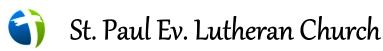


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> DIVINE SERVICE Setting 1 – Page 151 Lutheran Service Book

The Face of Jesus Christ Manifests the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God

It was "a hard thing" that Elisha asked, but by his persistence he was able to see the prophet Elijah being taken "by a whirlwind into heaven." Although "chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them," Elisha received Elijah's cloak and a "double portion" of his spirit for preaching the Lord's Word (2 Kings 2:9–11). It was a hard thing, too, for Israel to see Moses and come near to him, when "the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God" (Ex. 34:29–30). Therefore, after "he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai," Moses "put a veil over his face" (Ex. 34:32–33). Only the Word of the Gospel lifts the veil, and "only through Christ is it taken away" (2 Cor. 3:14). Thus are we able to behold "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ," who is "the image of God" (2 Cor. 4:4–6). For the Law and the prophets are all fulfilled in Him. Therefore, "listen to him," and fix your sights on "Jesus only" (Mark 9:7–8).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Exhortation LSB 151

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

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

Absolution 151

- 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.
- Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9

- **P** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
- for the LORD our God is holy!
- **P** The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
- **G** He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- P The LORD is great in Zion;
- he is exalted over all the peoples.
- **P** Let them praise your great and awesome name!
- Holy is he!
- **P** The King in his might loves justice.
- You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- **P** Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!
- Holy is he!
- 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.
- **P** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
- **G** for the LORD our God is holy!

Kyrie 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C Lord, have mer cy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



A 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.



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



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.







Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us 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; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

A The Old Testament Reading for The Transfiguration of Our Lord is from the second chapter of the Second Book of Kings.

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that

today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." ¹⁰And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 4:1-6

A The Second Reading is from the third chapter of the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

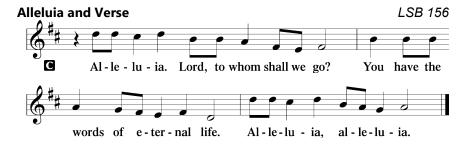
¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts.

¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel Mark 9:2–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.



²After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

837 Lift High the Cross

Sermon Text: Mark 9:2-9

Sermon Title: Who do you tell?

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 thence He will come to judge

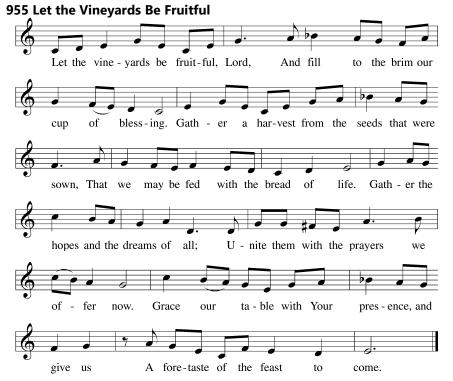
the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Stand



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Prayer of the Church

- $lackbox{ extbf{P}}\quad\dots$ Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface 160

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

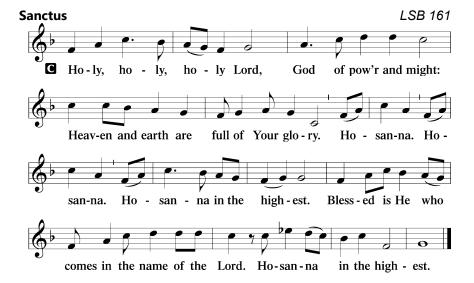
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Proper Preface (Full)

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:

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

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.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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

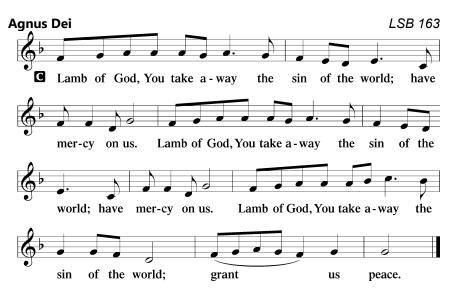
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My Holood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

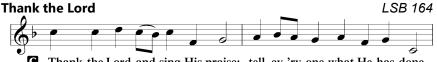
411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

537 Beautiful Savior

The Communion Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 in peace.
- G Amen.



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

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.



Benediction 166

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.



Bury the Alleluia

417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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Bury the Alleluia

This coming Wednesday is observed as Ash Wednesday beginning the penitential season of Lent. That penitential nature is displayed in a number of different ways. One of these is to refrain using the word "Alleluia" in our worship and in our hymns. The expression of joy and happiness is reserved for Easter Sunday when we come together to shout "Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia"

Many congregations have a variety of ways of calling attention to the fact that the Alleluia is missing. One common way is to have a big bold "Alleluia Banner" on display in the sanctuary throughout the Epiphany season and then hide it in some way during Lent. That hiding is done on this particular Sunday which we observe today, the Sunday of the Transfiguration. Some congregations drape the Alleluia banner in black. Some take it down and hide it elsewhere. Some even place the banner into a wooden box and then dig a hole in the church lawn to literally bury the banner and then dig it up again on Easter. This action brings to mind the serious tone of Lent as we remember the suffering, passion, and death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

At St. Paul, we provide a way for you to personally bury the Alleluia. As the final hymn is sung, which is entitled "Alleluia, Song of Gladness," the ushers will distribute to you an Alleluia card. We ask that you hide this somewhere, perhaps in your wallet or in your purse, somewhere where you will not see it during the Lenten Season. However we do ask that you remember it is buried and in your prayers and meditation you still speak the words on the back side of the card: "The Lord Be Praised!"



