



**Two men,
Moses & Elijah,
appeared in
glorious splendor,
talking with Jesus.**

▶ Luke 9:30 - 31 ◀

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Transfiguration Sunday

PRESERVICE PRAYER Heavenly Father, in your grace and love for a fallen mankind You have caused the light of the glory of God to be revealed in the face of Jesus Christ. We pray that You would send your Holy Spirit into our midst, that as we hear Your holy Word we may comprehend the glory of Jesus so that the light of the gospel might shine in our hearts, dispelling the darkness of sin and death and granting us the hope of everlasting life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN 359 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Thou, the true, the only Light.
Sun of Righteousness arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3. Visit, then, this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiance Divine, Scatter all my unbelief.
More and more Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech—¹³unlike Moses, *who* put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the *veil* is taken away in Christ. ¹⁵But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. ¹⁶Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. ¹⁸But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

⁴Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:2-9

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before

them. ³His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. ⁴And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”— ⁶because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid. ⁷And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!” ⁸Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves. ⁹Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 135 ‘Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

1. ‘Tis good , Lord, to be here, Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
2. ‘Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past, Promise of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified And our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death, We see Thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.
5. ‘Tis good, Lord, to be here. Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

THE SERMON: 2 Kings 2:1-12a

Theme: Following Elijah as the Lord Directs Us on the Road to Glory.

- I. Walking the Path of Faith
- II. Being Received into Heavenly Glory

SERMON TEXT: 2 Kings 2:1-12a

And it came to pass, when the LORD was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. ²Then Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Bethel.”

But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you!” So they went down to Bethel.

³ Now the sons of the prophets who *were* at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?”

And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent!”

⁴ Then Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Jericho.”

But he said, “As the LORD lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you!” So they came to Jericho.

⁵ Now the sons of the prophets who *were* at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?”

So he answered, “Yes, I know; keep silent!”

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan.”

But he said, “As the LORD lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you!” So the two of them went on. ⁷ And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing *them* at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. ⁸ Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled *it* up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹ And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?”

Elisha said, “Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.”

¹⁰ So he said, “You have asked a hard thing. *Nevertheless*, if you see me *when I am* taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so.” ¹¹ Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire *appeared* with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

¹² And Elisha saw *it*, and he cried out, “My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!” So he saw him no more. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN 134 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David’s stem, In Thy birth at Bethlehem.
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
And at Cana, Wedding-guest, In Thy God-head manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine.
Anthems be to Thee expressed, God in man made manifest.

3. Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill.
Anthems be to Thee expressed, God in man made manifest.

4. Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.

5. Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Mirrored in Thy holy Word;
May we imitate Thee now And be pure as pure art Thou
That we like to Thee may be At Thy great Epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen.

Hymn 413:6 "My Walk Is Heavenward All the Way"

6. My walk is heavenward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow,
When thou shalt find release for aye From all thy sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp begone! To heaven I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heavenward all the way.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word.

Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave. Bible class is scheduled to follow the service this morning.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism via ZOOM beginning at 4:00p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY Our midweek Lenten meditations begin. This Lenten season our mediations will be entitled "**It's All About**

Redemption” reflecting Luther’s explanation to the second article of the Apostle’s Creed. Our first meditation will Be **“He Redeemed Me, a Lost and Condemned Person.”** Text Romans 5:12,18

Service with Holy Communion. begins at 7:00 p.m.

We will not be having our traditional soup and sandwich suppers this year.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. Please register for communion by texting the Pastor or calling him, or verbally following today’s service. The February Church Council meeting is scheduled to follow the service. No Adult Bible class next Sunday. Next Sunday’s sermon text: Romans 8:31-39.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: February 7 worship – 10

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Other offerings	
Offerings Received	\$ 1175.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$50.00
Needed for Year:	\$7,500.00	Memorial: Janet Hopf gift to	
Received for Year:	\$6,610.00	Missions	\$25.00

February Church Cleaning – Barthels