

"Listen to him!"
MARK 9:7

TRANSFIGURATION
SUNDAY



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CONFESSION



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Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 246 Holy, Holy, Holy

Invocation

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

C (spoken) Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C (spoken) who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C (spoken) and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of

our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken) Amen.

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

Gloria Patri

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C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

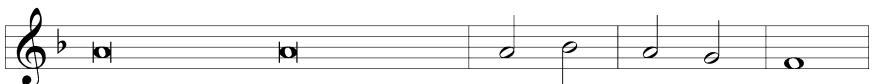
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C Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** (spoken) And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. . .
- C** (spoken) Amen

First Reading

Mark 9:2-13

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. 3 His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. 4 And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”— 6 because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid.

7 And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" 8 Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves.

9 Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead. 10 So they kept this word to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

11 And they asked Him, saying, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" 12 Then He answered and told them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things. And how is it written concerning the Son of Man, that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt? 13 But I say to you that Elijah has also come, and they did to him whatever they wished, as it is written of him."

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:14-18

Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; 15 and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, 16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

17 You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

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

Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Apostles' Creed

C 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

TLH 135 'Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here

Sermon

Psalm 139:1-12 (ESV)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me! 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. 3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. 7 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! 9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," 12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

Transfiguration Light for the Transgressor's Plight

I: The light of His perfect comprehension
II: The light of His perpetual companionship

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Offertory

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*♪ Create in me a clean heart O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen. ♪*

Hymn

WS 719 *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

Offering

Prayer of the Church + the Lord's Prayer

C 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

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 peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

TLH 47 *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to Worship at Trinity!

Please wait to be ushered out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the rear of the sanctuary or mailed to the church.

Guest and Visitors, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! Because He lives, we shall live also! We invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL + WOMEN'S CIRCLE – Both the church council and the Women's Circle will meet after worship today.

CHURCH CALENDAR – Trinity's February calendar has been printed and can be picked up by the table in the north entryway. Digital copies were sent out in this morning's email.

TRINITY GREETERS + CLEANERS – If you signed up to be a greeter or cleaner at church this year, the schedules have been printed and placed in your church mailboxes. Note: some revisions were made to the cleaning schedule, so make sure you have an updated edition. The cleaning schedule emailed out two weeks ago is no longer current. Sorry for the inconvenience!

COMMUNION – Next Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during the worship service. Please prepare your heart accordingly.

ROOMBA – The church has acquired an automated Roomba vacuum to help keep the basement clean. So, if you are over at church during the week and hear something bumping around in the basement, just know that the church is not being burgled again – it is being vacuumed.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE – At our annual meeting, Trinity's voters approved the formation of a property committee to evaluate the work that needs doing around the church and parsonage and to organize said work. If you would be able to help serve the congregation in this way, please speak with Pastor Naumann.

PASTORAL CONFERENCE – Trinity will be hosting the Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference from April 23rd-25th this year. We are trying to decide whether

it would be better to host visiting pastors at members' homes or to put them up in a rented home. The church council will be discussing this at today's meeting, so please let Pastor or a council member know if you have any thoughts on the matter.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- **Donna Zarling** suffered a minor stroke this past week. She has been discharged from the hospital and is recovering at home. We thank God for protecting Donna from more serious harm and pray that he would restore her to strength according to His will.
- **David Hein**, who many of you will remember from His time working on the Hein family farm, suffered a serious work accident which caused extensive damage to his left arm. We thank God for preserving David's life and ask Him to be with David in His recovery.
- **Lorraine Poetter** was hospitalized after having a seizure and has now been moved to St. Luke's for rehabilitation. We thank God for blessing her recovery and ask Him to continue to visit her with His grace.
- **Kate Sauers**, wife of Pastor Rob Sauers who serves Immanuel Lutheran Church in Winter Haven FL, has been battling with lymphoma. May God keep Kate in His loving care and bless the family with Gospel comfort.
- **Molly's friend, Jeanne**, has continued to take chemotherapy treatment to treat a brain tumor. May the Lord, in His love, alleviate any pain and suffering and grant healing according to His will.
- Please keep **Pastor John Hein and his family** in your prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. For updates on his care, visit: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family>.

