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His clothes became radiant, dazzling white...  
Mark 9:2-3 (EHV)

## The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May the glory of Christ's salvation burn brightly in your hearts!

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Oh, wondrous type! Oh, vision fair of glory that the Church may share, which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows! O Father, with the eternal Son and Holy Spirit ever one, we pray you, bring us by your grace to see your glory face to face. Amen

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**SERVICE THEME** Before we watch Jesus willingly walk down his road of sorrows (*Via Dolorosa*) during Lent, we are reminded that our Suffering Savior is the glorious Son of God

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Service of the Word*

## OPENING HYMN

*God, We Praise You | CW 277 v 1-2*

God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we name you sov'reign Lord!  
Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by your Church adored:  
All creation shows your glory; Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,  
Singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"

True apostles, faithful prophets, Saints who set their world ablaze,  
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, Join one growing song of praise,  
While your Church on earth confesses One majestic Trinity:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God, our hope eternally.

*Stand*

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.  
C: **(spoken) And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: 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.

C: **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.**

M: 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: **(spoken) Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## SONG OF PRAISE

*God, We Praise You | CW 277 v 3*

Jesus Christ, the King of glory, Everlasting Son of God,  
Humble was your virgin mother, Hard the lonely path you trod:  
By your cross is sin defeated, Hell confronted face to face,  
Heaven opened to believers, Sinners justified by grace.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-21

*The heavenly Father's voice and the prophetic Word of God testify that Jesus is the almighty Son of God.*

<sup>16</sup>To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Stand*

## GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

*Jesus revealed his heavenly glory on the Mount of Transfiguration.*

<sup>2</sup>After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain where they were alone by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. <sup>3</sup>His clothes became radiant, dazzling white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And Elijah appeared to them together with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say because they were terrified.

<sup>7</sup>A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.”

<sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **(spoken) Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be Seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here* | CW 95

How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;  
Your face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here Your beauty to behold,  
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past, Promise of things to be,  
We hail your body glorified And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death, We see your kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.

How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;  
But since you bid us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

*Stand*

## SERMON

2 Kings 2:1-12a

*Without tasting death, Elijah was taken up to heavenly glory in a whirlwind.*

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah was traveling with Elisha from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Bethel.”

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

<sup>3</sup>The sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?”

Then he said, “Yes, I know. Be quiet.”

<sup>4</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here because the LORD has sent me to Jericho.”

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

<sup>5</sup>Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?”

He said, “Yes, I know. Be quiet.”

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here because the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.”

But he said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on.

<sup>7</sup>Then fifty men from the sons of the prophets came and stood and watched them from a distance, while the two of them were standing at the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Elijah took his cloak, folded it together, and struck the water. The water divided to the right and to the left. Then the two of them crossed on dry land.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask me for whatever I can do for you before I am taken from you.”

Then Elisha said, “Let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.”

<sup>10</sup>He said, “You have asked for a difficult thing. If you see me being taken from you, it will surely be yours. But if not, then it will not.”

<sup>11</sup>While they were walking and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire, and horses of fire came and separated them. So Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. <sup>12</sup>Elisha was watching and crying out, “My father! My father! Israel’s chariot and its charioteers!” Then he did not see him anymore.

*Be Seated*

### “Our Glorious God Strengthens Us”

*Pastor Haag*

1. Not always by other people
2. But by his promises

*Stand*

### APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*Be Seated*

### PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

*Stand*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

*Be Seated*

### HYMN

*Crown Him, with Many Crowns | CW 341 v 1-2*

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love-Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond’ring eye At mysteries so bright.

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*Crown Him, with Many Crowns* | CW 341 v 3-4

Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above;  
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall;  
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.

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## Weekly Announcements

**MEDITATIONS & FORWARD IN CHRIST** The new issue of Meditations (Starts Feb. 28) are available in the narthex. The February issue of *Forward in Christ* is also available.

