



## Transfiguration Sunday

March 3, 2019

*“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.” (Philippians 3:20-21)*

**PRESERVICE MEDITATION:** Psalm 26 (pages 128-129, The Lutheran Hymnal)

**HYMN 16** (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word”*

**The Order Of The Holy Communion** (page 15, The Lutheran Hymnal)

**FIRST LESSON:** Exodus 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup> Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him. <sup>30</sup> So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. <sup>34</sup> But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded. <sup>35</sup> And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

**GRADUAL** (from Psalm 145)

**M:** I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name forever and ever.

**C:** THE LORD IS GOOD TO ALL; HE HAS COMPASSION ON ALL HE HAS MADE.

**M:** All You have made will praise You, O LORD; Your saints will extol You.

**C:** THEY TELL OF THE GLORY OF YOUR KINGDOM AND SPEAK OF YOUR MIGHT,

**M:** so that all men may know of Your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

**C:** YOUR KINGDOM IS AN EVERLASTING KINGDOM, AND YOUR DOMINION ENDURES THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS.

**M:** The LORD is faithful to all His promises and loving toward all He has made.

**C:** THE LORD IS RIGHTEOUS IN ALL HIS WAYS AND LOVING TOWARD ALL HE HAS MADE.

**M:** The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

**C:** MY MOUTH WILL SPEAK IN PRAISE OF THE LORD. LET EVERY CREATURE PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME FOR EVER AND EVER.

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SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 *rise*

<sup>3</sup> But even if our Gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup> whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. <sup>5</sup> For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (page 22, The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 720 (Worship Supplement) "*Oh! Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair*"

SERMON: Luke 9:28-36

### WHAT JESUS' TRANSFIGURATION MEANS FOR US

<sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe *became white and glistening*. <sup>30</sup> And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup> who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" <sup>36</sup> 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.

OFFERTORY (page 22, The Lutheran Hymnal)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 794 (Worship Supplement) "*Jerusalem, Jerusalem*"

THE GENERAL PRAYER

THE PREFACE (page 24, The Lutheran Hymnal)

THE SANCTUS (page 26, The Lutheran Hymnal)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 27, The Lutheran Hymnal)

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (page 29, The Lutheran Hymnal)

Luke 2:29-32

HYMN 660 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*I'm But A Stranger Here*"

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WELCOME, VISITORS! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

TODAY our usher is Greg Suwanski. In our Bible Study we're discussing gender dysphoria.

WEDNESDAY: ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE at 7:30 PM.

FRIDAY: NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY: 10:10 AM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP: 10:00 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Glenn Libby. NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER

SERVICE: 3:00 PM; BATAVIA REHAB CENTER SERVICE: 4:00 PM.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$592.00 (needed each week: \$1,157.00); and our attendance was 10. Our general

fund balance as of last Sunday was \$954.00. Our bills are currently all paid.

DAILY REST: COPIES of the new CLC devotion book *Daily Rest* are available on the

TABLE in the NARTHEX. The first issue is free of charge, compliments of the Board of Education. Issues are produced four times a year, at a yearly cost of \$15.00. You may SIGN UP for a yearly subscription on the SHEET there.

Referring to Jesus raising the widow's son back to life (Luke 17:11-17) Martin Luther says, "We should learn to perceive the great power which God, through Christ, will apply to us at the last day, when, by a word, He will recall to life all men and give everlasting salvation to believers. This will be done in the twinkling of an eye, in order that we may not doubt in the least either the power of our Lord Jesus to do this or His will gladly to do it. For here we have the example. The son of the widow is dead; he has lost the gift of hearing and all other senses. But when Christ speaks to him, he hears. This is certainly a strange and wonderful incident. He that does not hear, hears; and he that does not live, lives. Nothing is done but that Christ opens His mouth and bids him arise. The single word is so powerful that death has to vanish and life return.... Before the Lord death is not death at all. For us it is called and is death when we die. But before God it is a light sleep which could not be any lighter. These very facts our Lord Jesus wishes to impress upon our minds, so that we may not fear when pestilence and death itself draw near, but that we may learn to say: O death, what can you do even in your worst form? You have terrible teeth, which you show to frighten me, for I do not like to die. But I will not merely behold your work when you, like an executioner, draw the sword; but I will remember what our Lord can and will do when you have slain me; namely, that He is not afraid of you and does not care for you raging and destroying, but says, 'O death, I will be your plagues; O grave, I will be your destruction.' If you can kill my Christians, I can destroy you and recall them to life again."