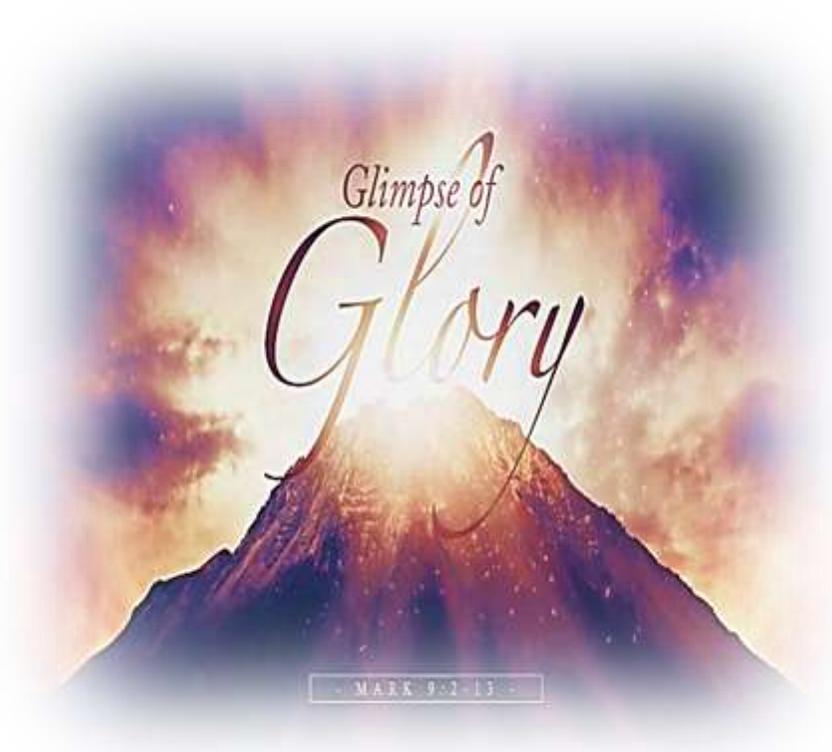


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Organic Word † Hybrid Worship † Local Work

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2018

In the name of Jesus, our Father's beloved Son, welcome to Peace Lutheran! Today, as worship focuses on the Lord of Glory, may the vision of his radiance direct our hearts in praise & may the blessing of his Word encourage our lives!



Whether this is your first time with us or Peace is your church home, welcome to worship! If you have questions or needs, feel free to ask us; we'll do our best to help where we can. If time allows, we'd love to get to know you over coffee & snacks after the service; but we understand if that doesn't fit your schedule. Above all, know we appreciate you being here & we'd love to serve your spiritual needs!

As we worship the God of Order in a fitting & orderly way, we'll use the path of worship printed in this booklet. Today, our hearts thrill to hear the Father's voice that *"This [Jesus] is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him"* (Mark 9:7b), as we consider the worship-theme:

Glimpsing Glory

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Opening Song: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us (red hymnal, 486, vv. 1, 2)

The celebration of Jesus' Transfiguration emphasizes our Savior as the Lord of Glory who has come to redeem us fully & deliver us freely. These initial stanzas ponder that gracious reality & adore him with a hymn of praise.



*Lord of Glory, you have bought us
With your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To th' unthankful and the evil
With your own unsparing hand.*

*Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
Gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.*

The Greeting & Invocation

Jesus promises that where two or three come together in his name, there he is with his presence to bless & be with them (Mt. 18:20); for that reason our worship calls on the name & magnifies the praise of the One, True God.

Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen!**

Our Confession of Sins

God's grace allows us to directly approach him for forgiveness. This portion of our worship service reminds us of our sinful condition, realizes that we've all fallen short of God's demands, & focuses us on our need for a Savior.

Gracious Father,

show us your mercy; and grant us your salvation.

Loving Savior,

save us from our sin; and mercifully hear us when we call on your name.

Holy Spirit,

show us your paths of righteousness; and make us joyful in your salvation.

Almighty God,

make our hearts clean within us; and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Lord of Glory,

Have mercy on me, a sinner.

Moment of silence to recognize & ask forgiveness for our own, personal sins

Our Lord's Absolution

For the sake of his Son, Jesus, the Lord has forgiven all of our sins! It's the pastor's joy to proclaim & assure you that you have been set free ("absolved" or "acquitted") from all of your sins & from all of your guilt!

