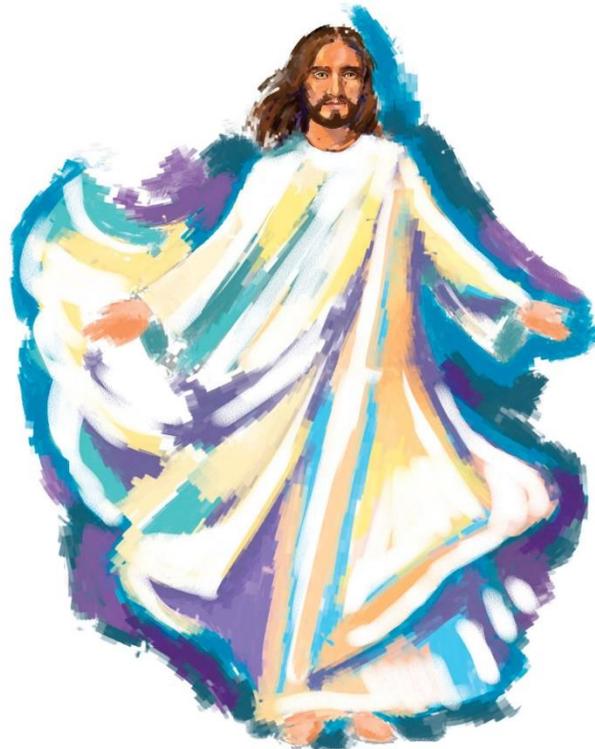


To Win and Keep Souls for Christ

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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He was transfigured before them ...
and his clothes became dazzling white ...

Mark 9:2-3, NRSV

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Divine Service Setting 2 ~ Lutheran Service Book
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Greetings and Announcements

Opening Hymn #903 from our Lutheran Service Book “This Is The Day The Lord Has Made”

This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own.
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad
And praise surround the throne.

Today He rose and left the dead, And Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints His triumphs spread
And all His wonders tell.

Hosanna to the anointed King, To David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
Salvation from Your throne.

Blessed is He who comes to us With messages of grace;
He, in the Lord's name, comes to us
To save our fallen race.

Hosanna in the highest strains The Church on earth can raise.
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns,
Shall give Him nobler praise.

Invocation ~

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

Confession and Absolution ~

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and
unclean, We have sinned against You in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not
loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your
present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son,
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead
us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways
to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for
His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained
servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all
your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

C: Amen.

Service of the Word ~

The Introit ~

P: 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!
 Holy 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! Holy is He!

Kyrie ~

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation
 let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the
 Church of God, and for the unity of all
 let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship
 and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis ~

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation ~

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day ~

P: 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.

C: Amen.

The First Reading ~ Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them: so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm ~ Psalm 50:1-6

¹The Mighty One, God, the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

²From Zion, perfect in beauty,
God shines forth.

³Our God comes
and will not be silent;
a fire devours before him
and around him a tempest rages.

⁴He summons the heavens above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵"Gather to me this consecrated people,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

⁶And the heavens proclaim his righteousness,
for he is a God of justice.

Epistle Reading ~ 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 and 4:1-6

¹²Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

4 ¹Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel ~

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter, verses 2-9

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.”

⁸Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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 sin, and I look for the
resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn #414 from our Lutheran Service Book
“Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here”**

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

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

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

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

‘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.

Sermon ~ The Mountaintop Experience

Prayer of the Church

when Pastor says “Lord in Your mercy”
we reply “Hear our prayer”

(Please place Offerings in the plate at the entrance upon leaving)

Offertory ~

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now
in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord’s house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface ~

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

(The Sanctus)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ~

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and his blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

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.**

The Words of our Lord

Institution of the Sacrament

Pax Domini ~

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

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei ~

**Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Distribution of Communion

The Nunc Dimittis ~

**Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your Word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in
the sight of ev'ry people.
A light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be 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.**

Post-Communion Collect ~

**We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have
refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You
that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen**

Benediction ~

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.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn #417 from our Lutheran Service Book
“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding Thus they sing eternally.

Alleluia, thou resoundest, True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee,
But by Babylon’s sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.

Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while forgo;
For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.

Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, blessed Trinity, At the
last to keep Thine Easter With Thy faithful saints on high; There to Thee
forever singing Alleluia joyfully.



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| Ryan S. | Dan T. | Jesse T. | | |

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| Stan | John | Jeff | Madeline | Joanne | Kailie |
| Ty | Wallace | Nikki | Sandy | Kiera | Emily |
| Louis | Becky | Joe | Carl | Shawn | Jason |
| Jay | Sara | Abigail | Bobby | Laurie | Dave |
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| Diana | Ken | Sonya | Tim | Robert | Jeanne |
| Peter | Bill | Christopher | | | |