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9:00 am

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**WELCOME**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**OPENING HYMN: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB #790**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief  
Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore him!

**CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
Congregation: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**Congregation: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to listen to God's Word, call upon Him in thanksgiving and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before Him our sins of thought, word, and deed. Together, as brothers and sisters in Christ, we turn to our gracious Lord for His pardon and peace, seeking His grace and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**Congregation: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen! Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" LSB #816**

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise;  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;  
Eternal truth attends Thy Word.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Whom with the Spirit we adore  
Forever and forevermore:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

"As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9**

**Congregation: The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice**

Reader: let the many coastlands be glad!

Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

**Congregation: The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice**

Reader: The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,  
before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
and all the peoples see his glory.

**Congregation: The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice**

Reader: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.

Reader: This Is the Word of The Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th Chapter.  
Congregation: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one[a] on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 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." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

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. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY: "Renew me, O Eternal Light" LSB #704

Renew me, O eternal Light,  
And let my heart and soul be bright,  
Illumined with the light of grace  
That issues from Your holy face.

Remove the pow'r of sin from me  
And cleanse all my impurity  
That I may have the strength and will  
Temptations of the flesh to still.

Create in me a new heart, Lord,  
That gladly I obey Your Word.  
Let what You will be my desire,  
And with new life my soul inspire.

Grant that I on-ly You may love  
And seek those things which are above  
Till I behold You face to face,  
O Light eternal, through Your grace.

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Jesus Morales**  
**Transfiguration Week 2:**

**“Being Speechless/It is Good to be In the Presence of the Lord”**

**OFFERING/PRAYER CARDS** - *The offering plate is located on the rear table for you to place your offering in as you enter or leave church. **When the offering is received, an usher will bring it forward, along with any prayer cards, to the altar. If you have any prayers to include, please pass them to the usher as they come forward.** For those who are worshipping at home, you may continue to mail your offerings to the church office, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 0S501 Summit Drive, Winfield, IL 60190. Thank you!*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Let us Pray:

Heavenly Father, You revealed Your glory in the transfiguration of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who tabernacled among us in the flesh. Open our eyes of faith, that we would see Him continuing to tabernacle among us here in the Divine Service, and that we would heed Your admonition to “listen to Him” as He forgives and preserves us at the font, pulpit and altar.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation: hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, with the appearance of Moses and Elijah at our Lord's glorious transfiguration, You reveal to us that all the Law and the prophets are fulfilled in Him. Send Your blessing upon all pastors and servants of Your Church, that all their preaching and teaching would flow from the right understanding that all Holy Scripture testifies of Christ and all that He has done, and continues to do, for our eternal salvation.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation: hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, from whom every fatherhood under heaven is named, support and bless every Christian home, that husbands and wives would be devoted to one another and parents would pass on the faith to their children by word and deed.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation: hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, You alone establish all authority on earth. Bless those entrusted with this responsibility both here and abroad, that they would serve with integrity and honor and for the well-being of all.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation: hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, graciously comfort and strengthen those who are sick, hospitalized or enduring ongoing treatment, [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that they would know Your peace and receive healing and relief according to Your gracious will. Be with those who are lonely, depressed or mentally ill. Surround them with those who know Your redeeming love and will mercifully care for them. Grant steadfastness to those near death, comfort to those who grieve and the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to all Your children.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation: hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son, with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: With hearts ever grateful and lives ever thankful, we offer these prayers before You, O Lord, trusting that You hear, answer, and bless us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father in the same spirit of gratitude let us pray together in one voice how your son has taught us to pray:

**People: 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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May God supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

**Congregation:**        **To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Pastor:                    The Lord bless you and keep you.  
                              The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
                              The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Congregation:**        **Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN: "On Eagles' Wings" LSB #727**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,  
My Rock in Whom I trust."

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His Wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day,  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

For to His angels He's given a command,  
To guard you in all of your ways,  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ASH WEDNESDAY is Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Worship services will be held at Noon and 7 pm.** Please join us for this special worship service with Holy Communion, which marks the beginning of Lent.

**PLEASE NOTE UPCOMING SERVANT EVENTS!** Please consider giving your time to servant opportunities being sponsored by our partnership churches. This will give you an opportunity to work alongside with other members at Word of Life and New Song churches as we offer charitable support to two very worthwhile organizations:

- **Monday, February 13 – from 3 pm to 6:30 pm – RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**, near Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital. Our volunteers will prepare and serve a meal for families staying at the house. Six spots were reserved for this event.
- **Saturday, March 18 – 9am to 1 pm – OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**, 1989 University Lane, Suite A, Lisle. Fifteen spots for volunteers were reserved to assemble and pack kits for our troops. They ask that we bring in a donation of some of the following: Individual coffee singles (no K-cups), Individual drink mixes (Gatorade, etc.), Pain relief (100 tab or individual Tylenol), or rolls of Antacids.

**Questions? Please see Pastor Jesus for more information. There are sign-up sheets on the back table.**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR NEXT WEEK'S FINAL SERMON OF THE THREE-WEEK SERMON SERIES**, based on the "Transfiguration of our Lord" as told in Matthew 17, Mark 9, and Luke 9. You won't want to miss this timely and fascinating study.

