

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 9:30am
Sunday School/Bible Study. . . . 10:40/10:50am
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THE TRANSFIGURATION

February 14, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 148 (TLH Pg. 156)
Prayers: 52 (TLH Pg. 107); **54** (TLH Pg. 107)
Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe
HYMNS: 540 135 284 54

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 540 - "With the Lord Begin Thy Task"

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE (TLH Pg.5ff.)

The Invocation... The Confession of Sins... Absolution, -- "Amen."
 The Introit... The Gloria Patri (Pg. 6) ...The Kyrie (Pg. 7).

**Enslaved by sin and bound in chains, Beneath its dreadful tyrant sway,
 And doomed to everlasting pains, We wretched, guilty captives lay.
 Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace, Nor all the world's collected
 store Suffice to purchase our release; A thousand worlds were all too
 poor.**

**Jesus, the Lord, the mighty God, An all-sufficient ransom paid. O
 matchless price! His precious blood For vile, rebellious traitors shed.**

**Amazing goodness! Love divine! Oh, may our grateful hearts adore The
 matchless grace nor yield to sin Nor wear its cruel fetters more!**

The Salutation (Pg. 9) ...The Collect -- "Amen."

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 KINGS 2:1-12

And it came to pass, when the LORD was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. ²Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they went down to Bethel.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Mark Tiefel has returned the call of Redeemer in Cheyenne, WY. • Teacher Paul Tiefel III has accepted the call of Messiah Lutheran School in Hales Corners (Milwaukee), WI to serve as Principal and Upper Grade Teacher. • Faith Lutheran School in Markesan WI has called Teacher Ross Kok, Holy Cross Phoenix, AZ • The CLC Call committee for Educational Institutions has called Pastor David Schaller to serve as Professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire Wisconsin. • Immanuel Lutheran School in Winter Haven, FL, has called Valerie Hammert of Messiah in Eau Claire to be the 2nd full-time teacher. • Teacher Andrew Roehl of Messiah in Eau Claire has been called to serve as principal and teacher at Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN. Teacher Roehl has returned that call. • Mr. Caleb Noeldner, who is teaching public school in the Milwaukee, WI area has been called by Messiah, Eau Claire to teach in the Upper Grades. • June Schmid, who is currently teaching part-time at Messiah in Eau Claire has been called to teach full-time in the lower grades.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2021		
<i>The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Calvary to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. The amount given to 'Missions' on your church envelope goes to this pledge. In the event that our offerings fall short of our pledge, the difference will be taken from the Calvary General Fund. In the event that our offerings exceed our pledge, additional funds will be placed in the General Fund.**</i>		
Amount Pledged 2021	Received as of 2/7/2021	Amount Remaining
\$5000.00	\$515.00	\$4485.00

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO		
NOVEMBER 2022 GOAL	RECEIVED 2/7	DECEMBER 2022 GOAL
\$15.00	\$50.00	\$5.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 2/7/2021			
General Fund	Loose Offerings	Missions/CBP	
\$815.00	\$52.50	\$50.00	
Offerings Total: \$917.50			

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 15-20, 2021

Monday - 2 Kings 2:1-12 Elijah was leaving Canaan along the route of Israel's entry; Gilgal, Bethel, and Jericho lay within a few hours' walk through this revered territory (1-4). Elisha wanted to stay close to Elijah before he left this world behind (no stopover in the cemetery), whereas Elijah wasn't so sure God wanted his departure to be a spectator event. Even so, God allowed Elisha to not only see Elijah's ascension but also to walk in his footsteps (12).

