



## Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2018

*“We have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (John 6:69)*

**PRESERVICE MEDITATION:** Psalm 115 (pages 147-148 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

**HYMN 657** (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Beautiful Savior”*

**A Service Of Word & Sacrament, setting 2** (page 12, Worship Supplement)

**FIRST LESSON:** Exodus 33:18-23; 34:6-8

<sup>18</sup> And [Moses] said, “Please, show me Your glory.” <sup>19</sup> Then [the LORD] said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.” <sup>20</sup> But He said, “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.” <sup>21</sup> And the LORD said, “Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. <sup>22</sup> So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.” ... <sup>6</sup> And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, <sup>7</sup> keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.” <sup>8</sup> So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped.

**Responsive Reading of Psalm 97**

**L:** The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad!

**C:** CLOUDS AND DARKNESS SURROUND HIM; RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE ARE THE FOUNDATION OF HIS THRONE.

**L:** A fire goes before Him, and burns up His enemies round about.

**C:** HIS LIGHTNINGS LIGHT THE WORLD; THE EARTH SEES AND TREMBLES.

**L:** The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

**C:** THE HEAVENS DECLARE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THE PEOPLES SEE HIS GLORY.

**L:** Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, who boast of idols. Worship Him, all you gods.

**C:** YOU WHO LOVE THE LORD, HATE EVIL! HE PRESERVES THE SOULS OF HIS SAINTS; HE DELIVERS THEM OUT OF THE HAND OF THE WICKED.

**L:** Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

**C:** REJOICE IN THE LORD, YOU RIGHTEOUS, AND GIVE THANKS AT THE REMEMBRANCE OF HIS HOLY NAME.

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SECOND LESSON: Revelation 22:1-7 *rise*

<sup>1</sup> And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. <sup>2</sup> In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. <sup>4</sup> They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever. <sup>6</sup> Then [the angel] said to me, "These words *are* faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. <sup>7</sup> "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed *is* he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

The Apostle's Creed (page 15, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 135 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*'Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here*"

SERMON: Mark 9:2-10

### **WE SEE JESUS' GLORY!**

<sup>2</sup> **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.** <sup>3</sup> **His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them.** <sup>4</sup> **And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.** <sup>5</sup> **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" –** <sup>6</sup> **because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid.** <sup>7</sup> **And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"** <sup>8</sup> **Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves.** <sup>9</sup> **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.** <sup>10</sup> **So they kept this word to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.**

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 359 (Worship Supplement) "*Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies*"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, and THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION (page 21, Worship Supplement)

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 656 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*Behold A Host, Arrayed In White*"

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WELCOME, VISITORS! We're very happy that you are here today! You are always welcome.

Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

TODAY our USHER is Rick Louderman. In our BIBLE STUDY we're discussing (from original sources) what led up to the breakup of the Synodical Conference and the formation of our Church Of The Lutheran Confession. There will be a NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE at 3:00 PM, and a BATAVIA REHAB SERVICE at 4:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY: ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE at 7:30 PM.

FRIDAY: North Aurora Care Center Bible study: 10:00 AM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Greg Suwanski.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$1,040.00 (needed each week:\$1,157.00); our attendance was 15. Our General Fund balance as of last Sunday was \$1,653.00.

WITH THE LORD: On Sunday, February 4, the Lord in His mercy called Mary Hallauer home to heaven. She was the daughter of Doris and Pastor Emeritus Elton Hallauer. Mary's victory service will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, on Saturday, February 17. Visitation will be held at the church one hour prior to the service, which begins at 2:00 PM. A luncheon will follow. "And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'" (Revelation 14:13)

CLC NEWS: St. John's Lutheran Church of Clarkston, WA, has called Teacher Andrew Roehl of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, as the Primary

Teacher/Principal, in addition to the current staff of Valley Bible Academy.

THE JANUARY CLC FINANCIAL REPORT is in your MAILBOX.

A LIST OF CLC SUMMER PROGRAMS for youth and adults is posted on the BULLETIN BOARD in the NARTHEX.

THE MIDWEST CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT, sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church of Mankato, MN, will be

held April 20-22, 2018, at the Riverport Inn & Suites, Winona, MN. This year's theme is: "That Your Joy may be Full!" Our Joy is Full: When the Gospel is preached and we are in fellowship with God; When the Gospel is preached and we are in fellowship with each other; Even in the midst of tribulation; When we show joy in our service; When we rejoice in Jesus; With the certainty of eternity. Registration is open 2/1/18 - 3/23/18. The retreat fee is \$75. All the hotel costs and reservation information, as well as retreat registration information can be found at [www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net](http://www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net).