

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY, THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2018**

**GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME**

*Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements*

**CONFESSIONAL PRAYER**

Pastor: As we enter into the Season of Lent, we approach your altar with love for You and our concern for the price you paid for us on the cross. Lord, 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.

**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. Go and sin no more. In the name of Jesus we pray. Alleluia and Amen.

**ENTRANCE HYMN: 53 Fairest Lord Jesus**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):**

**Just as Jesus revealed His divine nature at the Transfiguration, we ask that his sight of salvation fills our hearts and minds. Alleluia. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which God has called us. Alleluia and Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 2:1-12 (ESV)**

**Elijah Taken to Heaven**

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

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." 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.

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." 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.

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. 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.

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." 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.” 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.

And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

**PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6 (ESV)** (*Responsively recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in Bold*)

God Himself Is Judge - A Psalm of Asaph. The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

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

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

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

“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

**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 forever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**EPISTLE LESSON: 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:12-18 (ESV)**

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, 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. But 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.

Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And 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.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:1-9(ESV)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you Oh Lord.**

And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.”

### **The Transfiguration**

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, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.

And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 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.”

For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

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. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean.

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And they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?"

And he said to them, "Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you oh Christ!**

**SERMON** *This Little Light of Mine – I'm Gonna Let it Shine!* **Pastor Steve Dygert**

**SERMON HYMN:** This Little Light of Mine!

**Refrain**

*This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little Light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little Light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

**Verse**

*Do Lord, Oh Do Lord,  
Oh Do Remember Me,  
Do Lord Oh Do Lord,  
Oh Do Remember Me,  
Do Lord, Oh Do Lord,  
Oh Do Remember Me,  
Way Beyond the Blue.*

**Refrain**

*Pastor's Verse*

**Refrain**

**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: Offertory - 277 O How He Loves You and Me - Dean Carson**

*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. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER, PREPARATION OF THE TABLE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, THE DISTRIBUTION**

**THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN:** 11 Praise to the Lord

**THE AARONIC 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 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 muted** 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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** We will celebrate the imposition of ashes on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:15. Please join us for this important day.

**LENTEN SERVICES:** We will be celebrating Lenten Services on Wednesdays at 11:15 for our Lenten observation.

**BLESSING OF THE PETS:** We will be celebrating a Blessing of the Pets on Saturday Morning, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Time and Location to be announced.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** We will be celebrating Maundy Thursday with a Lenten Soup and Sandwich Meal starting at 5:15 and followed by our Maundy Thursday Service with Communion. Please join us for a blessed remembrance of the institution of the Lord's Supper.

**We Serve Today, February 11<sup>th</sup>:**

*Reader: Bev Cisco*

*Offering: Bob Wilgus, Frank Pierce*

*Communion: Bev Cisco, Bubbles Bures, Peggie Sue Dygert* *Greeter: Jeanne Keyser*

**We Serve Next Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>:**

*Reader: Jeanne Keyser*

*Offering: Bob Wilgus, Frank Pierce*

*Communion: Bev Cisco, Bubbles Bures, Peggie Sue Dygert* *Greeter: Jeanne Keyser*

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