

# **Blessed Savior Lutheran Church**

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Worship –9:30 am.

Rev. Tony Troup, Rev. Perry Schefelker Vacancy Pastors  
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Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 am

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**February 11, 2024**

## **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING** (Adapted, p. 260 in LSB)

### **OPENING HYMN NO. LSB 415** “Jesus on the Mountain Peak”

**Jesus on the mountain peak  
Stands alone in glory blazing;  
Let us, if we dare to speak,  
Join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia!**

**Trembling at His feet we saw  
Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the law  
Shout through them their joyful greeting: Alleluia!**

**Swift the cloud of glory came;  
God proclaiming in its thunder  
Jesus as the Son by name!  
Nations, cry aloud in wonder, Alleluia!**

**This is God's beloved Son!  
Law and prophets sing before Him,  
First and Last and only One.  
All creation shall adore Him! Alleluia!**

### **OPENING VERSICLES** (Please Stand)

**P** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C     The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P     Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C     I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked**

P     Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C     Teach me Your paths.**

P     Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C     Your Word is truth**

P     From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C     the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**ALL   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**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**     (please be seated following your sharing.)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**     2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And 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. And 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."

Elijah 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. The 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."

Then 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. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then 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.

When 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." And 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." And 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. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

P     This is the Word of the Lord.

**C     Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6

(We all, with unveiled face, behold t

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not 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. But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, the glory of God.) because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And 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.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But 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. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In 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. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

Mark 9:2–9

(With Moses and Elijah at His side, Jesus reveals His glory.)

And after 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, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And 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.\* For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, \*This is my beloved Son; listen to him.\* And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And 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 Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORY

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## **CATECHISM – TEN COMMANDMENTS**

**You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor:**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor:**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

**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**

## **SERMON**

**“Glory!”**

**Rev. David Pelsue**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 413 “Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair”**

**Oh, wondrous type! Oh, vision fair  
Of glory that the church may share,  
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,  
Where brighter than the sun He glows!**

With Moses and Elijah nigh  
The incarnate Lord holds converse high;  
And from the cloud the Holy One  
Bears record to the only Son.

With shining face and bright array  
Christ deigns to manifest today  
What glory shall be theirs above  
Who joy in God with perfect love.

And faithful hearts are raised on high  
By this great vision's mystery,  
For which in joyful strains we raise  
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

O Father, with th'eternal Son  
And Holy Spirit ever one,  
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace  
To see Thy glory face to face.

## OFFERING

### PRAYER (please stand)

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick of our congregation...and others whom we name in our hearts as well as for those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P (Prayers for members with birthdays and anniversaries, for our congregation during the vacancy...  
Additional prayers.)

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the  
Lord.

## **LORD'S 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.**

(Please be seated.)

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: 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.

**C: Amen**

## **PRAYER FOR THE WORD**

P. Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. May we so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and always hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **MORNING PRAYER**

**C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You, For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen**

## **BLESSING**

P Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN No. 417    “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”**

Alleluia, song of gladness,  
Voice of joy that cannot die;  
Alleluia is the anthem  
Ever raised by choirs on high;  
In the house of God abiding  
Thus they sing eternally.

Alleluia, thou resoundest,  
True Jerusalem and free;  
Alleluia, joyful mother,  
All thy children sing with thee,  
But by Babylon's sad waters  
Mourning exiles now are we.

Alleluia cannot always  
Be our song while here below;  
Alleluia, our transgressions  
Make us for a while forgo;  
For the solemn time is coming  
When our tears for sin must flow.

Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee,  
Grant us, blessed Trinity,  
At the last to keep Thine Easter  
With Thy faithful saints on high;  
There to Thee forever singing  
Alleluia joyfully.

*During the last stanza Pastors David & Daniel will process out and congregation may follow after the hymn ends*

**JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER SERVICE**