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Transfiguration Sunday / Baptism Sunday

THIS IS MY SON,
whom I love.
LISTEN TO HIM.

MARK 9:7



✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 2 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: 594 *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say it*

LSB 594

Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

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

C **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:5, 7-9)

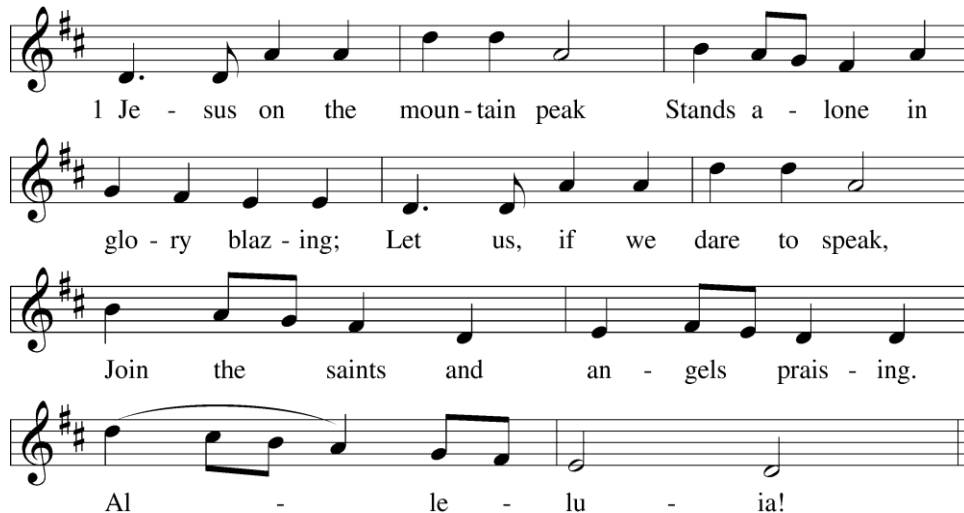
P Let us pray...

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer:**

We confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the joy and peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord...

“Jesus on the Mountain Peak” LSB 415 v. 1



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Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

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. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

First Reading - *Romans 6:1-10 (EHV)*

“What Does Your Baptism Mean?”

What shall we say then? Shall we keep on sinning so that grace may increase?

² Absolutely not! We died to sin. How can we go on living in it any longer? ³ Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that we would not continue to serve sin. ⁷ For the person who has died has been declared free from sin. ⁸ And since we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again. Death no longer has control over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died, he died to sin once and for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God.

Gospel Reading - *Matthew 3:13-17 (EHV)*

"What Did Jesus' Baptism Mean?"

P The Gospel reading is from Matthew 3:13-17.

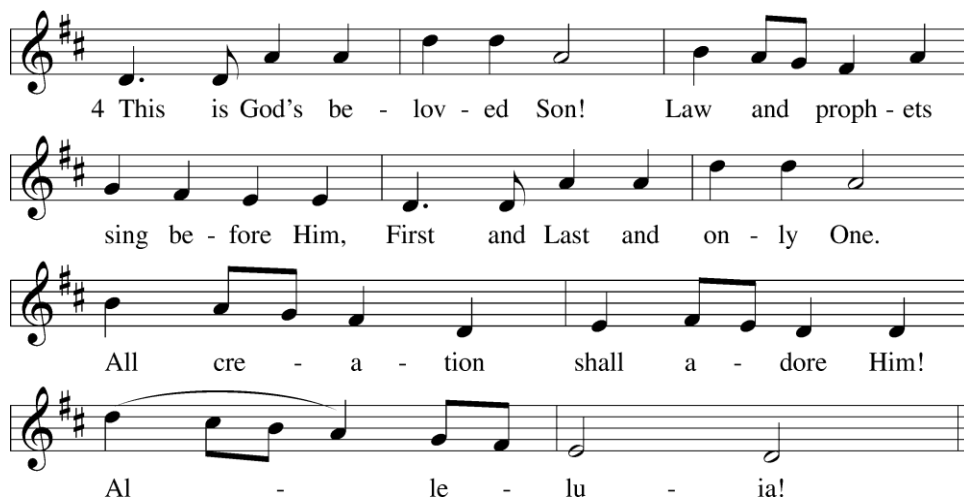
G Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized by John at the Jordan. ¹⁴ But John tried to stop him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?"

¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, because it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John let him. ¹⁶ After Jesus was baptized, he immediately went up out of the water. Suddenly, the heavens were opened for him! He saw the Spirit of God, descending like a dove and landing on him, ¹⁷ and a voice out of the heavens said, "This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with him."

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

"Jesus on the Mountain Peak" *LSB 415 v. 4*



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**☞ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day: 600 *Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering*

LSB 600

Sermon Text: Mark 9:2-10 (EHV)

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain where they were alone by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. ³His clothes became radiant, dazzling white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. ⁴And Elijah appeared to them together with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say because they were terrified. ⁷A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." ⁸Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰They kept the matter to themselves, discussing with one another what this "rising from the dead" meant.

**Sermon Theme: What Does this Text REVEAL About Jesus? –
Jesus' Transfiguration**

It REVEALS...

† 1) ... that without a doubt Jesus is _____ !

- Visible proof:
- Audible proof:

† 2) ... that Jesus came to _____, _____, and _____.

Application: How is Jesus' Transfiguration an encouragement to us when we too have to "come down from the mountain" of this glorious event and face the "ugly" and difficult trials of life?

Offertory

LSB 956

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way →
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sermon Hymn: "Christ Begins"

385 CW21

1 We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.
2 Mar - y's whis - per - ing, but it's not the time.
3 See the sun out - shined on the hill and hide.
4 We stand, gath - ered round on the moun - tain - side.

Wa - ter runs and all heav - en
Yet six jars are filled with the
Clothes like light - ning white, heav - en
Watch the clos - ing clouds hide him

o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
fin - est wine. Tell me, who is this by our side?
o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
from our eyes; with a voice u - nit - ed we cry:



Refrain

Here's my Proph - et, my Priest, my King, a

light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Sav - ior, my

God, my King, the time has come, Christ be - gins.

Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

Prayer of the Church *We bring our prayers to God.*

Lord's Prayer

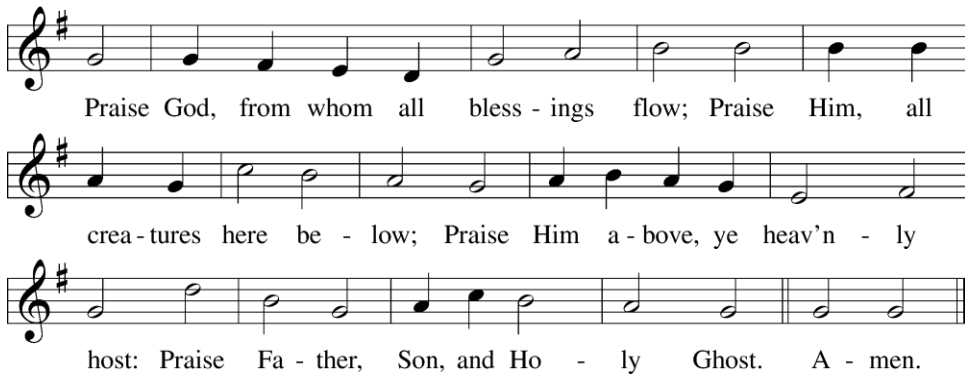
- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

The Doxology

LSB 805



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Closing Hymn: 596 *All Christians Who Have Been Baptized* (please stand for last verse)

Announcements



Welcome! We welcome all our visitors this morning.
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today: **Choir – 8am**
2/15/26 **Worship – 9am**
Refreshments / Breakfast Foods – 10am
Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:30am

This week: Tuesday – **Elders Meeting – 5pm**
Ladies' Group – 6:30pm
Wednesday – **Ash Wednesday Worship w/ Communion – 6:30pm**
Thursday – **Church Council Meeting – 6pm**

Church Cleaning: Team #7 (2/14-2/20), Team #8 (2/21-2/27)

Next Sunday: **Choir – 8am**
2/22/26 **Worship – 9am**
Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am
Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15am

In Your Mailbox – Messiah Church Directory 2026



Baptism Sunday Post-Service Refreshments Today 2/15 –

The activity committee is setting out some baked goods/breakfast finger foods to be shared following the service today in celebration of **Baptism Sunday (2/15)**. Please join us immediately following the worship service.

