



He was transfigured before them ...
and his clothes became dazzling white ...

Mark 9:2-3, NRSV

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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 Sky

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Thou, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, 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 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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 34:29-35

⁹ Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony *were* in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him. ³⁰ So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them. ³² Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. ³⁴ But whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded. ³⁵ And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him. (NKJV)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest

the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. ⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For it is the God who commanded light to 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. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED (The Lutheran Hymnal p. 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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: Luke 9:28-36

Theme: The Transfiguration Reveals Jesus' Glory as Our Redeemer.

- I. Know His Full Identity
- II. Understand His Mission Objective
- III. Listen to Him

SERMON TEXT: Luke 9:28-36

²⁸ Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe *became* white *and* glistening. ³⁰ And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. ³³ Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, *that* Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said.

³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!” ³⁶ When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN 360: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro’ all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.

3 Jesus!--the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner’s ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.

4 He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.

5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain;
His soul was once an offering made For every soul of man.

7 Glory to God and praise and love Be ever, ever given,
By saints below and saints above, The church in earth and heaven.

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

HYMN 657:4: Beautiful Savior

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. Catechism class is scheduled for 11:30.

WEDNESDAY: : **Ash Wednesday** Mid-week Lenten services begin. Supper begins serving at 6:00 p.m. Lenten meditation with Holy Communion begins at 7:00 p.m. The theme of our midweek meditations this year is *Christ's Passion in Paul's Epistles*. Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18. The theme of our first meditation is: The Cross is Foolishness?

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday School and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. Catechism class is scheduled for 11:30. Sermon text: John 11:49-53. (This year we will also be having a Passion theme to our Sunday sermons. Theme: Veiled Truths from the Passion!)

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 14, 15: Midweek Lenten meditations with the theme: **Christ's Passion in Paul's Epistles**. On Wednesdays we will have suppers at 6:00. All evening meditations begin at 7:00.

April 17: EASTER SUNDAY!

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: February 20 worship – 20 Sunday school – 4 no Bible Class

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,312.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1365.00	
Needed for Year:	\$10,496.00	
Received for Year:	\$12,976.13	

March Church Cleaning: T. Barthels

CLC NEWS: ILC Professor Joel Gullerud has declined the call to be teacher and principal of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. The Rev. Luke Willitz, a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN, *has received the call* to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN.