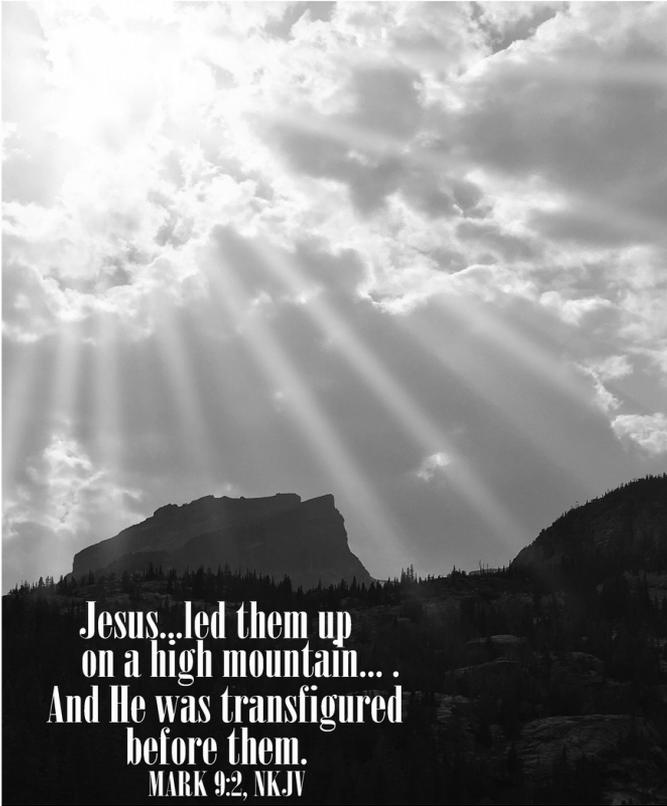


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# ✠ The Transfiguration of Our Lord ✠

January 21, 2018

## Pre-Service Meditation – Psalm 2

<sup>1</sup> Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, <sup>3</sup> “Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us.” <sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. <sup>5</sup> Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: <sup>6</sup> “Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.” <sup>7</sup> “I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. <sup>8</sup> Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. <sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’” <sup>10</sup> Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. <sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. <sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

## Hymn #23 – Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring

### Invocation – p. 5

*[We invoke (call upon) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit]*

### Confession & Absolution – pp. 5-6

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

### Introit – Ps. 84:1-2a, 4, 10-11; antiphon: Ps. 77:18b

*[Having received the Lord’s forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord’s own Word, often from the Psalms.]*

- P** Your lightnings lit up the world;
- C** **The earth trembled and shook.**
- P** How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts!
- C** **My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD;**
- P** Blessed are those who dwell in Your house;
- C** **They will still be praising You.**
- P** For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand.

**C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

**P** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory;

**C** No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

**P** Your lightnings lit up the world;

**C** The earth trembled and shook.

### **Gloria Patri – p. 6**

*[Latin for “Glory to the Father” ~ We glorify the Triune God]*

### **The Kyrie – p. 7**

*[Greek for “O Lord” ~ We approach our Lord with a cry for help and mercy]*

### **Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #237 v. 1)**

*[Latin for “Glory in the Highest” ~ A hymn glorifying and praising our God]*

All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;  
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again;  
Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

### **The Collect for the Day – p. 9**

*[The main thoughts for the day are “collected” together in this prayer]*

### **Old Testament Reading – Exodus 40:34-38**

<sup>34</sup> Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>36</sup> Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys. <sup>37</sup> But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. <sup>38</sup> For the cloud of the LORD was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

### **The Gradual – Psalm 45:2a, 110:1; 96:2-3**

*[A liturgical response of Scripture verses.]*

**P** You are fairer than the sons of men;

**C** Grace is poured upon Your lips;

**P** The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand,

**C** **Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”**

**P** Alleluia. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

**C** **Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. Alleluia.**

### **Triple Hallelujah – p. 10**

*[Hebrew for “Praise the Lord” - We Praise God for giving us His Word.]*

### **Epistle Reading – 2 Corinthians 4:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup> But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup> whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. <sup>5</sup> For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who commanded light to 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. <sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. <sup>8</sup> We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— <sup>10</sup> always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

### **Confession of Faith – Apostle’s Creed – p. 12**

*[We boldly confess what we believe]*

### **Hymn #135 – ‘Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here**

### **Sermon Text – Mark 9:2-9**

<sup>2</sup> Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup> His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. <sup>4</sup> And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”— <sup>6</sup> because he did not know what to say,

for they were greatly afraid. <sup>7</sup> And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!” <sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves. <sup>9</sup> Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## **Sermon – A Glimpse of Glory**

- I. For Jesus
- II. For His Disciples
- III. For Us Today

## **Offertory – p. 12**

*[In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for the best of all gifts: the Holy Spirit]*

## **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

*[With thankful hearts, we offer our gifts to God]*

## **General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

*[We offer our petitions and thanks to God]*

## **Hymn #41 – Wondrous King, All-Glorious**

## **Prayer for the Church – p. 14**

*[We ask God to bless what we have heard and learned today]*

## **The Benediction – p. 14**

*[We receive God's blessing for another week]*

## **Hymn #47 – Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise**

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## **✠ Announcements ✠**

**Sunday Bible Class** – In our Sunday Bible Class hour, we will continue our study of Luther's Large Catechism. We are studying the Lord's Prayer.

**Midweek Bible Class** – Our Midweek Bible Class continues Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Our topic is “St. Paul, His Life and His Letters.” Come join us at the parsonage or online on our youtube site: <https://www.youtube.com/user/BethelLutheranCLC/live>.

**Annual Voters’ Meeting Minutes** – Our secretary has emailed copies of the minutes from last week’s Annual Voters’ Meeting to the congregation. If you would like a printed copy of the minutes, a few are available on the information table.

**Midweek Lenten Series** – Our Midweek Lenten worship schedule will begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. As in the past, these worship services will be held at the parsonage and available live online. This year the CLC Worship Committee has put a series together a series that we will be following. The series is entitled “Keep Your Eyes on Jesus Who Endured the Cross.” The schedule is as follows:

- 2/14 – He is our Security (Hebrews 6:19-20)
- 2/21 – He is our Access (Hebrews 10:19-20)
- 2/28 – He is our Source (Hebrews 5:7-9)
- 3/7 – He is our Rest (Hebrews 4:8)
- 3/14 – He is our Endurance (Hebrews 13:12)
- 3/21 – He is our Courage (Hebrews 12:21-24)

**Nominations for ILC President** - The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary: Paul Naumann and Steven Sippert. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2020. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by March 15, 2018 (postmarked by March 1), to: Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck; 23 SE 240 Rd.; Warrensburg, MO 64093; email: danschierenbeck@gmail.com.

**CLC Call News** – The Rev. Neal Radichel, pastor of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI, has accepted the call as co-pastor for Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN.

Fruits of Faith: 1/14/18  
Worship Attendance: 21  
Bethel Home: \$760.00  
Parking Lot: \$50.00  
CLC Budget: \$200.00