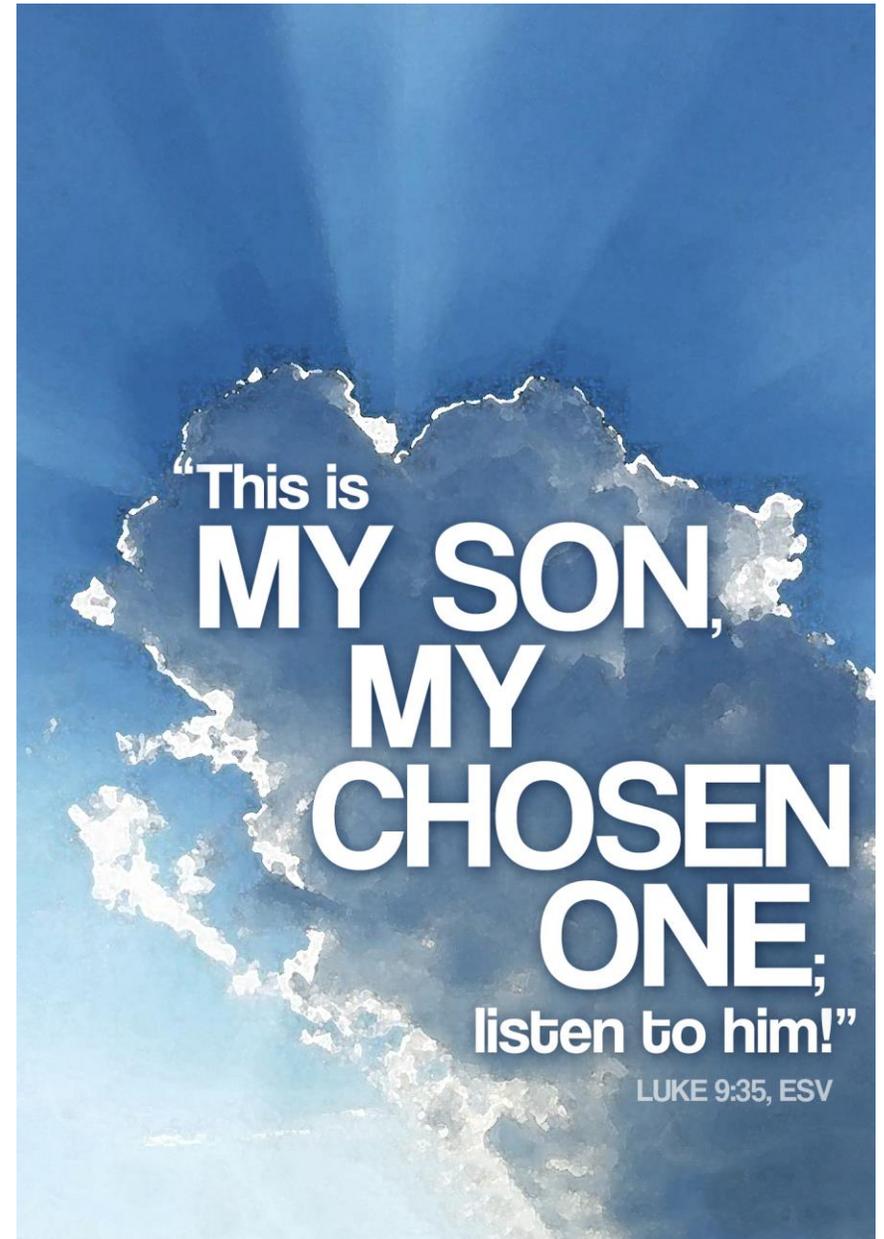
Tuesday - Mark 9:2-9 Three disciples were eye-witnesses of His Transfiguration—which was the point of Jesus taking them along; besides, they would also hear the Father say, *"This is my beloved Son; so listen up!"* Now, what were Moses and Elijah doing there? Luke tells us that they conversed with Jesus about the decease/death which He was about to accomplish in Jerusalem, God's method to deliver human souls from punishment.

Ash Wednesday 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Which is the more important thought in these verses? 1) God pleading with sinners to surrender? 2) Jesus being the sin-bearing Substitute for us sinners? 3) God crediting righteousness to us sinners in/because of Jesus? 4) God pleading with sinners to appropriate His grace before it's too late? Well, everything is tied together in one big bundle of God's love for sinners – from beginning to end. Praise our gracious God!

