished on the cross. **"GIVE IT UP!"** will be the guiding theme as we examine the various things people have given up in observance of the Lenten season, but with more attention as to what Jesus would have us do. It might be the best time to bring someone with you and form a new church relationship together!

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