

Readings, Prayers, Sermon Notes, Psalms, Hymns

To Study and Share with those You Love.

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Only the Word
of the Gospel
lifts the veil
and
“only through
Christ is it
taken away”

2 Cor. 3:14

Hymn of Invocation

Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star

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INTROIT PSALM 99

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;* for the LORD our God is | holy!
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!* Ho- | ly is he! The King in his might loves | justice.* You have
established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in | Jacob. **Exalt the LORD our**
God; worship at his | footstool!* Ho- | ly is he! 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.
Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;* for the LORD our God is | holy!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

PSALM 50

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its
setting. **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.** Our God comes; he does not
keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. **He calls to the heavens**
above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made
a covenant with me by sacrifice!” **The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is**
judge!

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.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth!

APPOINTED READINGS 11 FEBRUARY 2024

2 Kings 2:1–12 or Exodus 34:29–35

2 Corinthians 3:12–13 (14–18); 4:1–6

Mark 9:2–9

The Face of Jesus Christ Manifests the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God

- It was “a hard thing” that Elisha asked, but by his persistence he was able to see the prophet Elijah being taken “by a whirlwind into heaven.” Although “chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them,” Elisha received Elijah’s cloak and a “double portion” of his spirit for preaching the Lord’s Word (2 Kings 2:9–11).
- It was a hard thing, too, for Israel to see Moses and come near to him, when “the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God” (Ex. 34:29–30). Therefore, after “he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai,” Moses “put a veil over his face” (Ex. 34:32–33).
- Only the Word of the Gospel lifts the veil, and “only through Christ is it taken away” (2 Cor. 3:14). Thus are we able to behold “the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ,” who is “the image of God” (2 Cor. 4:4–6). For the Law and the prophets are all fulfilled in Him. Therefore, “listen to him,” and fix your sights on “Jesus only” (Mark 9:7–8)

CONFESSION OF OUR COMMON FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

Hymn of the Day

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

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SERMON NOTES

+ The Transfiguration of our Lord +
11 February 2024 **Good News of the Glory of Christ** 2 Cor. 3:16-18

But whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. This Lord is the Spirit. Wherever the Lord's Spirit is, there is freedom. As all of us reflect the Lord's glory with faces that are not covered with veils, we are being changed into his image with ever-increasing glory. This comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

As the Holy Spirit continually works faith in those who hear the Good News, veils are taken away, and we experience the glorious freedom of God's children who are being changed through our relationship with Him.

1. **As the Spirit works, veils are taken away**
 1. We see the Law and Prophets point to Christ
 2. We see the treasure in earthen vessels
2. **As the Spirit works, glorious freedom is found**
 1. Freedom from fear
 2. Freedom to love and serve God in our neighbors
3. **As the Spirit works, we see ever-increasing glory**
 1. Ever-increasing Love and Truth
 2. Ever-increasing communion of saints

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 11 FEBRUARY 2024

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

Holy Father, with the appearance of Moses and Elijah at our Lord's glorious Transfiguration, You reveal to us that the Law and the prophets are fulfilled in Him. Send Your blessing upon all pastors and servants of Your Church, that their preaching and teaching would flow from this right understanding of Christ and His work for our eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, grant faithfulness, humility and patience to the sheep of Your flock here at Concoedia Lutheran Church, that in our various vocations we may strive to love You and our neighbor in all that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless the families of Your Church, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households. Remember all expectant mothers, that they and their babies would be kept safe and healthy throughout their pregnancies. 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 well-being of all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, look with compassion on those who are in need [*especially* _____]. Grant them relief and comfort through the promise of sharing in eternal glory with Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You revealed Your glory in the Transfiguration of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who tabernacled among us in the flesh. Open our eyes, that by faith we would see Him continuing to tabernacle among us here in the Divine Service. Grant that we would heed Your admonition to "listen to Him" as He forgives and preserves us at the font, pulpit and altar. 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.**