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WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN! Thank you for joining us as we worship of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, ***please place your cell phones on mute*** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

IN OUR PRAYERS: Please use a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

THE MEANING OF THE TWO PICTURES IN THE BULLETIN: The two pictures at the top of the bulletin are the church's logo and the LCMC logo. The church's logo is the descent of the Holy Spirit into 'Our Savior' at the time of His Baptism.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH'S 9TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: We will celebrate our congregational birthday today, with a pot-luck meal and one of Bubbles Bures' wonderful cakes. If you didn't bring something to eat, don't worry we always have more food than the number of people!

ASH WEDNESDAY: We will celebrate the service of the Imposition of Ashes on Wednesday evening, February 17th at 6:00 PM. As in the past, we will not have separate Lenten services, but will incorporate the messages of Lent into our Sunday services.

A SERVICE OF HEALING AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS: We have not celebrated our service of healing since the start of the pandemic. We will celebrate this blessing of healing on Sunday, February 21st, the first Sunday in Lent where we ask for forgiveness and the coming of the healing grace of God to bless us.

We Serve Today:

Reader: *Peggie Sue Dygert*

Offering: *Jeff Cisco*

Communion: *Pam McKinnon, Cheri Usowicz*

Greeter: *Fran Thibideau*

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SERVICE OF THE WORD – The Transfiguration of our Lord

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME: *Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements*

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER - congregational responses in BOLD

Pastor: Lord, we approach your altar with with love for You and our concern for the price you paid for us on the cross. We realize the difficulties that we face, and we confess the poor job we have done with our response to your sacrifice. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

1 John 1:8-9 **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: As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus on His cross, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Alleluia and Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN: 18 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Kings 2:1-12 (ESV)

2 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 2 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. 3 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."

4 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. 5 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."

6 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. 7 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. 8 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.

9 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." 10 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." **11 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. 12 And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.**

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6 With Doxology (ESV)

*(Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold**)*

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

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

3 Our God comes; he does not keep silence;[a]
before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.

**4 He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

5 "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge!**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen**

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6 (ESV)

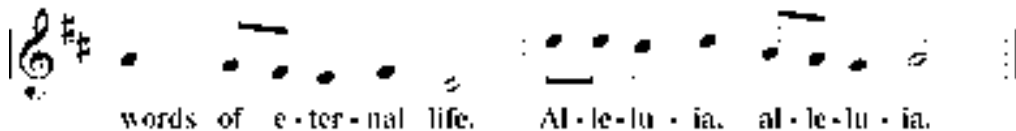
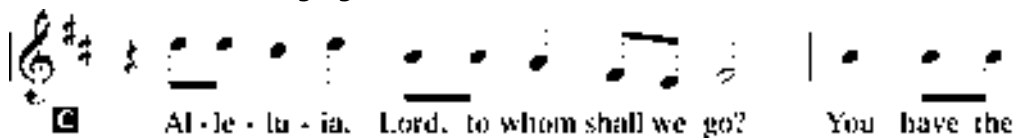
12 Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, **13** not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

The Light of the Gospel

4 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. **2** 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. **3** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

4 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. **5** For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. **6 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.**

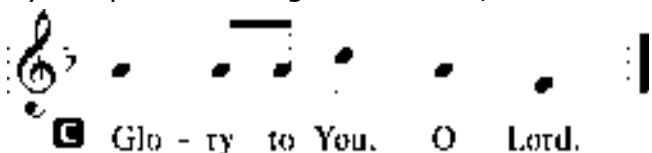
Please rise for the singing of the Alleluia. John 6:6-8



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THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th Chapter.



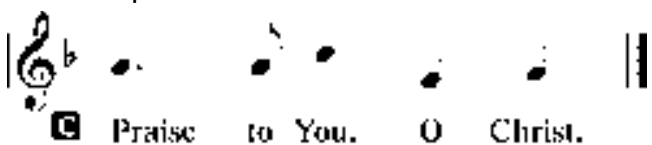
The Transfiguration

2 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, 3 and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

5 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." 6 For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." 8 And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

9 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.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.



SERMON 'The Divinity of Jesus During His Humiliation' Pastor Steve Dygert + STS

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus

Christ. *Ephesians 1:2*

C: Amen

SERMON HYMN: 196 He is Lord!