**GUEST PREACHER** for this weekend is Pastor David Haag from Winnebago Lutheran Academy.



**LENT** begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 17**. Our six Lenten Services will be at 3:30 & 6:30 pm each Wednesday. The theme for our services this year is: *The Hands of the Passion*. Come join your church family as together we grow in our faith as we witness Jesus walking down his Via Dolorosa, his Way of Sorrow.

**MEMORIALS** A special gift has been given to the General Fund in loving memory of Larry Lohse.

**ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING** The Annual Voters Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 14 immediately following the 10:30 service. Annual reports are available in the narthex.

**SCRIP NEWS** Kwik Trip is at it again! For the month of February only, Kwik Trip is giving a 10% rebate – so don't wait to stock up!

**SECOND IMPRESSIONS** is celebrating their 4-year anniversary this month! They are offering the following specials: Monday, Feb. 15 – \$10 FREE clothing with a purchase of \$10 or more. Tuesday, Feb. 16 – 25% OFF entire store (excludes furniture). Wednesday, Feb. 17 – All shirts & pants \$1 each. Thursday & Friday, Feb. 18 & 19– 50% OFF entire store (excludes furniture). Saturday, Feb. 20 – Loyalty card for first 100 shoppers who spend \$10 or more. Thank you for all your continued support!



**KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP** will be held on Friday, February 26 from 9:00–11:00 am. If you know anyone who is looking for a school for next year, please invite them. Mrs. Mildebrandt has flyers available with more information. Registration for Kindergarten will be on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 pm.

**ST. PETER'S THREE AND FOUR-YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL** The School Board has made adjustments to our preschool program for the 2021-22 school year. We will be offering a combined class for children three and four years old. We are planning for a total of twenty-four students. The hours will be 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday. There is an option for half days. There will be twelve spots open for full days (\$3000 per year) and twelve for half days (\$1500 per year). The wife of our new principal, Kathrine Raddatz, will be our new preschool teacher, since Mrs. Westphal is retiring. If you are interested in applying for your child, please contact our acting principal, Mr. Hinds at 922-1160 ext. 302.

**WLA** has extended divine calls to Ms. Ellen Smith and Pastor Aaron Steinbrenner. Ms. Smith is called to teach Art and Graphic Design. Pastor Steinbrenner is called to teach religion classes. Please keep them, their families, and their current ministries in your prayers as they deliberate where to best serve our Lord and Savior. These calls have been placed to replace the positions of Pastor and Mrs. Zahn.

**ORGANIST**  
David Koepsell

**GREETERS**  
7:45 ~ Guy & Sue Repp  
10:30 ~ Jim & Marcia Pflum

*Last Week's Stewardship*

Worship: 49 + 91 + 108 = 248

Communed: 35 + 80 + 73 = 188

Midweek Bible Class: 11 + 10 = 21

*Daily Bible Readings*

2/14 Zephaniah 3:8-20

2/18 Habakkuk 2:6-20

2/15 Nahum 1

2/19 Habakkuk 3:1-15

2/16 Nahum 2, 3

2/20 Habakkuk 3:16-19

2/17 Habakkuk 1:1-2:5

*First Fruits to the Lord 2021:*

Last Week

Year-to-Date

Thank offerings in support of the unified budget

\$26,459.65

Other receipts in support of the unified budget

3,516.00

Total receipts in support of the unified budget

29,975.65

\$141,614.52

Requirement to support proposed unified budget

32,079.96

192,479.76

Overage (Shortfall)

(2,104.31)

(50,865.24)

Honoring the Lord!

1,030.96

Improvement Fund

30.00

WLA Forward in Trust

15.00

*This Week at St. Peter's*

[www.stpetersfdl.net/calendar](http://www.stpetersfdl.net/calendar)

MONDAY

3:15 pm

Faculty Meeting

6:00 pm

School Board Meeting

6:00 pm

Board of Outreach

TUESDAY

6:30 pm

Board of Elders

6:30 pm

Board of Properties

WEDNESDAY

3:30 pm

Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion

6:30 pm

Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion

THURSDAY

5:30 pm

Board of Youth Discipleship

6:30 pm

Worship with Communion

7:30 pm

Board of Adult Discipleship