

OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 14, 2021



"This is My Beloved Son; Listen to Him."
Mark 9:7b

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OUR MISSION

“The Our Redeemer church family exists to **welcome** people to faith;
help people **grow** in the faith that works in real life;
and **serve** our community and the world together in **Jesus’** name.”

GUESTS AND MEMBERS – WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

We’re happy that you’ve joined us in worship, especially if you are a visitor with us.
We pray that the Lord who led you here would lead you into a time of knowing Him better,
trusting in Him more, and growing deeper in His love as He places His Word
and cross before your eyes, ears, and hearts.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE

Please see an usher for assistance with these items.

COVID-19 Reminder

As ministry opportunities sponsored by Our Redeemer continue to resume onsite and elsewhere, the leadership of our congregation recognizes the new challenges that exist when gathering together. Below is a reminder to consider before participating in any worship service or activity:

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. We are doing everything we can to be compliant with all regulations and ensure your safety. We have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but we cannot guarantee that you or family members will not become infected with COVID-19.

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Arise, Shine”

**Arise, shine, for thy light is come.
Arise, shine, for thy light is come;
And the glory of the Lord is risen,
The glory of the Lord is come,
The glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.**

REPEAT

“Glory to the Lamb”

**Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb.
Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb.**

CHORUS: **For He is glorious and worthy to be praised,
The Lamb upon the throne.
And unto Him we lift our voice in praise,
The Lamb upon the throne.**

**Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.**

CHORUS

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.**

CHORUS

**Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb.
Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb.**

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

Based on Psalm 50

P: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

C: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

P: Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.

C: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people.

P: Although Your Son is the faithful one, in our sins we have been unfaithful.

C: We have failed to listen to You. We have sinned and need Your forgiveness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

ABSOLUTION

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion

of your spirit on me.” And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-9

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.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Notes and Additional References

When Life Slows Down...

- Household Experiences
- Joy and Terror

Life Slows Down on the Mountain

- Jesus’ Household - “And looking about at [the disciples] who sat around him, [Jesus] said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!” *(Mark 3:34)*
- Peter Wants to Rush
- We Can Find Ourselves Rushing

Transfiguration brings ... us face to face with Jesus who is truly both man and God.

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.” *(Hebrews 4:15)*

“No matter how complex and extensive the cultural system you may consider, the only way it will be changed is by an absolutely small group of people who innovate and create a new cultural good.” — Andy Crouch

“Small” household moments where Jesus comes as both human and divine.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CLOSING BLESSING

Based on Psalm 50 and Numbers 6:24-26

P: "Gather to Me My faithful ones,

C: Who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!"

P: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,

C: And perform your vows to the Most High,

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

CHORUS: **Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light.**

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

CHORUS

**Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

CHORUS

**As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

CHORUS

Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light.

Weekly Worship Meditations and Preparation Thoughts

For meditation from Sunday's worship: Read Mark 9:2-9

- Reflect on moments you tried to hold onto a moment instead of welcoming the future in God's hands.
- How might the reassurance that Jesus is God's dwelling help your household this week?

For preparation for next week: Read Genesis 22:1-18

- What do you hear in Isaac's questions?
- What do you hear in Abraham's answers?

Serving Us Today

Pastor - Rev. Peter Weeks

Director of Youth and Family Ministry - Arlyn Meyer

Musicians - Praise Band

Elders	8:00 am	Chris Byers	(275-5040)
	10:30 am	Mike Mounce	(530-0940)
Ushers	8:00 am	Les Holloway (Lead) and Mike Hathaway	
	10:30 am	Max Bauer (Lead) and Greg Johnson	

Altar Flowers

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