Thursday - Isaiah 59:12-20 Once-a-year repentance isn't enough, nor is once per week—simply because our transgressions *multiply* 24/7, and we know it (12). (Details in vv. 13-15.) So God decided to end the debacle, using His own Son to *establish His own righteousness* (16-17), and thereby set things right for all humanity (18-19). To be more specific, the *Redeemer will come to Zion*—which means that Jesus will come to God's repentant people (20).

Friday - Luke 18:9-14 Humility and repentance are precious in God's sight, and while a self-righteous fraud will humiliate others in order to make himself feel superior, God humbles us in order to elevate us to Himself. So the sinful pride and sanctimony of the Pharisee needed to be brought down, whereas the repentant IRS officer was already being elevated by God's loving hand.

Saturday - Acts 21:15-25 The Apostle Paul packed his on-board luggage and headed for Jerusalem—where Christians received him gladly (11-18). However, they wanted clarification about Paul's practice in matters of sanctification (19-22). So they put Paul to the test—to demonstrate that he did not disregard the ceremonial law in his own religious life (23-24). It was a different matter with gentile converts: Paul's practice was approved—that gentile converts were under no obligation to observe Jewish customs, but they should stay clear of idolatry, not offend Jewish sensitivities, and avoid sex sins (25). Stay tuned.



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Transfiguration Sunday February 14, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 14, 2021

THIS MORNING

Sunday School: *Old Testament #34 – Samson*

Bible Study: *Harmony of the Gospels*

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: *Ash Wednesday Communion Service, 7pm*

Sunday: *Worship - 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45; Bible Study 10:50am*

USHERS

The Ushers are asked to dismiss the congregation from the back in an effort to reduce the 'bottleneck' in the fellowship hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY – SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. Our Soup and Sandwich Supper will be held with a single person serving the meal to those sitting and socially distanced.

COVID or NO COVID, if you feel sick please be responsible and stay home. If you feel uncomfortable attending, stay at home.

ILC DORM SUPERVISORS

After serving faithfully as dorm supervisors, both Gus Falkenberg and Beth Sandeen will be resigning at the end of this academic year. We thank them both for their faithful service to the LORD and for being such positive role models to our dorm students. ILC is accepting applicants for these two positions to begin the 2021-22 year, an adult male for the boys' dorm and an adult female for the girls' dorm. These roles are vital to our campus given how they provide spiritual counsel and a fatherly or motherly role to those students who are living away from home. Those who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position may contact ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck (dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu/660.864.9231) for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. An application is available online at ilc.edu > Forms and Applications > ILC Employment Application. Review of applications begins March 8.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PASSION

Our Lenten Series this season is entitled the Prayers of the Passion and includes a study of a number of prayers offered during the suffering of Jesus. Sermon Texts include: Luke 22:32, Matthew 26:39, Matthew 26:41, Luke 23:34, Luke 23:42-43, Luke 23:46. We pray that God the Holy Spirit bless our study of His Word.

³ Now the sons of the prophets who *were* at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent!”

⁴ Then Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you!” So they came to Jericho.

⁵ Now the sons of the prophets who *were* at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?” So he answered, “Yes, I know; keep silent!”

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you!” So the two of them went on. ⁷ And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing *them* at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan.

⁸ Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled *it* up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground. ⁹ And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?” Elisha said, “Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.”

¹⁰ So he said, “You have asked a hard thing. *Nevertheless*, if you see me *when I am* taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so.” ¹¹ Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire *appeared* with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

¹² And Elisha saw *it*, and he cried out, “My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!” So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2

¹² Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech—

¹³ unlike Moses, *who* put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴ But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the *veil* is taken away in Christ.

¹⁵ But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.

¹⁶ Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.

¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the

Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

4 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. *

THE GRADUAL -- (A Prayer for the Sunday read responsively)

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

Congregation: Extol Him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

Congregation: His Faithfulness endures forever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

Congregation: Bring an offering, come into His courts! Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

MARK 9:2-9

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 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. *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED (TLH PG. 12)

HYMN: 135 - "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

THE SERMON:

LUKE 9:28-36

²⁸ Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe *became* white *and* glistening. ³⁰ And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. ³³ Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, *that* Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said.

