



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

Mark 9:2-3, NRSV



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WE ARE PEOPLE OF GOD...

...who worship together, grow together, work together and together serve God and one another in Christian love.

...who gather around Word and Sacrament for spiritual nourishment.

...who take seriously Christ's command to make disciples of all nations.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn LSB 803

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!

2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,

△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun-tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

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Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796-1867

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Invocation

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

G Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 99:4, 9

- P** The King in His might loves justice.
C **You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

- P** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;
C **for the LORD our God is holy!**

Silence for reflection.

- P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

- P** Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- C** **Amen.**

Introit

- P** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
C **for the LORD our God is holy!**

- P** The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
C **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

- P** The LORD is great in Zion;
C **he is exalted over all the peoples.**

- P** Let them praise your great and awesome name!
C **Holy is he!**

- P** The King in his might loves justice.
C **You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

P Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

C **Holy is he!**

**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 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

C **for the LORD our God is holy!**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day: Transfiguration

P O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

GraceNotes

Thy Holy Wings

Old Testament

Exodus 34:29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

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

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, 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. 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. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 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.

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

P Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

And 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C 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 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

Sermon Hymn LSB 415

Jesus on the Mountain Peak



1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak Stands a - lone in
2 Trem - bling at His feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came: God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; Let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
sing be - fore Him, First and Last and on - ly One.



Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der,
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!



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

Rev. David Johnson

✠ ✠ ✠ **Our offerings are received at the Altar** ✠ ✠ ✠

Hymn LSB 526

You Are the Way; through You Alone



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.
 Tune: The CL Psalms of David, 1615, Edinburgh
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Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the eyes to see, ears to hear, and faith to believe Christ is the glory of the Father who has accomplished salvation by fulfilling the Law and the prophets for us; Lord, in Your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

P For the Church, where the glory of God shines through the voice of His Word and by the sacraments of Christ, and for our life together in the unity of this Word believed and this Gospel proclaimed; Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For the pastors who preach the glory of the cross and the church workers who serve us in Christ's name and for those preparing for church work; Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For the faded glory of the world, of nations in conflict, of the victims of violence and hate, and of the inequities of our broken world and for those who serve us on every level of government; Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For those afflicted in mind or body, those bearing the pain of grief or loss, and for the dying, [*especially . . .*], and for comfort, peace, healing, and faith to sustain them in their trouble; Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For each of us that we may shine with the borrowed light of Christ, displaying in words and works the love that Christ has manifested toward us; Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For our wisdom in the face of falsehood, our strength in the face of temptation, and our courage in the face of threat and persecution; Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For faithful worship where Christ and His gifts are the center of why we gather and all we do and for grace to receive His gifts with faith and repentance; Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For this altar and those who commune here and for our unity of faith, our fellowship as the baptized, and our witness and service to others in Christ's name; Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

G 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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

G Amen.

Closing Hymn LSB 414

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here



1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy
2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy
3 Ful - fill - er of the past And
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We
5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,
beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -
hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y
see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the
we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.
glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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Announcements

Please complete the "Friendship Pads" found at the inside aisle holder in each pew and pass it to the others in your row. We especially ask our visitors and guests to share their information with us, so we can stay in touch!

Dismissal

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude (11am only)

The Brightness of God's Glory

Praise Team

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are offered by Susan Johnson in loving memory of her beloved son, Gregory Scott Carley.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be held this Wednesday, February 14th, at 7:00 p.m. This will be the first week of our Wednesday evening Lenten services. Holy Communion will be celebrated at this service. Please spend time in prayerful preparation.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Please join us for the soup suppers before our Wednesday evening Lenten services. They will begin at 6:00 p.m. each week beginning this Wednesday. Please bring your favorite soup and/or dessert to share!

LWML TO MEET THIS TUESDAY

The LWML February meeting will be held this Tuesday, February 13th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Johnson will be giving a Bible Study. Come and enjoy fellowship with us. If you have not paid your dues of \$16.00, please give them to Lu Lehmann.

TUESDAY MORNING LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY

We have a LifeLight Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The topic of this study is the Triune God. Please feel free to join us on Tuesday mornings.

TUESDAY EVENING LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Please feel free to join our LifeLight Bible Study that meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The topic of this study is 1 & 2 Chronicles.

LWML COLLECTING ITEMS FOR BIRTHDAY BAGS

In March the LWML will be putting together Birthday Bags for the Missoula Food Bank. They will be collecting items for these bags in February. If you would like to donate items, they can be placed in the donation box in the Narthex. The items they are collecting include:

Cake mixes	Candles
Frosting	Napkins
Paper plates	Coloring book
Small toy/stuffed animal	Crayons

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Our next trip to Imuris and Benjamin Hill will be April 11th – 18th. If this is something that you have always wanted to do, I ask you to prayerfully consider joining us. If you have any questions, please contact Sonja Reeves.

THURSDAY PRAYER TIME CONTINUES

Everyone is invited to join us in a time of prayer as we have the sanctuary open on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for those who wish to join us in both private and corporate prayer.

THE CLASSICAL SCHOOL AT LENT

Have you ever been to Bethany? Visit on Sunday, March 3rd, at 9:45 a.m. and reacquaint yourself with fellow believers and share memories of Jesus and His ministry.

*Followers of Jesus Reunion
Were You There?*

RAISERIGHT

Raise Right is a gift card fundraising program that First Lutheran Classical School uses to help fund our scholarships. Download the RaiseRight App on your phone or go to RaiseRight.com on your computer. For step-by-step instructions, visit RaiseRight.com/StartEarning. See Sylvia Moody to get our school's enrollment code.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS A GREETER

We are looking for people willing to greet before our services on Sunday mornings. Qualifications to serve include being able to offer a friendly "smile" and "hello" to greet our members and visitors. Please sign up on the sheets on the table in the narthex and mark your personal calendar for dates you will greet. Thank you for showing our members and visitors we love and care about them.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS

Do you know that we have large print copies of our bulletins? If this would help you in following along in worship services, please contact one of the ushers to receive one.

A Measure of Our Stewardship

Last Sunday

8:30 a.m. - 81

11:00 a.m. - 69

Adult Bible Class - 48

Sunday School - 5

Jr. High/High School - 4

Offerings for the month

Monthly Need: \$44,498.00

Contributions for February: \$26,945.01

WEEK OF

February 11, 2024

- Today- 8:30 a.m.- Worship
 9:45 a.m.- Sunday School & Bible Class
 11:00 a.m.- Worship
- Monday- 5:30 p.m.- GraceNotes
 6:30 p.m.- Praise Team
 7:00 p.m.- Choir
- Tuesday- 9:00 a.m.- Chapel
 9:30 a.m.- Preschool Chapel
 9:30 a.m.- LifeLight – Triune God
 10:00 a.m.- Staff Devotions
 1:00 p.m.- LWML
 6:30 p.m.- LifeLight – 1 & 2 Chronicles
- Wednesday- 7:30 a.m.- Men’s Bible Fellowship Breakfast – Paradise Falls
 9:00 a.m.- Miller Boys
 9:30 a.m.- Preschool Chapel
 6:00 p.m.- Confirmation
 6:00 p.m.- Soup Supper
 7:00 p.m.- Ash Wednesday Service - Communion
- Thursday- 9:30 a.m.- Women in the Word
 11:30 a.m.- Prayer Time
 6:00 p.m.- Men’s Chorus
- Friday-
- Saturday-
- Next Sunday- 8:30 a.m.- Worship – Communion
 9:45 a.m.- Sunday School & Bible Class
 11:00 a.m.- Worship – Communion