

**The Transfiguration of our Lord**  
**“Strength for the Journey”**

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**As We Gather**

Think of your life as a journey. How is the road now? Is it slow and monotonous? Dangerous and face-paced? Are you lost along the way? We need strength and guidance for the journey of following after Jesus in a world that all too often is tragic and challenging. Where do we find strength for the journey? The transfiguration of Jesus served to give strength for the journey to three disciples. Today we consider how this event points us to the strength we need for our journeys as well.

**Welcome**

**+ Gathering +**

**“O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”    LSB 413**

1 O wondrous type! O vision fair  
Of glory that the Church may share,  
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,  
Where brighter than the sun He glows!

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

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

4 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.

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

**Invocation**

**P**     In the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**     **Amen.**

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### **“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”**

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Savior He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need His power is displayed

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid

For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
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### **Prayer**

### **Children's Church**

### **+ Service of the Word +**

#### **First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12**

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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, “so be quiet.”

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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, "so be quiet."

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not."

<sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Psalms 50:1-6 (Read responsively)**

Reader: The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

**People: From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.**

Reader: Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages.

**People: He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:**

Reader: "Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

**People: And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice.**

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6**

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. <sup>13</sup> We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away.

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> 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 everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> 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 God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-9**

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

<sup>5</sup> 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." <sup>6</sup> (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

<sup>7</sup> Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

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

<sup>9</sup> 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 the Lord.*

**Praise to You O Christ!**

**Sermon**

**"Strength for the Journey"**

**Offering**

Christ upon the mountain peak  
Stands alone in glory blazing.  
Let us, if we dare to speak,  
With the saints and angels praise Him  
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 His Son by name!  
Nations, cry aloud in wonder!  
Alleluia!

This is God’s beloved Son.  
Law and prophets fade before Him,  
First and last and only One.  
Let creation now adore Him!  
Alleluia!

**Prayers**

*Please add your prayer requests to the  
chat.*

**Thanksgivings**

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Petitions**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

**St. John’s People and Families**

Jacob, Sarah, & Georgia Bartelt  
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**+ The Service of Holy Communion +**

**Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

## Communion

Pastor: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

People: **Amen.** *(Take and eat)*

Pastor: Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

People: **Amen.**

*(Take and drink)*

### **“’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here” LSB 414**

1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!

Thy glory fills the night;

Thy face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.

2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,

Thy beauty to behold

Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Thy messengers of old.

3 Fulfiller of the past

And hope of things to be,

We hail Thy body glorified

And our redemption see.

4 Before we taste of death,

We see Thy kingdom come;

We long to hold the vision bright

And make this hill our home.

5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!

Yet we may not remain;

But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,

Come with us to the plain.

### **“Alleluia, Song of Gladness” LSB 417**

1 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.

2 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.

3 Alleluia cannot always

Be our song while here below;

Alleluia, our transgressions

Make us for a while for-go;

For the solemn time is coming

When our tears for sin must flow.

4 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 for ever singing

Alleluia joyfully.

## Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. His peace be with you.

People: **Amen.**

## Prayer

## Benediction

### "In Christ Alone"

1 In Christ alone, my hope is found.  
He is my light my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest droughts and storm.

What heights of love! What depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ, I live

3 There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again.

And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His, and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns, or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I stand

## Offering

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### Memory Verse for This Week

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is My Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!"

*Mark 9:7*

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