

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 14, 2021 11:00 am

FOR THOSE DESIRING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34.)



THINK ABOUT THIS

Although many travelers to the Holy Land focus their visits on biblical sites located in Israel, there are many noteworthy sacred locations in today's nation of Jordan, on the east side of the Jordan River. Two of these sites are the site called Tell Mar Elias, by tradition the place where the prophet Elijah was born, and Elijah's Hill, near the Jordan River location of Jesus' Baptism, where it is said that Elijah ascended to heaven in the whirlwind. Both sites were the location of notable Christian churches centuries ago. Elijah has long been remembered and honored by Christian people as a precursor to Jesus and an important historical figure of faith. Yet Elijah was a human being—just like us. His presence on the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus and Moses reminds us of what is to come for us humans by God's grace for the sake of our glorious and glorified Lord Jesus Christ.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "The Way"

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge 1&2, Chorus, Bridge 2, Chorus)

**Through every battle, through every heartbreak
through every circumstance**

**I believe You are my fortress, You are my portion
You are my hiding place**

Chorus:

**I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life
I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life (I believe You are)**

**I believe through every blessing, through every promise
through every breathe I take**

**I believe You are provider, You are protector
You are the One I love Chorus**

Bridge 1

**It's a new horizon and I'm set on You
and You meet me here today with mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts they can all come too
Because they can't stay long when I'm here with You**

Bridge 2

**It's a new horizon and I'm set on You
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts, they can all come too
Because they can't stay long when Chorus**

"Full Attention"

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Ending)

**May Your voice be louder
And may Your voice be clearer
Than all the others, than all the others
And may Your face be dearer
And may Your words be sweeter
Than all the others
Than all the others in my life**

Chorus:

**Please keep my eyes fixed on You
Please root my heart so deep in You
Keep me abiding keep me abiding
Keep me abiding that I
Oh, that I may bear fruit**

**And may Your presence be truer
And may Your presence be nearer
Than all the others, than all the others
And may Your light shine brighter
And may Your love move deeper
Than all the others
Than all the others in my life Chorus**

Ending Chorus:
Please keep my eyes fixed on You
Please root my heart so deep in You
Keep me asking keep me kneeling
Keep me abiding that I
Oh, that I may bear fruit

WELCOME

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 30:15, 18, 29*

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,

“In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”

Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you.

For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him.

You shall have a song as in the night when a holy feast is kept,

and gladness of heart, as when one sets out to the sound of the flute to go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

O God, our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.

We confess that we have not always brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.

Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.

We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both that which we know and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.

Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.

Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE “We Want to See Jesus Lifted High”

(Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus)

**We want to see, we want to see, we want to see Jesus lifted high.
We want to see, we want to see, we want to see Jesus lifted high.**

**Step by step we’re moving forward, little by little taking ground.
Ev’ry prayer a powerful weapon, strongholds come tumbling down,
and down, and down, and down.
We want to see Jesus lifted high, a banner that flies across this land,
That all men might see the truth and know He is the way to heaven. (repeat)**

Last time: We’re going to see...

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace and glory, before Your Son turned His face to Jerusalem and Mount Calvary, on another mountain You revealed His glory as He appeared with Moses and Elijah. Sustain Your Church both by His glory and also by Your grace, and help us to reflect the glory of Your love to all; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

2 KINGS 2:1–12

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And 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. ³And 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.”

⁴Elijah 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. ⁵The 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.”

⁶Then 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. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at

some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then 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.

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

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:12–18; 4:1–6

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not 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. ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And 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.

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But 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. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In 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. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to...

Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING MARK 9:2-9

²After 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, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And 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." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And 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 the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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 the 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

CHILDREN'S SONG "To You O Lord" *(based on Psalm 25:1-2)*

(Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus)

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul, In You I trust, O Lord.

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul, In You I trust, O Lord.

**Higher than the mountains, deeper than the seas,
Wider than the oceans is Your love for me.
You're with me on the mountains, in the valleys below.
You are right here beside me ev'rywhere that I go.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SONG

"Lamb of God"

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus, Chorus)

**King of all the earth and every age
All creation waits for You, and trembles at Your name
Surrounded on a throne of endless praise
Fire and lightning flash from the glory of Your face
And I sing to You**

Chorus:

**You are holy, You are worthy
You are holy, You're the Lamb of God**

**How do I dare approach this Holy One
The One who was and is, Who was and is to come
Robed in righteousness and mystery
We've only just begun, just begun to sing
So I'll come broken through
The blood of Your Son
I kneel before You (Chorus)**

Bridge:

**Blessing and honor and glory and power
To Him who sits on the throne
Blessing and honor and glory and power
Forever to our God alone (Chorus)**

MESSAGE "Walk With Elijah, Meet with Jesus" (2 Kings2:1-12)

(The offering will be received at the end of the service)

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

(Visitors, please read the statement at the beginning of this service folder)

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away.

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG

"Remembrance"

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus)

Oh, how could it be

That my God would welcome me into this mystery

Say take this bread, take this wine

Now the simple made divine for us to receive

By Your mercy, we come to Your table

By Your grace, You are making us faithful

Chorus:

Lord, we remember You

And remembrance leads us to worship

And as we worship You

Our worship leads to communion

We respond to Your invitation, we remember You

See His body, His blood

Know that He has overcome every trial we will face

None too lost to be saved

None too broken or ashamed, sinners welcome in this place

**By Your mercy, we come to Your table
By Your grace, You are making us faithful: Chorus**

**Bridge:
Dying You destroyed our death
Rising You restored our life
Lord Jesus, come in glory
Lord Jesus, come in glory
Lord Jesus, come in glory
Lord Jesus, come in glory: Chorus**

BLESSING AND PEACE

May the true body and true blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul in the true faith to life everlasting. Depart in His peace.

PRAYER OF THANKS

Almighty and ever-living God, our heavenly Father, You have again welcomed us at Your Table. We thank You for the sustenance You have given us through this Holy Meal. We bless You for the fellowship of Your Table and for joining us as one with saints on earth and saints in glory, including the prophet Elijah and Valentine. As the broken bread was once scattered as seed upon the fields and after being harvested was made one, so let Your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom, for Yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

SONG

“Benediction”

(Verse, Chorus, Verse)

**May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord smile on you
Shine His light upon you
May the Lord lift you
Turn His face towards you
Give you His peace**

Give you His peace

Chorus:

Blessed we came to this place today
And blessed now we will go
In the name of the Father
The Spirit and the Son
Blessed we came to this place today
And blessed now we will go
In the name of the Father
The Spirit and the Son

May the Lord bless us and keep us
May the Lord smile on us
Shine His light upon us
May the Lord lift us
Turn His face towards us
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Give us His peace

LEAVING *(Please wait to be dismissed row-by-row. Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet.)*

OFFERING *(The offering plates are in the back of the church).*

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