CONCORDIA

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod 725 Truxton Drive, Kingsport, TN.

Prayers, Readings, Sermon Notes, Hymns To Study and Share with those You Love. Week of FEB. 27, 2022

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TRANSFIGURATION

<u>'</u>Tis Good Lord, To Be Here.

Hymn of Invocation. 111. **'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here.** LSB #414 The sign of the cross may be made by all "In Remembrance of Your Baptism."

Introit Pslam <u>84</u>

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,* ever sing- | ing your praise! How lovely is your | dwelling place,* O LORD of | Armies! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD;* my heart and flesh sing for joy to the | living God. Behold our shield, | O God;* look on the face of your a- | nointed! For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.* No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly. Glory to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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<u>INTROIT</u>

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.

<u>PSALM 99</u>

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! The King in his might loves . You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he! Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the LORD, and he answered them. In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them. O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy! Glory 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. Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God, is holy!

<u>SELECTED READINGS</u>

THE TRANSFIGURATION. 27 February 2022

Old Testament/Deut.34:1–12. Epistle/Hebrews 3:1–6. Gospel/Luke 9:28–36 <u>The Glory of God Is Manifested in the Body of Christ</u>

- *"Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant,"* but Christ Jesus *"has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses"* A beloved and well-pleasing Son, faithful even to the point of death, Jesus' own body was raised up on the third day as the house of God, and He has brought us into that house through the waters of Holy Baptism. (Heb. 3:6)
- Thus, it was not Moses, the lawgiver, but his successor, Joshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus), who led the people into the Promised Land. (Deut. 34:1–4, 9)
- Now, on the Mount of Transfiguration, the New Testament Joshua appears in the glory that He is about to manifest by His *"departure"* (exodus) in Jerusalem. Having entered the waters of the Jordan in His Baptism, He passed through those waters and entered into glory by His cross and Passion. What He thereby accomplished in His own flesh and blood, crucified and risen, He reveals and gives to His Body, the Church, by the means of His Word. Therefore, the Father declares from heaven, *"Listen to him!"*

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Hymn of the Day. Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory. LSB #416

<u>SERMON NOTES</u> + Transfiguration of our Lord + Luke 9:29-31 Law & Prophets Fulfilled

And as he was praying, the appearance of his face became different, and his clothes became dazzling white and blazed with light. Then two men appeared and began talking with him—Moses and Elijah! They were splendid in appearance, glorious to see; and they were speaking of his death at Jerusalem, to be carried out in accordance with God's plan.

In the glorious Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus, we see God's plan for our salvation, as well as its power and purpose fulfilled in the lives of forgiven sinners.

- 1. God's rescue plan revealed as Jesus' glory blazes with light
 - a. Jesus' full humanity seen in His Particularity and His prayerb. Jesus' full divinity seen as clothes become dazzling white
- 2. God's power to rescue seen in Moses and Elijah's appearance
 - a. God's power to save in the Passover / Sinai / Tabernacle
 - b. God's power to save on Mt. Carmel / Ascension
- 3. God's purpose in saving through Jesus' death in Jerusalem
 - a. Reveals the full extent of God's love for mankind
 - b. Theology of the Cross defines the Church / the Christian

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Transfiguration of Our Lord 27 February 2022

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

Heavenly Father, in prayer Your Son, Jesus, revealed His glory to Peter, James and John. Grant that we, also gathered in prayer, would see Him by faith and receive from Him the redemption He has accomplished for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O God, Your Son shines in resurrected light. Illuminate Your Church with His own brightness, that she would tell the world of His mighty deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lord, as You appointed Moses of old to lead Your people, so You sent Your Son, Jesus, to found and lead Your Church. Sustain us from age to age, and grant us teachers of righteousness to guide us in the days to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as Your Son cares faithfully for His Holy Church, grant us a sure confidence in Him and give us faithful hearts to serve Him according to the callings He has given us. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty Father, You alone establish all authority on earth. Bless those entrusted with this responsibility both here and abroad, that they would serve with integrity and honor and for the wellbeing of all. Grant that all division, conflict and strife in our country would give way to unity, peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of all comfort, as we follow the way of Your apostles into Your presence, You join our prayers to the ceaseless petitions of Your dear Son. Hear us for the sake of the troubled, the sick and the dying *[especially______]*. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Gracious Father, You gave Your Son as the final sacrifice for sin. As He faithfully prepares His own body and blood for us Christians to eat and drink, grant us confidence to draw near to Him and receive Him worthily. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**