

## The GATHERING

*Sit*  
PRELUDE

PASTORAL WELCOME

*Stand*  
CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS pg. 211

GATHERING HYMN “O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT!” #308

GREETING

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

KYRIE pg. 213

CANTICLE of PRAISE “GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST” pg. 213

PRAYER of the DAY

Let us pray: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts.  
**Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

*Sit*  
ANTHEM “GOD GAVE TO ME A LIFE TO LIVE” *Kids of the Kingdom*  
“I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”

## The WORD

*Sit*  
LESSON II Kings 2:1-12 (OT pg. 369)  
II Corinthians 4:3-6 (NT pg. 190)

*Stand*  
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION pg. 216

GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9 (NT pg. 45)

The holy gospel according to: **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
The gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ**

*Sit*  
SERMON

*Stand*  
HYMN of the DAY “BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR” #838

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PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God;  
**Your mercy is great.**

SHARING the PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you. -the PEACE is shared-**

## The THANKSGIVING

*Sit*  
OFFERING “WHAT HAVE WE TO OFFER” *Hymnal Insert*

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## The SENDING

*Stand*  
BLESSING  
May the love of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, fill your hearts and illumine your path.  
Almighty God, Father (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “IN THEE IS GLADNESS” #867

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

## **First Lesson:**

## **II Kings 2:1-12**

*Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrates that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.*

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

## **Second Lesson:**

## **II Corinthians 4:3-6**

*The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.*

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## **Holy Gospel:**

## **Mark 9:2-9**

*Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

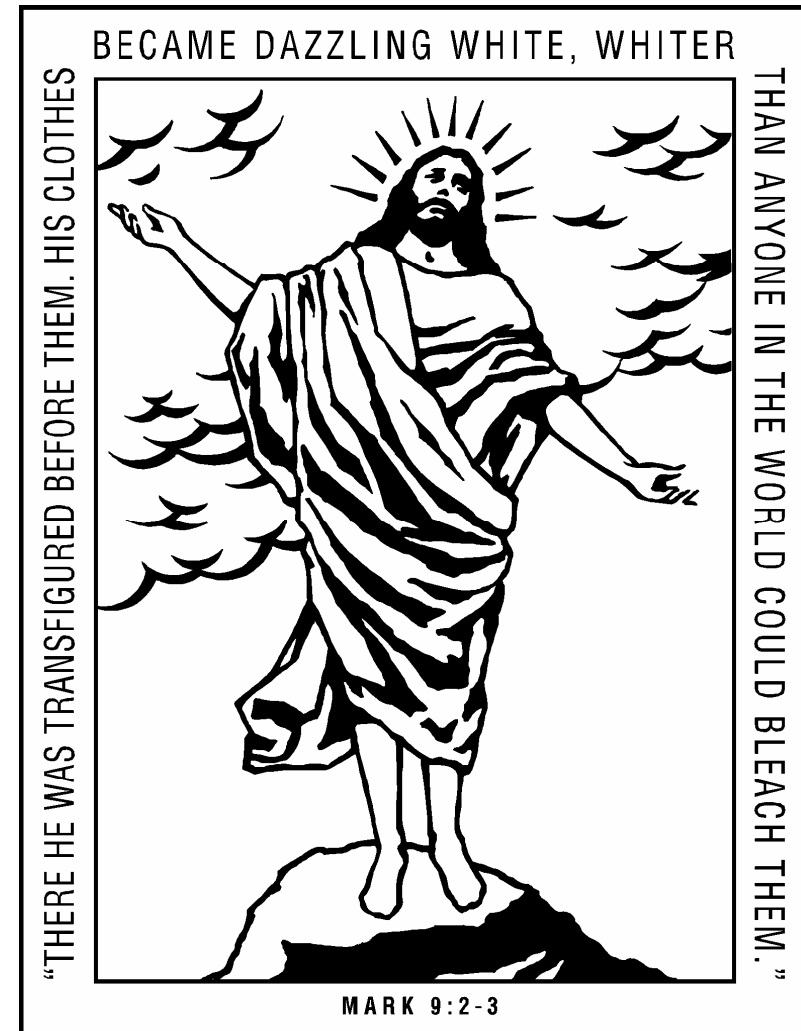
As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends, hear the same words naming him God's beloved Son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shine in us also for others to see.*

# **Evangelical Lutheran Church**

## **Transfiguration Sunday, Service of the Word**

### **February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 @ 8:00am Worship**



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