

Transfiguration Sunday
Sunday, February 11th, 2018
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)
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PRELUDE: *“Beautiful One”*

GREETING (ELW p. 184)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (ELW 671)

KYRIE (ELW p. 184)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Glory to God* (ELW p. 185)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“The Light of the World”*

FIRST READING 2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from 2 Kings.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “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. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, 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 company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “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 company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

¹The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;

calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,

God shines | forth in glory.

³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;

with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.

⁴God calls the heavens and the earth | from above

to witness the judgment | of the people.

⁵"Gather before me my | loyal followers,

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice."

⁶The heavens declare the rightness | of God's cause,

for it is God | who is judge.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled 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 we do not proclaim

ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light 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 word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *How Good Lord To Be Here* (ELW 315)

NICENE CREED (Back cover of hymn book or ELW p. 104)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG



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 your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

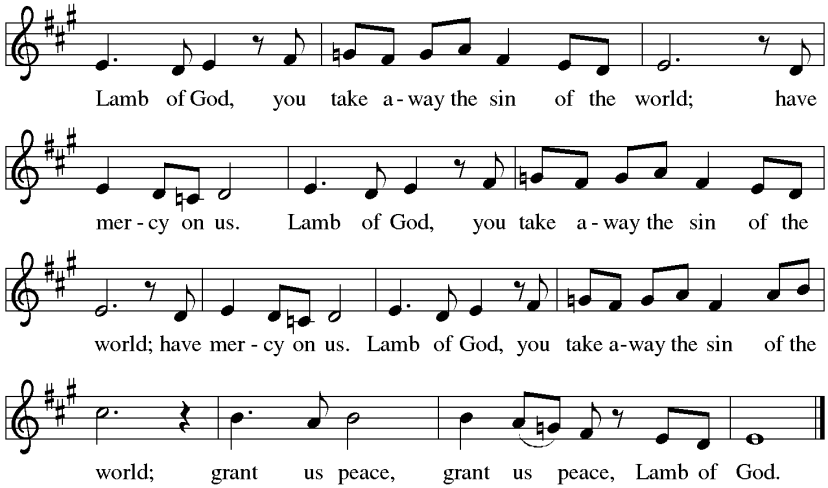
Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE MEAL (ELW p. 190)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 190)

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 191)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Beautiful Saviour (ELW 838)

O Bread of Life from Heaven (ELW 480)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG *Alleluia, Song of Gladness* (ELW 318)

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The scripture for Monday's Lectio Divina is Mark 1:9-15.

25th **ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER** is on Tuesday, February 13th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Your voluntary offerings (matched by FaithLife up to \$300) will help send our youth to this summer's CLAY Gathering.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES: Please join fellow Lutherans from across Ottawa on Wednesday, February 14th at:

- 2:00 at Resurrection Lutheran Church (1325 Gaultois Ave, Orleans)
- 7:00 here at Faith Lutheran Church.

MID-WEEK LENT BOOK STUDY You are welcome to participate in lively conversation, prayer, scripture reading and song at 7 pm on Wednesdays beginning on February 21st in the sanctuary at Faith. The conversations will be based on questions for reflection for each of the five weeks of Lent. The daily devotions are from the book "God For Us: Rediscovering the Meaning of Lent and Easter". Visit the faithottawa.ca website to download the weekly questions that will be posted there. Just click on "Lent Book Study" from the drop-down menu on the main page. Or, contact Pastor Martin if you would like to order the book at a discounted price (\$20) to read along. With the exception of March 28, the book study will be held every week from Feb 21 to April 4 inclusive, weather permitting. See you then!

MEN'S BREAKFAST is on Wednesday, February 14th at 9 am at Chances R Restaurant.

The next **WOMEN'S LUNCH** is on Tues, Feb 20th, at 11 am, at the Four Seasons Cookhouse on Merivale Road. All interested ladies, please come out and enjoy good food and great company.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: on Sunday, February 25th at 11:00 am. The Annual Reports are in your church mailboxes. Extra copies are available from the church office.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Carlington Community Chaplaincy is searching for a part time Program Coordinator as a maternity leave replacement. The job description is on their web site at

www.carlingtonchaplaincy.com under 'Get Involved'. For more details, talk with Melvin or Harold.

The new **WORSHIP SCHEDULE** is posted on the bulletin board.

The latest **OUR DAILY BREAD** booklets for March, April and May are available in front of the church mailboxes.

ELCIC's E-Communique for February is now online at elcic.ca/communique/

THANK YOU to our church council and committee volunteers and financial people who put in many hours of work during the week to keep the business of the church running smoothly and in accordance with the laws of our nation and province. What a blessing to have skilled members in our congregation who can do these things!

OFFICE HOURS: Pastor Martin is in his study on Mondays, noon to 1:30, Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 pm, and Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 pm. If you wish to meet with him, please contact him at 613-224-1971 or pastormartin@faithottawa.ca to make an appointment either during these hours or at another mutually convenient time. Our secretary, Debbie, is in the church office on Thursdays at midday. These times are subject to change, so please call ahead if you would like to drop by. Thank you.

Please check the bulletin board in the narthex for details about these and other community events.

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