

“and He was transfigured before them”

Matthew 17:2



Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

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7:30 am Bible Class, 8:00 am Worship Service

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St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

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10:00 am Sunday School, 10:15 am Bible Class, 11:00 am Service

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TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 10, 2013

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 40 (front of the hymnal p. 132)

The Hymns: 135, (bulletin), 438:4-5, 720, 656:1

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, at the height of Your Epiphany You revealed Your great power and glory to the disciples, eyewitnesses of Your transfiguration. Send now Your Holy Spirit to us through Your Word. Work in us repentance of sins and the assurance of Your forgiveness. Hear us for Your own sake, Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 135

The Invocation

We invoke (“call upon”) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation sings:



A - men.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

Pastor 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.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



A - men. (congregation is seated)

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

P: The lightnings lightened the world:

C: The earth trembled and shook.

P: How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts!

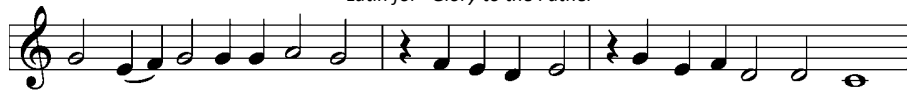
C: My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord.

P: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house:

C: They will be praising You forever.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



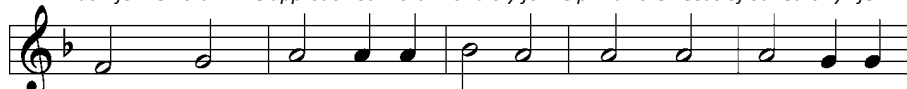
☒ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



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

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



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



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

THE GLORIA

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 – all sing)



I God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You



sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,



by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;



Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,



ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

PASTOR The Lord be with you.



☒ And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.



☒ A - men.

THE BIBLE READINGS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Bible Reading:

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Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. 16 Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. 18 So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: You are fairer than the children of men:

C: **Grace is poured into Your lips.**

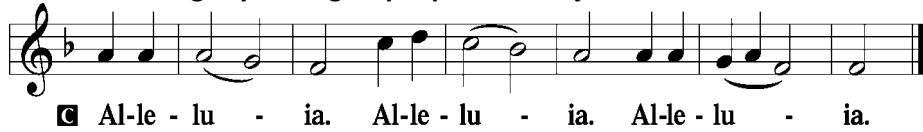
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C: **Until I make Your enemies Your footstool.**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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C: **Declare His glory among all people. Hallelujah!**



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PASTOR The New Testament Bible Reading comes from Matthew chapter 17, beginning there in the 1st verse.



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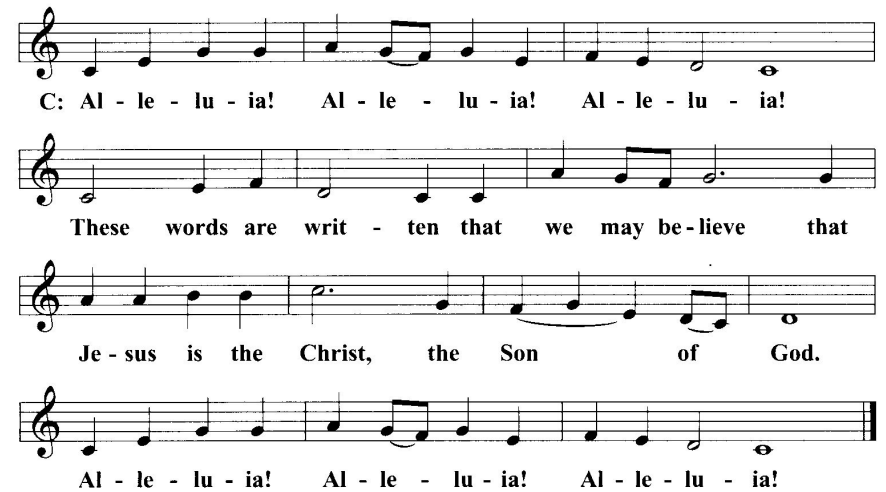
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Him!" 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. 7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." 8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. 9 Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

PASTOR: Here ends the New Testament Bible Reading.

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



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregation sings "Once Upon a Mountain Sacred"

(by Prof. John Pfeiffer. Melody from hymn 136)

1. Once, upon a mountain sacred, God in glory did appear,
 As our Lord did shine so brightly, Like the sun on earth so drear.
 Can it be? Oh, praise the story: God as man dwelt with us here!

2. Once on Calvary's holy mountain, God in glory did appear,
But that glory then was hidden, As He suffered pain severe.
Now those cries of bitter anguish Speak forgiveness in our ear.

3. Once upon the Mount of Olives, God in glory did appear,
Far above this earth ascending, From our sight to disappear.
Yet His promise shows us that He Always shall be with us here.