³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" ³⁶ When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen. *

THE MESSAGE OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

THE OFFERINGS

In order to minimize contact with the ushers, you are asked to please leave your offerings in the basket on the table in the fellowship hall either before or after worship.

THE OFFERING HYMN:

(TLH 179)

On my heart imprint Thine images, Blessed Jesus, King of Grace, That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Have no pow'r Thee to efface. This the superscription be: Jesus, crucified for me, Is my Life, my hope's Foundation, And my Glory and Salvation. Amen.

PRAYER(S)...THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 284 - "Father of Mercies, in Thy Word"

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen, Amen, Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 54 – "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 148

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! ² Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! ³ Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! ⁴ Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created. ⁶ He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths; ⁸ Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word; ⁹ Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars; ¹⁰ Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl; ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth;

¹² Both young men and maidens; Old men and children. ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven. ¹⁴ And He has exalted the horn of His people, The praise of all His saints— Of the children of Israel, A people near to Him.

Praise the LORD!

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR PENITENCE

Merciful Father, give us grace that we may never set out to purposefully sin; but if at any time we sin against You may we also truly repent and sorrow over our sins and by a living faith in Christ obtain forgiveness of sins, through the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR DELIVERANCE FROM SIN

We pray, o Lord, that in your mercy your kindness you would show us your amazing grace and mercy to set us free from both our sins and rescue us from the punishments which for our sins we deserve; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

WITH THE LORD BEGIN THY TASK

1. With the Lord begin thy task, Jesus will direct it; For His aid and counsel ask, Jesus will perfect it. Every morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended, In His name then close thine eyes; Be to Him commended.

2. Let each day begin with prayer, Praise, and adoration; On the Lord cast every care, He is thy salvation. Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near thee, Save thee from the Tempter's might With His presence cheer thee.

3. With thy Savior at thy side, foes need not alarm thee; In His promises confide, And no ill can harm thee. All thy trust do thou repose In the mighty Master, Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.

4. If thy task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing, Safely then thy course will run, Naught thy soul distressing. Good will follow everywhere While thou here must wander; Thou at last the joy wilt share In the mansions yonder.

5. Thus, Lord Jesus, every task Be to Thee commended; May Thy will be done, I ask, Until life is ended. Jesus, in Thy name begun Be the day's endeavor; Grant that it may well be done to Thy praise forever. Amen.

HYMN ENSLAVED BY SIN AND BOUND IN CHAINS

1. Enslaved by sin and bound in chains, Beneath its dreadful tyrant sway, And doomed to everlasting pains, We wretched, guilty captives lay.

2. Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace, Nor all the world's collected store Suffice to purchase our release; A thousand worlds were all too poor.

3. Jesus, the Lord, the mighty God, An all-sufficient ransom paid. O matchless price! His precious blood For vile, rebellious traitors shed.

5. Amazing goodness! Love divine! Oh, may our grateful hearts adore The matchless grace nor yield to sin Nor wear its cruel fetters more!

HYMN TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy glory fills the night; Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.

2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.

3. Fulfiller of the past, Promise of things to be, We hail Thy body glorified And our redemption see.

4. Before we taste of death, We see Thy kingdom come; We fain would hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.

5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here. Yet we may not remain; But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain. Amen.

OFFERING HYMN ON MY HEART IMPRINT THINE IMAGE

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HYMN FATHER OF MERCIES, IN THY WORD

1. Father of mercies, in Thy Word What endless glory shines! Forever be Thy name adored For these celestial lines.

2. Here may the blind and hungry come And light and food receive; Here shall the lowliest guest have room And taste and see and live.

3. Here springs of consolation rise To cheer the fainting mind, And thirsting souls receive supplies And sweet refreshment find.

4. Here the Redeemer's welcome voice Spreads heavenly peace around, And life and everlasting joys Attend the blissful sound.

5. Oh, may these heavenly pages be My ever dear delight; And still new beauties may I see And still increasing light!

6. Divine Instructor, gracious Lord, Be Thou forever near; Teach me to love Thy sacred Word And view my Savior here. Amen.

HYMN GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death and hell's Destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee. Amen.