# **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



# **ISAIAH 55:1-11 AND MARK 9:2-9**

# "THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD"

The transfigured Christ fulfills the Law and the Prophets, speaks to Moses and Elijah, and overwhelms the disciples. Listen to Him!

## TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD FEBRUARY 14, 2021

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#### LUTHERAN CHAPEL FEBRUARY 14, 2021 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

**BOLD** indicates congregational responses.

#### GATHER

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GREETING

Isaiah 60:1, 4; Psalm 27:1

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

#### C: Amen.

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

#### C: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

P: Lift your eyes and look around:

#### C: all gather together to proclaim the praise of the Lord.

P: Your sun will never set again.

#### C: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P: Your days of sorrow will end.

#### C: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P: Whom shall we fear?

C: Whom shall we fear? The Lord is the strength of our life, whom shall we fear?



Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

#### C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### WORD

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

The Prophet Isaiah points to the coming of the Christ. From the Virgin with Child to the Suffering Servant, Isaiah reveals the scandal of God's love and His rescue plan to save us.

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters: and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

#### ISAIAH 55:1-11

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

- L: The Word of the Lord
- C: Thanks be to God.



1. The God of gods, the Lord, has spokern and summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting, "I find no fault with your sacrifices, your offerings are always before Me.

## Refrain:

2. Were I hungry, I would not tell you, for I own the world and all it holds. Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

## Refrain:

 Offer to God your scrifice; to the Most High pay your vows. Call on Me in the day of distress. I will free you and you shall honor me."

## Refrain:

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#### SECOND LESSON

#### **2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6**

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 1:1, Luke 24:32



## GOSPEL

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:

## C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

"The Transfiguration of our Lord"

Life of the Prophet Isaiah

Moses and Elijah with our Lord Jesus

Listen to Him!

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Day by day, I listen to news, to daily busyness, and to the vanities of this age but give little to no time to listen to our Lord Jesus.

**The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus' transfiguration reveals the power of God. Listen to Christ now and forever.

*So What?* Tune out things that stress and cause mess. Tune in and focus on the Word of our Lord Jesus and the leading of His Holy Spirit.

"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

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## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13-14

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

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.

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

C: pray in the Holy Spirit. Jude 20

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jude 21

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. 2 Corinthians 13:11

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

## PRAYER

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.** 

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

P: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

C: Amen.

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
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.

#### SENDING

#### THE BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

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. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

## C: Amen.



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

#### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.** 

## POSTLUDE

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Scott and Beth Swindler in celebration of Valentine's Day.



## FEASTS AND FASTS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, February 17 7:00 pm Worship Service (In-person & Online) Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

This is the beginning of the forty day fast of Lent preparing the Christian churches for Easter. Jesus teaches us about the disciplines and gifts of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer (Matthew 6:1-21).

## PARISH NEWS

**FEEDING THE HUNGRY CAMPAIGN:** In lieu of the Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser, the youth will be sponsoring the LCC's Feeding the Hungry Campaign. Today, February 14th, a video will be released on the church website of youth sharing the importance of giving to our community. *From the 14th through the 21st of February, congregation members can donate any amount in the form of a check either by mail or by placing it in the offering plate.* Please put "Feeding the Hungry Campaign" in the memo line. For this campaign, we will be donating all funds that are raised to our local CAM food bank. Last year for the Souper Bowl of Caring, the youth set a goal of \$1000, but with the congregation's support, we were able to raise almost \$1700. For the LCC's Feeding the Hungry Campaign, the youth have set another goal of \$1000. The Brotherhood has graciously offered to match \$.50 for every dollar raised. Please consider lending your help to our cause again this year!

**SPROUTS:** We will continue with virtual meetings through February. Our next youth group meeting will be **Wednesday, February 17 at 6 pm**. We will be meeting on **February 28 at 9:30 am** for *Zoom Sunday School*. Amy will email the Zoom link during the week.

**ROOTS:** On Sunday, **February 21** at 9:30 am Roots youth will meet virtually for a <u>monthly devotional</u>. There will be a <u>work day</u> at the church on **February 27** from 10 am until noon. Lunch will be provided.

**2021 PINE NEEDLE SALE:** For approximately 20 years, the Men of the Church have conducted a Pine Needle Sale in March. Profits from this sale have gone to various ministries of our Church. After prayerful consideration, the Men of the Church do not feel it is in our best interest to conduct the sale this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The sale and delivery of pine needles requires our members to work in close proximity. As you are aware, we already have members who have been affected by this virus and do not in any way want to allow this to spread to others. The old saying, sometimes you have to make decisions with your head and not your heart, applies here. We hope you understand and support our decision.

## DAILY PRAYER

**EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (Psalm 1:2)** A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The *"Our Daily Bread"* devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe.

Please share prayer concerns or updates on the prayer list with the church office (704-864-6491), call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439) or call our prayer team (Katherine Carpenter 704-214-2493). Intercessions will be for a month and then removed unless requested to continue.

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** BT & Pauline Bradley, Jerry & Shirley Carpenter, Elona Collins, Helen Hoffman, Henry & Debra Hoffman, Larry Hoover, Dru Huffstickler, Robert Park, Bill Robinson, and Bob Thornburg

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Eula Brazell, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, **Deborah Carpenter**, Garry & Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, **Victoria Garcia**, **Mary Linda Gay**, Sherry Hester, **Teresa Justice**, Paula Kadel, **Pr. Tommy Lineberger**, Eva Ann McLean Kendrick, Suzanne Ledford, Dawn Lemmond, **Mary Beth Moore**, Lee Norris, Chris Owings, Jake Parks, Paul Scarlata, **Dakota Shuford**, Charlene Sorenson, Anne & Roger Stowe, and George Sung

## WEEK 07: FEBRUARY 14 to FEBRUARY 21, 2021

02/14 Morning Reading: Matthew 27:1-26—Evening Reading: Leviticus 15, 16

02/15 Morning Reading: Matthew 27:27-50—Evening Reading: Leviticus 17, 18

- 02/16 Morning Reading: Matthew 27:51-66—Evening Reading: Leviticus 19, 20
- 02/17 Morning Reading: Matthew 28—Evening Reading: Leviticus 21, 22
- 02/18 Morning Reading: Mark 1:1-22—Evening Reading: Leviticus 23, 24
- 02/19 Morning Reading: Mark 1:23-45—Evening Reading: Leviticus 25
- 02/20 Morning Reading: Mark 2—Evening Reading: Leviticus 26, 27

02/21 Morning Reading: Mark 3:1-19—Evening Reading: Numbers 1, 2

**Song Of Praise** *"Blest Are They"* ELW #728

## Next Sunday, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

8:30 Morning Prayer: Jeremiah 17, Lamentations 3:22-33 and Mark 1:9-15

- 9:00 Zoom Sunday School: No Ordinary Man (The Story, Chapter 24)
- 10:30 Holy Communion: Jeremiah 17, Lamentations 3:22-33 and Mark 1:9-15 ~

"The Rescue Mission"

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



## CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021

Sun-14	8:30 am	Early Worship w/ Holy Communion (Family Life Center)
	9:00 am	Sunday School via Zoom
	9:30 am	Sprouts Sunday School via Zoom
	10:30 am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	<b>Confirmation Class (Family Life Center)</b>
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Prayer Hut)
Mon-15	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-16	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-17	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:00 pm	Sprouts via Zoom
	6:15 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Thur-18 8:30 am Preschool

Valentine's Day

We are so happy you joined us for worship this morning. Please fill out the information below and leave this page in the pew following the service. Thank you!