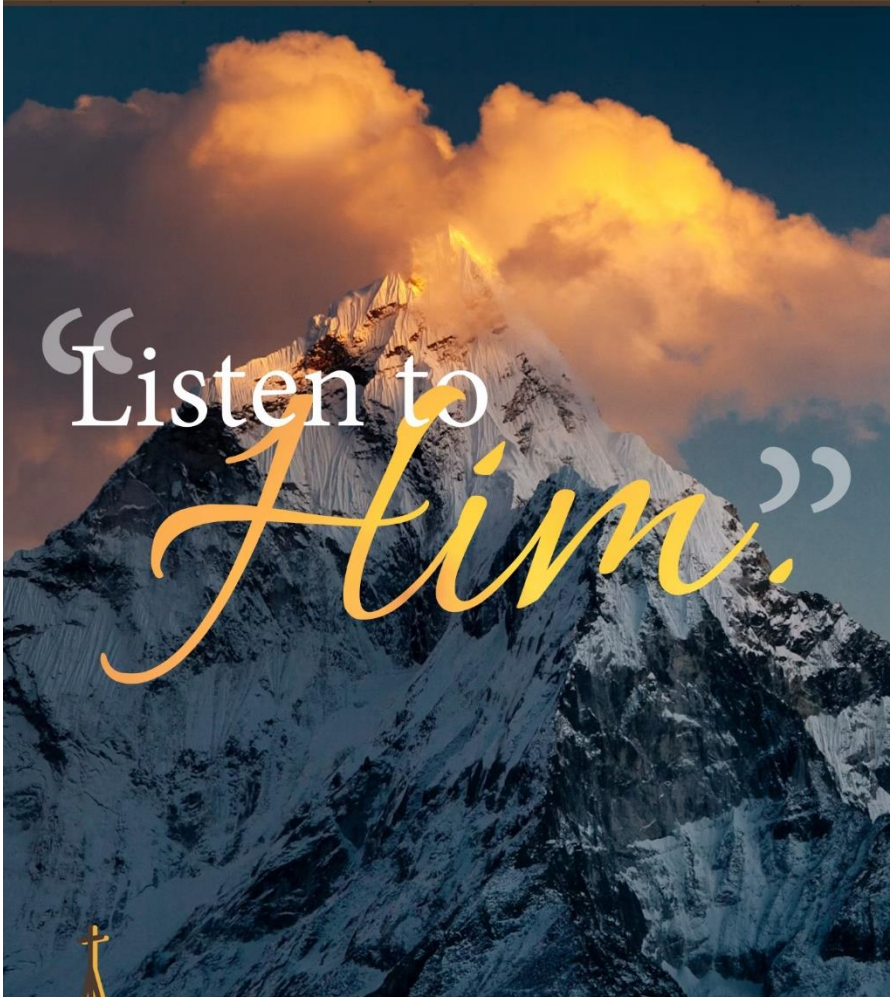


Transfiguration
February 9th, 2025



Liturgy: WS p. 12



“Listen to
Him.”



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #135

“’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”

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

Confession of Our Sins

P Pastor

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful & need His forgiveness.

- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

- C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. 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.**

- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!



- C** Amen!

The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

Latin for “Lord, Have Mercy” and “Glory be to the Father”





C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

P O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Isaiah 61:10-11

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,

and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.



2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

🎵 *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***These words are written that we may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Confession of Faith

The 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.

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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.

Hymn: WS #720

"Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair"



Mark 9:2-9

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The View from the Mount of Transfiguration

- I. Leaves you speechless
- II. Gives you perspective
- III. Shows you where you are going

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

✪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: WS #719

"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

G Amen!

Hymn: TLH #550:1-2, 7-9 "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

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Thank you! Thank you to the members of St. John's who came to the school's Winter Fair this past Wednesday evening. It was wonderful to see all the support for our students. The teachers and students worked diligently on the projects, so your presence was greatly appreciated!

Elders' Meeting – Our monthly Elders' Meeting will be held after the worship service this morning.

Ladies' Aid will be held this Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

St. John's Facebook Page – In an effort to be more visible to the community and to better utilize online outreach, a church and school Facebook page has been created. The page is called "St. John's Lutheran Church & School – Okabena, MN." If you have a Facebook account, please be sure to like and follow the page. And if you are willing, I'd also ask you to like and share posts, so people in the community learn more about our church & school and hear the Word that is shared!

Mission Helper Trip Fund – This summer, we have the joyful privilege of sending a representative from our congregation to our brothers and sisters-in-Christ in Nepal as part of this summer's CLC Mission Helper Trip. Please pray for Larry Boernsen as he begins his preparations for the trip.

If you are able and willing to contribute funds to help offset the costs for Larry to travel to Nepal this summer, you are invited to do so by contributing to our **Mission Helper Trip Fund**, by marking donations as such on your offering envelope. (Use one of the blanks on the left side of the envelope.)

CLC Call News – Teacher Mikkela Schmitt of St. Stephen Lutheran School has **accepted** the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD. <> Teacher Cathy Augustin of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, **has announced her retirement** at the end of the current school year. <> Pastor Cory Drehle of Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD has **received** the call to Pastor Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Pastor Paul Nolting of Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD has announced his **retirement** effective Summer 2025. <> Pastor George Dummann of Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, MN has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN to serve as their pastor along with his current call. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD has **returned** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA.

Ushers	2/9	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	2/16	Kendall B, Larry B.
	2/23	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
Cleaning	This Week – Ling, Sumey, Rovere (wk. 1)	
	Up Next – The Albrechts	

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

February 10th – 15th, 2025

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

-Psalm 119:105

Mon John 4:25-42 Jesus reveals Himself as the Messiah to the Samaritan woman from whom He had requested some water. Water jar forgotten, she goes to share the news that He is the Savior of the world!

Tues 1 Corinthians 6:9-20 The apostle reminds the Corinthian Christians that in Christ Jesus they were washed, sanctified, justified from their former immoral behavior in order to glorify God in their body and life.

Wed Genesis 24:34-51 Abraham's servant tells how he was sent to find a wife for Isaac, his master's son, and how he prayed that the Lord's choice might be revealed to him through his asking for a drink of water.

Thurs Micah 7:14-20 Micah asks God to Shepherd His people. The Lord promises wonderful things, and Micah bursts forth in praise of a God who forgives guilt (v18), casting sins into the depths of the sea! (v19)

Fri Matthew 11:25-30 Jesus praises God the Father that He has revealed His Son and Savior, not to the world's wisdom, but to the faith of little children, to the weary and burdened, longing for spiritual rest.

Sat Genesis 28:11-17 The Lord reveals Himself to Jacob in a dream. He is the God of Jacob's fathers, who promises blessings to all through Jacob's seed. Jacob awakens believing the promise!