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed (C)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; [God of God], Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. "Who, for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was

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crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE 9TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH LITANY

A. Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

C. Praise the Lord! Give thanks to him!

A. God has blessed us and brought us to this time.

C. God has blessed us and brought us to this place.

A. God has caused his name to dwell in our midst.

C. God has stirred our hearts and made us glad.

A. God has shown us his glory in his mighty word.

C. God has shown us the way of truth and life.

A. Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

C. Praise the Lord! Give thanks to him!

A. For nine years, God has nurtured and fed us.

C. For nine years, God has shown us his grace.

A. For nine years, God has given himself in Word and Sacrament.

C. For nine years, God has empowered us with his Holy Spirit.

A. For nine years, God has made us his witnesses in the world.

C. For nine years, God has placed us in loving fellowship with one another.

A. Praise the Lord for nine years! Praise him for 100 more!

C. Praise the Lord for evermore! Oh, praise the name of the Lord!

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P. The Lord God is his goodness has blessed us with nine years of mission and ministry as Our Savior Lutheran Church. We are a remembering people, and it is good that we remember that God has chosen us, baptized us, and brought us together as the Church of Christ in this place. As remembering people, we look back at all the saving acts of God: the Creation, the Flood, the Covenant, the Exodus, the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the Church.

We are a remembering people, but we are also a people of this day, brought together by God to be a holy fellowship of believers: the Body of Christ, sharing, caring, working in the world, and living in the hope of the world to come.

Our eyes look back with thanksgiving. Our eyes look forward in hope. Therefore, with thanksgiving for the past and hope for the future, let us dedicate ourselves and our lives to the mission which God gives us as the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.

P. Let us pray together our Prayer of the Day:

C. Almighty God, we give you thanks for the work you have done in this place. We give you thanks for your love and faithfulness. When we called on your name, you made your presence known to us. When we prayed, you heard us. When we preached your Word and administered your Sacraments, you were in our midst.

You have accepted our humble sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving. You have listened to our confessions and forgiven our sins. And you have sent your Holy Spirit to heal and comfort our hurts, our sorrows, our infirmities, and our losses. Alleluia and Amen

A. Continue to empower us with your Spirit, O Lord, that we might proclaim your Gospel to all people.

C. We dedicate our lives to your service.

A. Help us to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in all that we do and say.

C. We dedicate our lives to your service.

A. Show us how we might give care and support to the needy, love and mercy to the broken and forlorn.

C. We dedicate our lives to your service.

A. Show us new ways of loving one another and those around us.

C. We dedicate our lives to your service.

A. Break down those prejudices and barriers which divide us, and make us all one in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

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A. Renew us by the Spirit, given at our baptisms, so that we might be challenged to move beyond our ruts, our apathy, and our anxieties of inadequacy.

C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

A. Grant that we may continually grow in the Spirit and in the ministry that you give us as members of your royal priesthood, the priesthood of all believers, so that we may carry out our mission of service and love.

C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

A. Continue to comfort, heal, and lift up the broken and afflicted among us. By the promise of your presence, bring us your healing love.

C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

A. Bring us at last to the joy of your eternal kingdom, where, with the faithful of this church who have gone before us and with all your saints, we may evermore praise your name.

C. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

P. Blessed Lord, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills and make us wholly yours. Use us as you will, to the glory of your holy name and the welfare of your people; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen

Rite of Friendship:

P. The Peace of the Lord Be With You Always.

C. And Also With You.

P. Please share the peace of the Lord with those around you.

During Covid, share the peace by remaining in your chairs and waving at those around you.

P. We now have the opportunity to share back with the Lord a little of the bounty He has shared with us.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Psalm 51:10-12

Cre - ate in me a clean heart. O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Hu-ly Spir-it
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

THE OFFERING: Offertory – 79 Hail to the Lord's Anointed vs 1,5

As the offering is brought forward, we will sing the Doxology.



G D Em Bm Em D G
 Praise God, from Whom all bless-ings flow; praise
 4 G D Em C G D Em
 Him all crea-tures here be-low; praise
 7 D/F# G D G/B C D/A G D/F#
 Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise
 10 G A7/E D Am G/D D7 G
 Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Doxology, written in England for Protestant Churches in 1674.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. *2nd Timothy 4:22*

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise

PROPER PREFACE FOR TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

P: It is indeed good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

For he revealed his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses and filled with the greatest splendor that bodily form which he shares with all humanity, that the scandal of the Cross might be removed from the hearts of his disciples and that he might show how in the body of the whole Church is to be fulfilled what so wonderfully shone forth first in its Head.

Therefore with angels and archangels and all the hosts of Heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

SANCTUS:

1 Holy, Holy, Holy vs 1, *Revelation 4:8*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God, Almighty
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

PRAYERS OF PRAISE: Let us Pray: (*Prayer Response*) *Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER: 632 The Lord's Prayer Sung

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION: *Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1st Corinthians 11:23-25*

On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said; "Take and eat; this is My body, given for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same manner, after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to the them saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of of Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *1st Corinthians 11:26*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING:

SENDING HYMN: 348 Shine Jesus Shine

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION: SONG: Let there Be Peace on Earth:

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Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God

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Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

Bible Studies: Wed. at 10 A.M. At OSLC, and after worship

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