Dear Food Basket Helpers,

Thank you for your support of our Food Basket program! It has been a blessing to many who struggle throughout the year. As we look forward to the upcoming holidays, we would like to provide support for those in need for Easter. We will purchase Aldi gift cards to send to our families in need. If you would like to donate to help purchase the gift cards in place of the items you would normally be purchasing, it would be much appreciated.

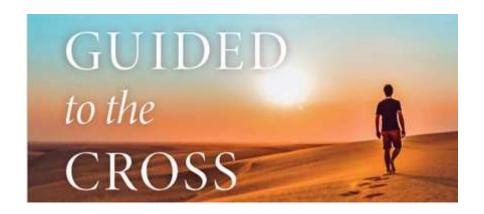
Include your donations with your offering and mark your envelope Social Ministry or Food Baskets.

This is a difficult time for all, but we still need to care for those less fortunate. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

Social Ministry







February 21

Guided to Hope 9:30 am Lenten Serv. 10:30 am Brunch

February 28

Guided to Love 6:00 pm Pot-luck Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Service

March 6

Guided to Peace 9:30 am Lenten Serv. 10:30 am Brunch

March 13

Guided to Trust 6:00 pm Pot-luck Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Service

March 20

Guided to Perseverance 9:30 am Lenten Serv. 10:30 am Brunch

March 24

9:30 am Palm Sunday Service

March 28

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday

March 29

7:00 pm Good Friday

March 31

7:00 am Easter Sunday Service 8:30 am Easter Breakfast



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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Jarden Brenda and Family Jayme, Robbie Deneen Keith, and Family Brittany, Sara Steve & Shirley Kipley, and Family Jill

Garrett Kolosh, and Family Samantha

Jane Krencjarz, and Family Ellen, Jillian, Darren

BIRTHDAYS

Sondra Budde, 2/12 Dean Bloom, 2/15

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Tara Schassburger, 2/11 Tracy Middleton, 2/12 Danielle Zander, 2/14 Sean Zander, 2/14

CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES

Dolly Tatgenhorst, 2/12

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Diane Akers, Norma Allen, Janice Abel, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer, Ray Zander.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

NEWS UPDATE



St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday March 13 at 10:00 am, to review *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. We always welcome new members. Book Club is in person and thru FB chat. Please let Deb know in advance so she can link you in.

Christ For You this week on KFUO.org: Hear stories about mental health, LCMS history, and the history of LCMS Black Ministry on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), continue studying Galatians 3-4 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Deuteronomy 5-8 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and enjoy Ash Wednesday Organ Recital and Worship Service on 2/14 at 11:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

Sacred Music for the Season of Lent... "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," "My Song Is Love Unknown," "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth." Beginning Ash Wednesday, you can listen to sacred music for the season of Lent 24/7 at lutheranpublicadio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

We'd love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at www.facebook.com/splcms/videos. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at www.splcms.org/worship.

"We live dripping with the promise of Baptism. We live fueled by the fire of God's Word. We live created on the sixth day and recreated by God's grace to be followers of Jesus seven days of the week until that great eighth day, called eternity, when we will sing praise in His presence forever. We live and we love and we are loved in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, sin forgiven, shame erased, status: all very good." Rev. Dr. John Nunes, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

On the Mountain Top

After 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. Mark 9:2

Based on Mark 9:2-9



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l	PETER	WHITE	LOVE	SIX	ALONE	
l	ELIJAH	WORLD	DAZZLING	MOUNTAIN	JAMES	

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

February 4th Attendance 25, 24 Communed

Basket	\$55.00	Weekly Missions	\$70.00
Envelopes	1,567.00	Luth. Church Charity	10.00
Bulletin	10.00	Church Maint	40.00
Parish Hall	300.00	Social Ministry	25.00
Budgeted Total	1,932.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$145.00
Offering Needed	1,233.00		
-	\$699.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &

Monday Tuesday

Wednesday 6:00 am Potluck Supper

7:00 am Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Thursday Friday Saturday

Sunday 9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Coffee &...

SERVANT SCHEDULE

Sun, Feb 11, 9:30 AM Sun, Feb 18, 9:30 AM

PastorPastor FluechtlingPastor DobbersteinUsherBill SommerDave BloomLay ReaderTracy MiddletonNorma Allen

DONATIONS



FOOD PANTRY



GENERAL FUND