

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

**FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> 2020**



# WELCOME

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## TODAY'S SERVICE

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 2:6-12*

"Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." <sup>7</sup> "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You *are* My Son, To-day I have begotten You. <sup>8</sup> Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession. <sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'" <sup>10</sup> Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. <sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. <sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish *in* the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## Shine, Jesus Shine



1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing,
2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence,
3. As we gaze on Your king - ly brightness



In the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing;  
From the shad - ows in - to Your ra - diance;  
So our fac - es dis - play Your like - ness,



Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us,  
By the blood I may en - ter Your brightness;  
Ev - er changing from glo - ry to glo - ry;



Set us free by the truth You now bring us;  
Search me, try me, con - sume all my darkness;  
Mir - rored here, may our lives tell Your sto - ry;



Shine on me, Shine on me.  
 Shine on me, Shine on me.  
 Shine on me, Shine on me.



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the



Father's glo-ry. Blaze, Spir-it, blaze; set our hearts on



fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with



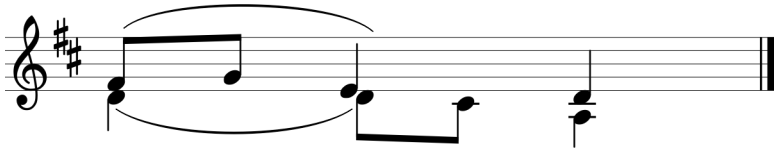
grace and mer-cy. Send forth Your Word, Lord, and



let there be light.

# INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



c A - men.

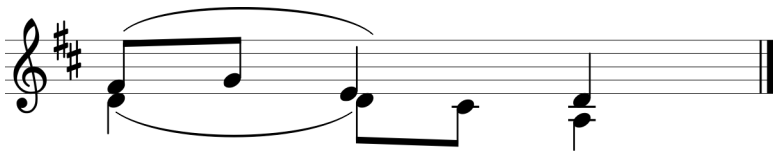
# CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**all** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But

trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.



c A - men.



c Lord, have, mer - cy on us.



Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.



c  
 Glo - ry to God, we  
 Lord Je - sus Christ, the  
 A - lone, O Christ, You



give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly  
 Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for  
 on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship  
 us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
 hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the



You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-  
 God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
 Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King  
 prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.





## THE WORD

**Exodus 24:8-18** <sup>8</sup> And Moses took the blood, sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words." <sup>9</sup> Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, <sup>10</sup> and they saw the God of Israel. And *there was* under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in *its* clarity. <sup>11</sup> But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank. <sup>12</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them." <sup>13</sup> So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed Aaron and Hur *are* with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them." <sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud

covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> The sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. <sup>18</sup> So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**2 Peter 1:16-21** <sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. <sup>17</sup> For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup> And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; <sup>20</sup> knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, <sup>21</sup> for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and  
keep it!



c Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!



These words are written that we may believe that



Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

## THE NICENE CREED

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of  
God, begotten of His 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 us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was 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 at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian 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.

## **Hymn 135 - Tis Good Lord To Be Here**

# SERMON

**Matthew 17:1-9** Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; <sup>2</sup> and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" <sup>6</sup> And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup> Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

## JESUS STANDS ALONE

Jesus comes down the mountain reminding us that there is no longer any need for us to attempt to climb up to find God.

Jesus touched them indicating that the fearful sight of the glory of the Father was gone. We no longer need to cower in fear before God since Jesus is our Savior.

Moses and Elijah were gone and Jesus alone remained, reminding us that the requirements of the law and the prophets are fulfilled.

c Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-  
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a-  
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
 Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-  
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

## Hymn 657 - Beautiful Savior (MFH 82)

# OFFERING, PRAYERS



## AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

p The Lord be with you.



c And al - so with you.

p Lift up your hearts.

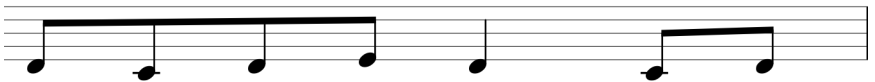


c We lift them up to the Lord.

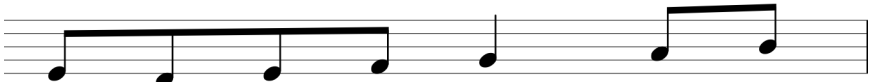
p It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God and now we praise You that You sent to us Your only Son and that through Him, who was true man, You manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



c Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of



Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and



earth with full ac - claim shout the

glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho - san - na in the  
 high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly  
 blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

c O Lamb of God, O Christ our  
 Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im-  
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
 tain with Your mer-cy and grant us Your peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

*[Distribution Hymns]*

We ask that only members of Faith Lutheran Church or the CLC come forward to receive the Lord's Supper. Visitors are welcome to speak to the pastor after the service.

**Allergy free** wafers are available to the first table.



c O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo-ry to the Son, All glo-ry to the



glo-ry Of Your re-deeming grace: A light to lead the  
Spir-it, For - ev - er Three-in - One; For as in the be-



Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly hill, The  
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's



glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your chosen Is-ra - el.  
tri-unename re - sounding Through all e - terni - ty.

# THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you  
and give you peace.



c A - men. A - men. A - men.