CALL NEWS

<> Pastor David Baker has been called by Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX.

<> Pastor Tim Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Hecla, South Dakota has been called by Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN to be their second pastor.

<> Mr. Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School in Phoenix, AZ has been called by Gethsemane Lutheran in Saginaw, MI.

<> Mr. Dan Roehl is still considering the call to be the new professor at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI, replacing retiring Professor Mark Kranz.

<> Pastor Thomas Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran of Lakewood, CO has returned the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY		
Date	Attendance	Offering
12/31/23	19	\$895
1/7/24	26	\$1,795
1/14/24	24	\$928
1/21/24	Cancelled (Ice)	---

GREETER SCHEDULE	
Next Sunday	Joyce Miller
2/11	Jeanne Helke
2/18	Dennis & Linda Lux

FEBRUARY CLEANING SCHEDULE	
North Entry	White
Sanctuary	Estes
Basement	Naumann

A CHAPEL ADDRESS

(May 1969 Journal of Theology of the CLC)

Luke 2:46-47: *“And it came to pass that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.”*

Somehow this famous scene seems like a miniature image of a functioning school because it incorporates the two-fold activity of listening and inquiring which is, in fact, characteristic of a true growing process in human life. Our Savior, just entering His ‘teens, is spending three days in an unusual school. He is in the Temple of His people, at the feet of Israel’s teachers; He is being confronted with the faith, the traditions, the history of the world and of the nation to which, according to the flesh, He belonged. He is hearing—and asking. He is also answering.

One pauses to reflect upon what is happening to this basic principle of educational growth in our day, in our land. Many of our young people are attempting to turn the normal process upside down. They invade school campuses shouting questions and making pronouncements before they have truly listened. In fact, many refuse to listen at all to the voice of human experience, even as they are deaf to the voice of God.

Education begins with the wisdom of the past, not of the present. This does not require a blind following of tradition; but it does mean that we begin the learning process by drawing upon the found of inherited treasures of knowledge. Rejecting this process in favor of instant wisdom, people of this generation chatter about the “new psychology” or the “new morality” who have never bothered to give a respectful hearing to the old. Being in a materialistic hurry and in love with the sound of their own voices, they close their ears to the answers of the past and flightily accept the slogans that happen to be in fashion.

But what do we hear if we do listen? Our Lord in the Temple heard much that was foolish and wrong; for He had teachers that did not understand the Scriptures. Jesus asked searching questions, and no doubt exposed the ignorance of Pharisees and Sadducees. But He could ask questions because He had a solid basis for them. He heard the

Scriptures read and discussed. He built on the treasures of ancient wisdom. In them was the Truth.

That is the way we come to learn. We know what has been said by them of old time, so we do not speak in a vacuum of “today.” We listen above all to the Scriptures and thus invite the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. In this light we review the thoughts and attainments, good or bad, of human experience. We listen to Plato before we listen to Freud., and we listen to Augustine and Luther before we get to reading Dr. Spock or Ann Landers. And then we begin to make value judgments and come to certain firm conclusions. We learn to respect the finding of Solomon that “there is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord” (Prov. 21:30), and the assurance of the Psalmist that the man is a fool who puts his trust in princes (Ps. 118:9), and the judgment that he is a fool who despises his father’s instruction (Prov. 15:5). We have solid substance for our convictions when we have studied the record and heed the warning; “remove not the old landmark” (Prov. 23:10)

More and more, then, we appreciate also the central place in all wisdom held by the supreme truth that in Christ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

(written by Prof. Egbert Schaller, Lutheran Clergyman, Educator, and Theologian, 1904-1971, father-in-law to Prof. Paul Koch)