4. Now from mountain unto mountain Praises echo far and near,
That our sins are all forgiven! Christ casts out our greatest fear.
This has now become our glory: God in glory shall appear.

THE SERMON

2 Peter 1:16-21 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. 19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Theme: "The LORD's Return - A Reality Check"

I. Not based on clever stories (16)

II. Not based on personal experiences (16-18)

III. Stand firm on the promises of Scripture (19-21)

THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me
Cast me not a - way from Thy pre - sence, and

take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me,
Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up -
hold me with Thy free spir -

it. A - men.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 438:4-5:

**We Lord would lay at Thy behest The costliest offerings on Thy shrine
But when we give, and give our best, We give Thee only what is Thine.
O Father, whence all blessings come; O Son, Dispenser of God's store;
O Spirit, bear our offerings home: Lord, make them Thine forevermore.**

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (All)

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.

Congregation sings Hymn 720

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

PASTOR: 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.

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

The Closing Hymn 656:1

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. If you'd like to become a member, we offer a free "Information Course" in which the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICES THIS WEEK Lenten theme: "See For the next six weeks until Easter, we will be having an extra midweek church service. 6:30 pm Wednesdays at St. John's; 6:30 pm Thursdays at Peace in Orofino. I encourage all to take advantage of these extra blessings from your LORD!

ST. JOHN'S Today: Ladies Aid meeting following service.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE If you'd like to read them ahead of time at home, the Bible readings for next week, the 1st Sunday in Lent, are : Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17, 3:1-3; Matthew 4:1-11; and Romans 5:12, 17-19 (the sermon).

SAVE THE DATE! WOMAN'S GATHERING AT ST. JOHN'S Saturday April 6, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. More information on the bulletin board.

CLC NEWS <>Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called the Rev. George Dummann, Pierre SD. <> Teacher Kirsten Gullerud of Holy Cross, Phoenix has received two calls: St. Stephen, Mountain View, California called for a 3-5th grade teacher; and Holy Trinity, W. Columbia, SC called for a K-2 teacher.

MEMORIAL SERVICE a service reminding us of the victory in Christ of Velma and Gordon Diehl will be 11:00 am Saturday, February 23rd at St. John's.
"Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His saints." Ps. 116:15

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LANCERS BASKET BALL (Eau Claire, WI)
Perhaps some may not be aware, but this basketball season has been one of the greatest in Immanuel's history for both the boys and girls high school. The boys are 14-4 (2nd in conference) and the girls are 14-3 (1st in conference). The girls are now off to the best start in ILC history. Here's an

online blog to keep up with the team:

<http://lancersgirlsbasketball.blogspot.com/>

You can even watch many of the boys and girls home games from your home:

<http://www.ilc.edu/tv/> Audio is also available for many of the away games.

The volunteers are pretty incredible to make such broadcasts possible and of high quality. I don't know of any other high school that has anything close to what Immanuel has. Since ILC is our Lutheran High School, tune in and support your teams this year as they have a chance to do something really special. Go Lancers!!

YOUTH CONFERENCE—SAVE THE DATE: Here is an opportunity for youth from across the CLC—8th grade graduates through 2nd year college—to meet and spend several days with in-depth study and application of the Word as well as Christian fellowship and recreation. Mark your calendars and keep watching for the details and registration! **At a glance... Event:** Youth Conference; **Dates:** August 13-18, 2013; **Location:** Divide, Colorado; **Cost:** TBD...approx. \$300 (including all except transportation)

WHY A CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL FOR OUR CHILDREN

1. A Christian Day School can assist parents to provide the answer to the question "How can I be saved?" Jesus says: "I am the Way."
2. The Christian Day School assists the congregation of believers to carry out the responsibility to teach children the Word of God. "Feed My lambs."
3. The Christian Day School uses God's Word to give God's perspective to all subjects generally taught in schools. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Science must begin with the knowledge that God is the Creator and Preserver of the universe. Math is used to promote wise stewardship of our God-given goods and property. History is the record of how God guides the destinies of men and nations.
4. The Christian Day School makes the love of God the basis and motive in training character. "If you love Me, keep My commandments."
5. The Christian Day School can spend the proper amount of time to the "one thing needful" - God's Word.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"No prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

1 Peter 1:20-21

Old Testament Reading for this Transfiguration Sunday

On Mt. Sinai God gave the Law to Moses and the children of Israel – God’s glory in their sight was a fearful sight. Centuries later Moses would appear with Elijah on the Mt. of Transfiguration and speak with Jesus about the Gospel - His plan of salvation. We read...

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The Transfiguration of Jesus in these verses gives us a glimpse of the glory that will some day be ours. Peter wanted to preserve that special moment and never have it end. The future glory in Christ will far excel all o life’s greatest moments and it will last forever. We read...

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