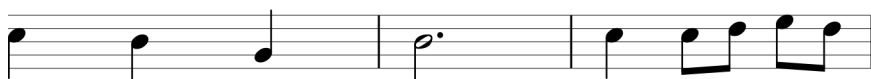
## Be Thou My Vision



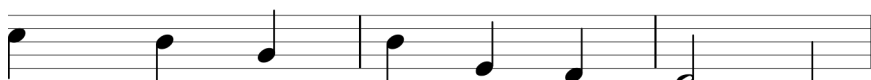
1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my  
2 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the  
3 Rich - es I need not, nor man's emp - ty  
4 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry



heart; Naught be all else to me,  
 fight; Thou my whole ar - mor and  
 praise; Thou mine in - her - i - tance  
 won, May I reach heav - en's joys,



save that thou art. Thou my\_ best.  
 thou my true might; thou my\_ soul's  
 now and al - ways; Thou and\_ thou  
 O bright heav'n's Sun. Heart of\_ my\_



thought in the day and the night\_\_\_\_  
 shel - ter and thou my strong tow - er.  
 on - ly the first in my heart;\_\_\_\_  
 own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,\_\_\_\_



Wak - ing and sleep - ing, thy\_ pres - ence my light.  
 Raisethou me heav'nward, great Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 High King of heav - en, my\_ treas - ure thou art.  
 Still be my vi - sion, O\_ Rul - er of all.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday 2/23

9am Communion Service

10am Sunday School

10am Choir Practice

10:15am Bible Class

#### Wednesday 2/26

4pm Confirmation Class

7pm Ash Wednesday Service

#### Sunday 3/1

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10am Choir Practice

10:15am Bible Class

### FRUITS OF FAITH

Attendance - 105

General: \$ 4423.00

Missions: \$ 420.00

Memorials:

\$10.00 Nola Rasske - Window Fund

\$1000 Russell Schwandt - Missions

## ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

**This Week: Team # 4**

Russ Denson, Gary Quade

**Next Week: Team # 1**

Dean Bremer, Frank Quade

## FEBRUARY USHERS

Jim Brown, Matt Dumke,

Archie Quade, Gary Quade

## MARCH USHERS SUNDAYS

John Bobek, Russell Brown,

Bruce Braaksma, Gary Ward

## MARCH USHERS WEDNESDAYS

Robert McElroy, Kent Quade,

Jim Hanneman, Jim Kok

## SUMMER EVENTS

A list of CLC summer events is posted on the bulleting board.



## ILC TOUR CHOIR

The ILC Tour Choir schedule is posted on the bulletin board.

## CALL NEWS

Pastor Matthew Hanel, St. Matthew, Dallas, TX has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.

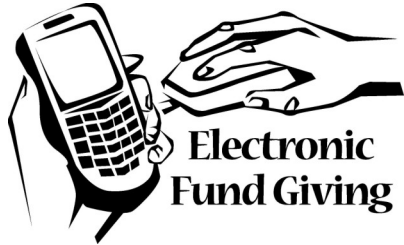
Missionary Peter Evenson has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN.

Deana Pfeiffer and Leah Fossum accepted their part time calls to Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC.

Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has been called by Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran, West Columbia, SC to be Principal and upper grades teacher.

Teacher Joshua Ohlmann, Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY to be their Principal/Teacher.

Mrs. Sarah Ude, Middleton, WI has been called by Faith, Markesan, WI.



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## **What's Good about the Public Ministry? It Serves to Extend the Lord's Kingdom Here on Earth**

This month we consider a second reason why the public ministry is a good thing in the sight of God: It serves to extend the Lord's Kingdom here on earth. That is the clear teaching of the Apostle Paul in Romans 10:13-18:

**For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." (ESV)**

Paul here underscores the fact that no human being can come to a knowledge of the Gospel of Christ by his own religious reasoning or scientific research. The Good News about the forgiveness of sins and eternal life in Jesus Christ must be proclaimed to a person if he is ever to know it. And only that Good News has the power to create saving faith in the heart, and thereby make people the children of God and heirs of everlasting life. It is therefore by the preaching and teaching of the Gospel that the Kingdom of Christ is extended throughout this world of sinners! For what is the Kingdom of Christ but His gracious and saving rule in the hearts of people through the Gospel!

But don't we find a problem here? For the number of Gospel witnesses has always been so small in comparison with the teeming millions of this world's population. How can so few accomplish anything worthwhile? Is it any wonder if thoughts of discouragement come to the pastor and lay members of a small congregation in an isolated rural area, or if questions about the usefulness of it all come to a Christian teacher in a little classroom with a mere handful of pupils? How can they be doing anything worthwhile in the extending of Christ's Kingdom here on earth?

When such thoughts arise, we need to think back to the early days of the New Testament Church. It was to a small handful of disciples that the Lord first spoke the words of the Great Commission: "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." (Mark 16:15). And yet so greatly did the Holy Spirit bless their preaching and teaching, that the apostle could say in our text less than twenty-five years later: "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."

The Lord Christ is still extending His Kingdom on earth through His little Gideon band of believers. We speak much about the billions of people who are still without the Gospel--and surely our hearts do go out to those sinners who have not yet heard about the grace and forgiveness of God in Jesus Christ. But perhaps we should speak more about how the Lord is capable of using small numbers of workers and meager resources to accomplish amazing things in His Kingdom. When you listen to the stories told by missionaries, beginning in the book of Acts, you begin to realize how the Gospel has been carried by Christians even to the most remote corners of this earth!

Then let the pastor and his flock, the Christian day school teacher and her lambs, busy themselves with the Gospel word, that they may together "grow in the grace and knowledge of [their] Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Pet. 3:18). Never do they have reason for discouragement, for our text promises: "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." The Lord will most certainly use their preaching and teaching and witnessing to extend His Kingdom of grace here on earth! Listen to how God in our text describes the work of even the humblest Christian pastor and teacher as they bring the Gospel to others: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" Amen.

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