**THE 2022 OFFERING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE READY AND LOCATED ON THE BACK TABLE.** Please take yours home with you today!

**THE OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023 ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP!** Please stop by the table on your way out of church to pick up your Offering envelopes for 2023. They are in alphabetical order. For those of you who are worshipping from home, or are unable to pick them up soon, please call the church office at 630-665-5110 to request that they be mailed to you. Thank you!



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR SUNDAY 9 AM SERVICE TO HELP WITH AUDIO/VISUALS!** Now that we have an advanced audio-visual system in place to offer high-end, quality livestreaming of our services, we could use more volunteers to help with various tasks, such as camera operations, audio monitoring and slide production and projection for Sunday services. Training will be provided! Interested? Please see Pastor Jesus for more information.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE 9 AM SERVICE ARE NEEDED! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED TO BRING TREATS!** If you would like to help with our fellowship of coffee and treats on Sunday morning after our 9 am service, we would love to have you bring a treat for our members! The coffee and water are provided, but we need volunteers who can provide a sweet treat (coffee cake, cookies, muffins, breads, etc.) to share with everyone. Interested? There's a sign-up sheet on the back table where you can sign up for the date you want to help. Thank you!!



**THE 2023 FLOWER CHART IS NOW ON THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD! REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS AS A REMEMBRANCE OR ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS** – If you would like to place flowers on the altar to mark a special occasion or give Glory to God, there's a sign-up calendar on the bulletin board in the church entrance to reserve a date. Just sign your name, date and occasion – and take an envelope for payment of \$30 per Sunday, with checks payable to The Altar Guild. Flowers are yours to take home after the service.

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS** – Please pray for the following individuals who are in need of your prayers:

*Healing or receiving medical treatment:*

Bill and June DuBois

Donna Klomhaus

Pat Gengler

Anne Rumchaks and Joey Basile, Susan Mosteller's friends

Al Arbeiter

Dawn Ziemer

Dave Larson

Monica, Mary Larson's sister

Jeff, Rebecca and Joshua Lasky

*In the military:*

Randy, nephew of Susan Mosteller

*And all cherished members who are currently shut in or resting at home.*

**PASTOR JESUS IS NOW HOLDING A NEW MEMBER CLASS FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.** The class currently meets at church on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, and it features a 12-week course titled "God Connects. If you are interested in becoming a member, please see Pastor Jesus and he will give you more information about joining this class, or tell you when the next class may be scheduled. *Note: if you are transferring membership from another LCMS church, your attendance at this class is not mandatory, but would be a great refresher and chance to have your questions answered! Pastor Jesus will be very happy to facilitate the transfer for you.*

**PLEASE NOTE PASTOR JESUS' CONTACT INFORMATION** – Pastor Jesus is available to minister to our congregation's needs at any time and welcomes the opportunity to serve you. He is available 24/7 to provide pastoral care, prayer, or information. He also makes congregation home visits or visits members in the hospital or nursing facility, or administers Holy Communion at home. If you have a need or want to request a visit, please contact him at 1-630-518-1517 or [jesusmorales466@yahoo.com](mailto:jesusmorales466@yahoo.com).

**WITH WINTER HERE – OUR BLESSING BOX CONTINUES TO BE A BLESSING TO OUR COMMUNITY!** If you are able, please consider picking up a few items during your regular shopping trips to help those less fortunate and dropping off items for our Blessing Box. *The most needed items currently include boxed cereals, all kinds of paper products, disposable baby diapers, feminine products, personal care items, and detergents and sanitizers. Non-perishable food items, including pasta, rice, beans, baking items, tuna, canned meats and sauce are also appreciated.* Now that winter is here, gloves, mittens, socks and hats can also make a difference. Cash contributions are also welcome. Thank you all for your generosity and support!

**OUR BENEVOLENT FUND** provides confidential emergency assistance to members who are in need of financial, spiritual or other temporary support, such as housing assistance, help paying for medical or prescription expenses, or help during hard times due to lack of employment. Please contact Pastor Jesus in person to discuss your needs, or you may contact him by phone at 1-630-518-1517.

**PLEASE NOTE OUR SPECIAL FUNDS ARE CONTINUING IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP.** We thank our members for their generosity in supporting our various special funds that are helping us in our ministry at Christ Our Savior. Donations in any amount are gratefully accepted – just indicate the fund and the amount of your donation on your check or offering envelope when you place it in the offering plate. The funds include: PARSONAGE FUND, PARKING LOT FUND, BLESSING BOX FUND and BENEVOLENT FUND. We sincerely appreciate your support and generosity!

**REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR POP TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE!** The aluminum tabs you pull to open soda, soup and other cans are recycled by United Scrap Metal, who buys the pop tabs at a market rate and makes an additional contribution to Ronald McDonald House. There's a large collection bottle on the back table for your convenience. Thanks so much for your help in collecting tabs and making a big difference!

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PRAYER CARDS ARE LOCATED IN THE CHURCH PEWS AND CAN BE USED FOR PRAYERS ON SUNDAY MORNING.** An usher will collect these cards during the service, and they will be presented to Pastor Jesus during our offering, when they will be added to our congregation prayers.