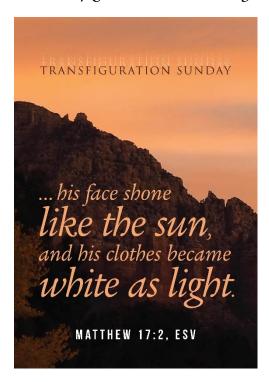
# REDEMPTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

# Transfiguration Sunday



**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.



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#### **Pre-Service Meditation:**

**Matthew 17:2** And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

**Prayer:** Lord, You showed Your disciples a glimpse of Your great glory. You have shown us the same glory through the proclamation of the Gospel. May the glory of Your love reflect off us and to the world that many others may look upon Your great glory in faith. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forevermore, Amen.

# Service of the Word

#### **Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn** 

TLH 135 'Tis Good Lord to Be Here

#### Invocation

- In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

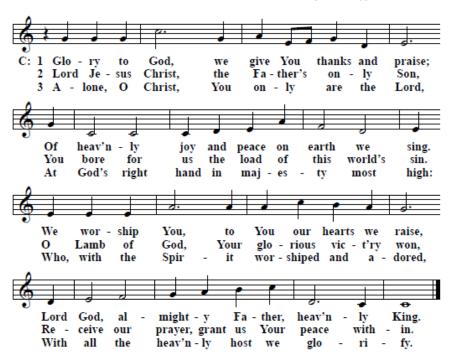
#### Confession and Absolution

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- 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.
- 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 Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie





# Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P Let us pray. . .
- . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **Old Testament Lesson**

2 Kings 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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."

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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,

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

# Psalm of the Day

#### Psalm 50 (selected verses)

- 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.
- P Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
- before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.
- P He calls to the heavens above

till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

- (P) "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

#### Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 4:1-6

<sup>12</sup>Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup>But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>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.

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.

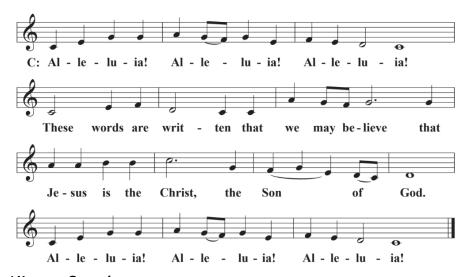
#### **Gospel Lesson**

Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup> who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory

and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"-- not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



#### 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.

Hymn

WS 719 Jesus On the Mountain Peak

#### Sermon

1 Corinthians 4:1-6

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Do Not Lose Heart, You Have the Gospel Ministry

## Offertory



. . . in whose Name we also join to pray together:  $\mathbf{P}$ 

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

# The Service of the Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

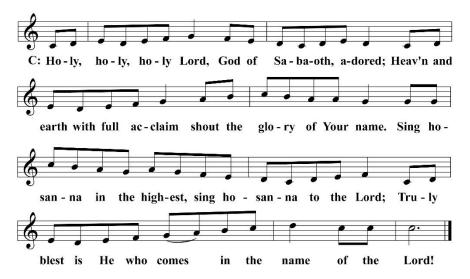
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

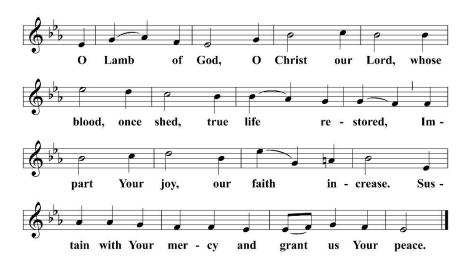
P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. . . Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### Sanctus



Words of Institution

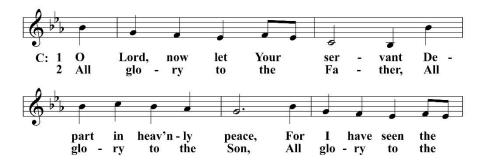
## Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

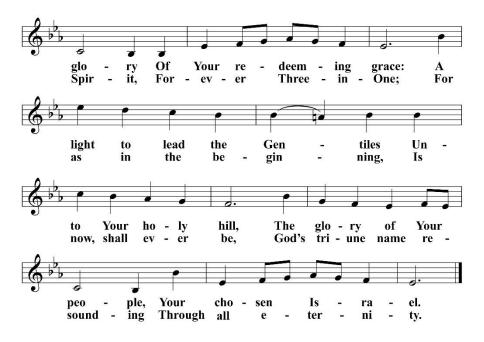


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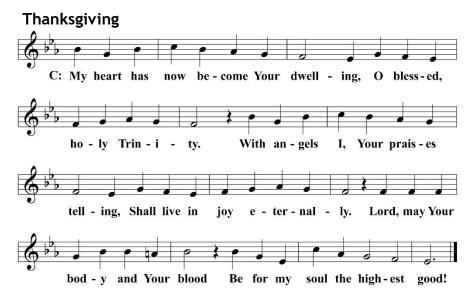
A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT COMMUNION: All CLC churches practice "close communion." We ask that only those who are members of our church or another congregation in the CLC come forward to receive the Sacrament. This is NOT a judgment on your faith! Rather, it is an expression of our own faith and unity. If you would like more information, or are interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

#### **Nunc Dimittis**





P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord with gladness!



#### Benediction

C: Amen.

Hymn

**TLH 657 Beautiful Savior** 

#### **Silent Prayer**

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#### **Announcements**

# **Upcoming Events:**

- Lent: Our Ash Wednesday service is this week. We will be having a soup supper at 6pm for those interested.
- Women's Group: Our women's group will be meeting this Tuesday at 7pm.
- <u>Discipleship Committee:</u> Our Discipleship committee will be meeting next Tuesday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm.

# **Call News:**

- Pastor Paul Krause of Zion Lutheran of Hidewood, SD and Trinity Lutheran of Watertown, SD is considering the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.
- Teacher Kendra Rodebaugh of Gethsemane Lutheran in Spokane,
  WA has received the call to Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners. WI
- Teacher Matt Thurow of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN is considering the call to the professorship at ILC.

# **Upcoming Schedule:**

Wednesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday at 7pm Sunday Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 9 Wednesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> Midweek Lenten Service at 7pm Sunday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 9