Piano Replacement Fund - The Lord has blessed our congregation with two digital pianos that have been in operation for more than 25 years. However, both pianos are nearing the end of their service lives, and the piano in the Activity Room has begun to fail. After speaking with a technician, it was determined that it is not feasible to repair the existing piano. A specially appointed Piano Committee has begun researching replacement options and determined it will likely cost \$6,000 to replace a single piano. During the January Voters Meeting, the Voters created a special Piano Replacement Fund to begin saving to replace one or both of the congregation's pianos. Members who would like to contribute to the special fund are encouraged to write "**Piano Fund**" on their offering envelopes.



UPDATE: One of our families has generously offered to pay for the replacement of the piano in the Activity Room. Praise God for moving the hearts of His people to such generosity! Once the new piano is purchased the piano in the church sanctuary will be moved to the Activity Room. Donations toward the Piano Fund will now go towards replacement of the piano that is currently in the church sanctuary.

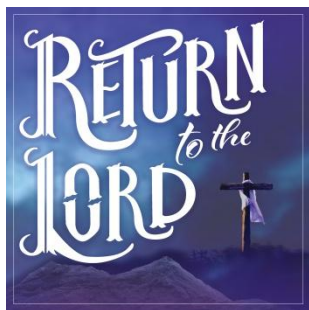


Messiah School - Rams Apparel (Bulk Order due Feb. 22) –

Messiah's full merchandise inventory can be viewed at our storefront by clicking here: <https://messiahrams.wemaketshirts.store/>. The prices listed on the storefront reflect regular, individual pricing. Please complete this form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4yTeYAu90E9iu85cd4AEFveDYkhMZkd9g6yZq8c9ANoHDtQ/viewform> to take advantage of bulk order

pricing. You can also sign up on the order sheets on the cupboards in the church hallway if you are not comfortable making the order online. Bulk pricing will vary by item and is only available if the group order meets the required quantity. Orders placed directly through the website will not be included in the bulk order. The deadline to join the bulk order is **noon NEXT Sunday, February 22.** Please speak with Principal Paul Tiefel if you have any questions.

Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion / Lent Begins – This Wednesday 2/18 @ 6:30pm



Please make plans to join us for our Wednesday Lent worship services beginning with a communion service on **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th at 6:30pm.** The theme of our Wednesday Lent series this year is **"Return to the Lord."** The theme comes from Joel 2:13 "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster" (Joel 2:13). God's invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplishes all that God declares. During this season of Lent, we will consider this theme "Return to the Lord," and

examine how the call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to "turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him" (Joel 2:14). Each sermon in this series focuses on a particular event in the Passion, with a special focus on the people involved in the event. We pray that by studying the events and people of various parts of Jesus' Passion this helps us to see how we too have turned away from the Lord, and to reinforce and rejoice in God's call for us to return to Him with all our heart.

CLC News – Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has **accepted** the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Seminarian Sam Radermacher, in conjunction with his vicarship under Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has **received** the summer vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Ev. Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has **returned** the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY.

Bible Readings:	
2/15	1 Sam. 19:8-24 Psalm 46 Phil. 2:1-11
2/16	1 Sam. 20:1-29 Psalm 47 Phil. 2:12-30
2/17	1 Sam. 20:30-21:9 Psalm 48 Phil. 3:1-11
2/18	1 Sam. 21:10-22:5 Psalm 49 Phil. 3:12-4:1
2/19	1 Sam. 22:6-23:5 Psalm 50 Phil. 4:2-23
2/20	1 Sam. 23:6-29 Psalm 51 Col. 1:1-14
2/21	1 Sam. 24 Psalm 52 Col. 1:15-23

February Ushers	Cleaning Team 2/21-2/27
Eric Williams Mark Mueller Austin Williams	<u>Team 8</u> K/B Ackerman C. Reim A. Albrecht J/A Bailey
February Slideshow Jordan Albrecht	

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$5,264.00	\$242,510.14
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,642.65	\$285,277.45
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$3,378.65)	(\$42,767.31)
MSAF:	\$25.00	\$725.00
Attendance Last Week (2/8): 108		



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