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The Transfiguration of our Lord

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### OUR WORSHIP

*Reading Your Bible to Experience God's Glory*

**SERVICE** This is the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday (March 2) and the Lenten Season. This Sunday is traditionally Transfiguration Sunday. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus' reveals God's glory in His person. If we are to experience God's glory, we must know how to read our Bibles. Jesus, in our Gospel Reading, teaches us how to read the Bible, giving us three very practical directions. If we follow these directions, we will experience the amazingly powerful and weighty glory of God in our lives.

#### + Preparing Ourselves to Hear God's Word +

**RESPONSIVE PSALM READING** Psalm 119, selected verses

Pastor: I am laid low in the dust;

**People: preserve my life according to Your word.**

Pastor: My soul is weary with sorrow;

**People: strengthen me according to Your word.**

Pastor: Turn my eyes away from worthless things;

**People: preserve my life according to Your word.**

Pastor: May your unfailing love come to me, LORD,

**People: Your salvation, according to Your promise;**

Pastor: Remember Your word to Your servant,

**People: for You have given me hope.**

Pastor: My comfort in my suffering is this:

**People: Your promise preserves my life.**

Pastor: I have sought Your face with all my heart;

**People: be gracious to me according to Your promise.**

Pastor: Do good to your servant

**People: according to Your word, LORD.**

Pastor: May Your unfailing love be my comfort,

**People: according to Your promise to Your servant.**

Pastor: How sweet are Your words to my taste,

**People: sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

Pastor: Your word is a lamp for my feet,

**People: a light on my path.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit – in whose name we have been Baptized and, who, in our Baptisms, promises to bestow upon us His glory. Amen!**

**WE PRAISE GOD** “Thy Word”

*Refrain*

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.*

**When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way,  
Still You’re there right beside me,  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end.**

*Refrain*

**Now I will not forget Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,  
And I will love You to the end.**

*Refrain*

**CONFESSION** LSB 204 “Lord Have Mercy”

Pastor: Are we searching the Scriptures, seeking a message that gives us real and eternal Life? When we read our Bibles, too often we are looking for Biblical principles and rules that we feel will give us, as one prominent TV Pastor puts it – “our best life now.”

**Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.**

**ABSOLUTION** LSB 204 “Glory to God in the Highest”

Pastor: The Scriptures are written that we might have real and eternal Life – today and forever. The basic message of the Bible is that Jesus is Son of God who goes to the cross, receiving the just judgment for our self-focused and self-absorbed lives and giving us His undeserved righteousness, that is, His undiluted love, unlimited acceptance, and undeserved forgiveness.

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing –  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav’nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father’s Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,  
Where You in pow’r are seated At God’s right hand on high –**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Father, send Your Holy Spirit through the message of Jesus’ death and resurrection that we might experience the glory of real and eternal Life today, tomorrow, and forever. We ask in the name of Jesus, the point and purpose of all of Holy Scripture, and the Same who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen!

**+ Hearing God’s Word +**

**FIRST READING** Deuteronomy 30:11-20

<sup>11</sup> Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. <sup>12</sup> It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?”<sup>13</sup> Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” <sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

<sup>15</sup> See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. <sup>16</sup> For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to Him, and to keep His commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase. . .

<sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. . .

<sup>19</sup> This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live <sup>20</sup> and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to His voice, and hold fast to Him. For the LORD is your life.

**EPISTLE READING** Romans 10:5-9

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Reader: These Readings are the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** LSB 205

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
These things are written that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL READING** John 5:39-40, 45-47

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the one who Jesus loved,  
the third chapter:

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>39</sup> You search the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about Me, <sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to Me to have life.

<sup>45</sup> “But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. <sup>46</sup> If you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. <sup>47</sup> But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** "Which Weighs More?"

**APOSTLES' CREED** LSB 207 or LSB back cover

**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.**

**SONG OF THE DAY** LSB 588 "Jesus Loves Me"

**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.**

***Refrain***

***Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide.  
He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in.**

***Refrain***

**MESSAGE** "How to Read the Bible"

Introduction: 3 practical and simple principles for reading the Bible.

Principle # 1: Search the Scriptures – seeking real and eternal Life.

Principle # 2: Let the Scriptures search you – showing us our need.

Principle # 3: Let the Scriptures lead you to Jesus – who meets our needs.

**+ Response to the Word +**

**OFFERING** "Create in Me" *Keith and Melody Green*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
And renew a right spirit within me.**

**PRAYER – LORD’S PRAYER – CONCLUDING 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!**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG** LSB 922

**Go, My children, with My Blessing, Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you: You are My own.  
In My love’s Baptismal river, I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing – You are My own.**

**Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.**

**Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.**

**I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children, I will keep you And give you peace.**