

TRANSFIGURATION

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WELCOME!

If you are a friend who's been here before, welcome back. If you are a first-time visitor, welcome! We'd appreciate it if you would leave your name and address in our Guest Book in the entryway. If we can serve you in any way, please let us know. Children's bulletins and crayons are available on the counter beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. God bless your worship!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As men, women, and children of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, our mission is to proclaim God's gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ to win souls for Christ, nurture believers, and equip them for lives of Christian service, all to the glory of God.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER

Pastor: 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Congregation: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your

unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Jesus says to his people: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

Congregation: **Yes, I believe.**

Pastor: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

Pastor: O Lord, we called to you for help, and you have answered. We thank you for the love you have shown us in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Through him you have rescued us from the guilt of our sin and given us the peace of forgiveness. Now we ask you to help us fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs we can, and serve you and those around us. In Jesus’ name we pray.

Congregation: **Amen**

HYMN 97: Down from the Mount of Glory

**1 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.**

**2 Transfigured, Christ, the lowly, stood radiant in the light,
Light found in God-head solely, for human eyes too bright.
Then came a voice from heaven, confirmed what here we see;
The words “my Son” were given to seal his deity.**

**3 Yet mark this glory hidden! See him the mount descend
And, by the Father bidden, his willing footsteps bend
To seek humiliation in deepest depths of woe,
To suffer degradation no mind can probe or know.**

4 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.**

**5 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 FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 2:1-12

1 When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 2 Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. 3 The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “but do not speak of it.” 4 Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho. 5 The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” he replied, “but do not speak of it.” 6 Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on. 7 Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. 8 Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. 9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?” “Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied. 10 “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours — otherwise not.” 11 As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. 12 Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more.

THE PSALM: Psalm 148

Everything in all creation is called upon to praise the Lord.

Pastor: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

CONGREGATION: Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Pastor: Praise him you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.
Let them praise the name of the Lord.

CONGREGATION: For he commanded and they were created. He set them in place for ever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass away.

Pastor: Praise the Lord from the earth, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children.

CONGREGATION: He has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his saints, of Israel, the people close to his heart.

THE SECOND LESSON: Mark 9:2-9

2 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.

HYMN 368: O Savior, Precious Savior

1 O Savior, precious Savior, whom, yet unseen, we love,
O name of might and favor, all other names above,
We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee, Our holy Lord and King.

**2 O Bringer of salvation, who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought,
We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee, Our holy Lord and King.**

**3 In thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine
We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee, Our holy Lord and King.**

**4 Oh, grant the consummation of this our song above
In endless adoration and everlasting love!
Then shall we praise and bless thee where perfect praises ring
And evermore confess thee, our Savior and our King.**

THE SERMON TEXT: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

12 Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. 13 We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. 14 But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. 15 Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. 16 But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

4:1 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.

We Reflect The Lord's Glory!

1. What is the Lord's glory?

Verses 16-17

Verse 18

2. How can a veil prevent us from reflecting the Lord's glory?

Verse 13

Verses 14-15

3. How do we reflect the Lord's glory?

Verses 16-18

Verse 12

Chapter 4:1-2

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

OFFERING

The offering will be received as you are ushered out after the service in the fellowship hall so that offering plates are not passed.

HYMN 82: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

**1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
Manifested by the star to the Magi from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem, in your birth at Bethlehem,
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.**

**2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
And at Cana, wedding Guest, In your God-head manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine.**

Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.

**3 Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill.
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.**

**4 Sun and moon shall darkened be; Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee.
Christ will then like lightening shine; All will see his glorious sign.
All will then the trumpet hear; All will see the judge appear.
You by all will be confessed, God in man made manifest.**

**5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mirrored in your holy Word,
May our lives and all we do imitate and honor you
That we all like you may be at your great epiphany
And may praise you, ever blest God in man made manifest.**

PRAYER/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.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 95: How Good, Lord, To Be Here

**1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.**

**2 How good, Lord, to be here. Your beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.**

**3 Fulfiller of the past, promise of things to be,
We hail your body glorified and our redemption see.**

**4 Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.**

**5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Hour follows our worship this morning.
In adult Bible hour we begin our study of Proverbs. Join us!
2. Confirmation meets on Monday, February 15th, 3:30-5:00 pm.
3. Council meets this Tuesday, February 16th, at 7:00 pm.
4. Midweek Lent services begin with Ash Wednesday, this Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00 pm.
5. Online Bible Class Continues.

The Format:

I send out weekly study guides in a congregational email on Mondays. You have an opportunity to work through the study guides at home.

I post an online video in which I work through the weekly study guide on Wednesdays. This video is sent out as a congregational email, just like our weekly worship services.

This week, we continue our study of Peter's first epistle.

6. Thursday morning Bible class meets at 10:00 am. We will begin our study of Deuteronomy this Thursday. Join us!