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (*John 3:16*). For the Son's sake, the Father in heaven has removed your guilt and forgiven your sin; in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

The Prayer of the Day

This brief prayer ponders the grace of our Lord in whom we are blessed to take refuge, & appeals to his gracious mercy & merciful grace as we ask him to hear our prayers, attend to our needs, & grant us his lasting peace.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness. Father, hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord; he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever!

This sung response is the final verse of our opening hymn, Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

 *Lord of Glory, you have bought us
With your lifeblood as the price.
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on you;
But, oh best of all your graces,
With your love our love renew.*

A Reading from II Corinthians 4:1-6 (this translation is the NIV84)

The Law came to/through Moses in a glorious way; but those who use the Law to get to heaven by their own works have missed the point. But the Gospel is so much more glorious than the Law; it's the hope of heaven we have!

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. **On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.** ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, **"Let light shine out of darkness,"** made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Sung Response: Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See (red hymnal, 219)

It really is a marvelous thing: God, whose glory is so far beyond anything our minds could even picture, robes us in this grace & calls us into the light of his glory here with the promise that we will see his glory in heaven forever.

 *Lord, when your glory I shall see
And taste your kingdom's pleasure.*

*Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought
To stand in joy beside you.*

After this hymn verse, the children are invited forward for a devotion geared toward their hearts (any “not-kids” are welcome to listen in & pay attention to the lesson, too!).

A Reading from Mark 9:2-9 (this translation is the NIV84)

The appearance of Jesus’ glory on the Mount of Transfiguration gave the three disciples a foretaste of heaven, a glimpse of Jesus’ eternal glory. Thankfully, Jesus’ glory didn’t remain on the mountain, but went to the cross for us!

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.** ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, **“Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”** ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: **“This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”**

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of our Lord!

Amen!

Statement of Faith : The 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed & Explanation

This second portion of the Apostles' Creed focuses on & highlights the work of the 2nd Person of the Trinity – Jesus Christ, God's Son. It's used today to keep us mindful both of what he's done & also of what that means!

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity; and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

Sung Response: Jesus Take Us To the Mountain (blue hymnal, 712)

The quick stanzas of this detailed hymn ascend hearts to the Mount of Transfiguration. As we stand in wonder & awe with the disciples, we also rejoice at the "other mountain" & the eternal glory to which Jesus takes us.



Jesus, take us to the mountain

Where, with Peter, James, and John,

*We are dazzled by your glory,
Light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night
By the vision of that sight.*

*What do you want us to see there
That your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there
Fills us with the self-same awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go,
Matched to meet our deadliest foe.*

*What do you want us to hear there
That your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven,
Says of the incarnate Word:
“Listen, listen, ev’ryone;
This is my beloved Son!”*

*Take us to that other mountain
Where we see you glorified.
Where you shouted, “It is finished!”
Where for all the world you died.
Hear the stunned centurion:
“Truly this was God’s own Son!”*

*We who have beheld your glory,
Risen and ascended Lord,
Cannot help but tell the story,
All that we have seen and heard,
Say with Peter, James, and John:
“You are God’s beloved Son!”*

A Sermon Lesson from Mark 9:2-9

Today's sermon stands in wonderful awe of the Savior's glory as it recalls the scene from atop the mountain; but, it also celebrates why the Savior would leave that mountain & what he would accomplish for us in doing so.

For the printed text, please refer to the Gospel reading from Mark printed above.

SO GLAD THEY LEFT!

PONDERANCES OF GOD'S PEOPLE ON THIS PORTION OF GOD'S WORD

What single truth does this lesson portray?

What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?

What joys does this lesson lead me to rejoice?

What petitions does this lesson lead me to pray?

What activities does this lesson lead me to do?

Have fun coloring a picture to help us remember God's Word!



Try hard to listen for these phrases, pictures, & promises in the sermon:

Jesus / Savior / Son of God

Transfiguration

Glory

Sin / Wrong

Grace / Forgiveness

Disciples / Students

The Offering

Concerning the offering, the Lord says, “each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (II Cor. 9:7); if you’re blessed to support Peace with an offering – tangibly here or electronically at peacelutheranboulder.org – thank you! As we carry on our Lord’s work, whether the gospel moves your heart to offer a prayer, a gift, or an encouragement, please do know we appreciate you for it!

