

Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and \dagger give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today: **Voter's Meeting – 2nd teacher call** (after worship service)
- This Week: **Wednesday – Ash Wednesday Worship Service - 7pm**
- Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West** (Mountain View): **Bible Class – 8:45am / Worship – 10am**
3/5/17
- St. Stephen – East Bay** (Hayward): **Worship – 1pm / Bible Class – 2pm**

February Elder & Usher: Nick Hasulak (Elder) & Brenton Horillo (Usher)

Voter's Meeting – 2nd Teacher Call – The voters are asked to meet after the service for a meeting to discuss the call for our 2nd teacher in St. Stephen's School.

Lent - Ash Wednesday Worship – Lent begins with a special Ash Wednesday worship service **THIS Wednesday, March 1st at 7pm.** Please make plans to join us!

CLC News – St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon, SD, has called Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran, Vernon, BC. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel, of St. Matthew Lutheran, Dallas, TX, has returned the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights, MI. <> Pastor Paul D. Nolting, of Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN, has accepted the call to the Tri-Parish: Grace Lutheran Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Lutheran, White River, SD. <> Pastor John Schierenbeck, of Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL, has indicated his intention to retire from the public ministry in June. The congregation has called Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer, of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane, WA.

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February 26, 2017 \dagger Transfiguration Sunday



We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.
We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

*"A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."
(Luke 9:35)*

\dagger **Preparation for Worship:** Read Psalm 148 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) \dagger

Opening Hymn: 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

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Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

G **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

G **Amen.**

Kyrie *Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.* LSB 204



G Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" ⁸ Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves. ⁹ Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept this word to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

Offertory

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Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

Sermon Hymn: 415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak

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Prayer of the Church / Prayer Requests *We bring our prayers to God.*

Lord’s Prayer

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Apostles' Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

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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.

Hymn of the Day: 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

LSB 414

Sermon: What the Transfiguration Reveals About Jesus

Text: Mark 9:2-10 (NKJV)

² Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. ⁴ And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" -- ⁶ because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid. ⁷ And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the

Gloria in Excelsis *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."*

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C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation ("Greeting") and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P We pray:

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. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"

¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm (Responsive)

Psalm 148 (selected verses)

P Praise the LORD!

C Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

P Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

C Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

P Praise the LORD from the earth,

C Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

P Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

C Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.

P He has raised up a horn for his people,

C Praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him.

A Praise the LORD!

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28-36

P The Gospel reading is from Luke 9:28-36.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now 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. ³³And 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. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" ³⁶And 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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Alleluia and Verse

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Alleluiah!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



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



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.