Prayer of the Church & The Lord’s Prayer

This prayer summarizes the needs & thanksgivings we’ve considered so far, approaches Heaven’s Throne on behalf of those connected to our church & family, & asks for strength in godly living as we walk toward heaven!

Please note, each sung response is a selected stanza from the hymn Down from the Mount of Glory (red hymnal, 97)

Lord Jesus, Son of God and Mary’s son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death; you ushered in the day of grace long foretold.



***Down from the mount of glory
Came Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Recall the wondrous story,
Rich gem in sacred Word.
Again your faith will view him
In double glory here;
The greater homage due him
Will in your life appear.***

Beloved Son of the Father, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging. You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.



***Strange how his journey ended!
In love that is his fame***

*Our Lord again ascended
A mount – the hill of shame.
Upon the cross he proffered
Himself to agony;
His holy soul he offered
To set the guilty free.*

Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope.

A moment to offer today's prayer requests & our own, private prayers

All these petitions we pray boldly, dear Father, sure that you do accept and answer them according to your grace. Hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus taught disciples:

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.

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

 *Then hail the double glory
Of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
And let the wondrous story
Full peace and joy afford!
The holy mount acclaims him
The majesty divine;
Mount Calvary proclaims him
Redeemer – yours and mine.*

The Blessing & Benediction

Where the Lord's name is, there his blessing also is. Again aware of his goodness, his gifts, & his grace to us, our service concludes with God's promise to be with us, to bless us, to keep us, & to give us peace (Numbers 6).

Sisters and brothers, go in peace; live in harmony with one another; serve the Lord with gladness.

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

Amen!

Final Song : May the Peace of God (blue hymnal, 745)

In glad thanks for our Savior God & with hearts illumined by his gracious glory, we rejoice to sing of the Lord's peace that is ours in him. As we have seen & as we have sung, may the glorious reign bless & be with us.



***May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.***

***And to him be praise
For his glorious reign
From the depths of earth
To the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name
Of the Lamb once slain –
Christ eternal, the King of kings.***

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*May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of his Communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart.*

*And to him be praise
For his glorious reign
From the depths of earth
To the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name
Of the Lamb once slain –
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

Thanks for worshipping with us today! Please remember to take this service booklet home with you to ponder & discuss the Homegrown Faith questions found below. God bless your week!

Homegrown Faith : our worship concepts meant for your home conversations



How were today's Bible readings cohesive in teaching today's worship topic? What specific portions of those readings do you appreciate most? Why?



How were today's songs cohesive in teaching today's worship topic while emphasizing Christ-for-us? What specific phrase(s) best connect(s) to you?



How did today's sermon show you your sin . . . and your Savior? What from today's sermon can be applied to help strengthen your daily walk with Christ?

This Week for Peace Lutheran:

Sunday (2/11):

Monday (2/12):

Tuesday (2/13):

10:15a – Manor Care Devotion (Psalm 99)

Wednesday (2/14): Ash Wednesday

9:00a – Noon – Drop-in Center Open (supervisor: ???)

3:00p – Ash Wednesday worship at Our Savior's

6:15p – Soup Supper at Peace

7:00p – Ash Wednesday worship at Peace

Thursday (2/15):

9:00a – Noon – Drop-in Center Open (supervisor: Polly)

Friday (2/16):

Saturday (2/17):

Sunday (2/18): *Please remember to invite & encourage others!*

8:00a – Worship at Our Savior's

8:30a – Bible Class

9:30a – Worship w/ Communion & new member welcome at Peace (musician: ???)

11:00a – Council meeting at Peace

Notes for the Next Weeks:

In marvelous grace, February winds down in a normal stride for our dear ministry; but, please do keep the following opportunities in your calendars, on your hearts, & in your prayers

- February 25 (3p) – Federation meeting at Rocky Mt. Lutheran High School
- March 4 – Vicar Andrew Nemmers will be our worship leader
- March 11 – Sunday School (Lesson: John 3:14-21)
- March 18 – Voters' meeting at Peace

Next Sunday's Service Theme:

The Sinless Substitute

Next Sunday's Scripture Lessons (tentative sermon lesson):

Genesis 22:1-18 † *Romans 8:31-39* † *Mark 1:12-15* † *Psalm 3*