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FEBRUARY 27th, 2022 –THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

GATHERING & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 99

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.

³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,

⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the ninth chapter
Glory to you, O Lord

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Holy Gospel given to you. **Praise to you, O Christ**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Good, Lord, to be Here

ELW 315 vs 1 & 2

How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here!
your beauty to behold
where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: W. Mercer, The Church Psalter and Hymn Book, 1854

Tune Name: Potsdam

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. *On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

*****ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

We give thanks to Cathy Hoefler and the choir for leading us in music.

Sunday January 2, 2022 through May 29th – Worship Service Time begins at 10:00am. June we reset to 9:00am worship service time.

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Salem hosts a soup supper at 6:00PM followed by Worship and the imposition of ashes at 7:00PM. Soup Supper Sign-up is in the Narthex. See Lynn Cox for details.

This year's Lenten Project is providing Beehives for our global neighbors. More information will be coming along with a display in the Narthex by March 2, 2022

Lent – ELCA 40 Days of Giving is a personal devotion and includes a calendar of readings and suggested activities for anyone wishing to participate in an additional way. Materials located in Narthex by March 2, 2022.

Mason Dixon Food Pantry ~ Thank you for donating non-perishable food items for folks Sarah Keller takes the items to Mason Dixon at least once a month. The collection bin is located under the coat rack in the Narthex. Thank you, Sarah, for delivering the food items!

Interested in online giving to Salem and her ministries? Check out Salem's website

Want to spread encouragement? Let's send notes / cards of care to:

Sterling Care Riverside
C/O Charles Phoebus
1123 Belcamp Garth ~ Room 220B
Belcamp, MD 21017

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Russ Getz, Judy Newsome, Family and friends of Darla Lynch, Leila Roland, family & friends of Mary Harman, Donna Miller, Christina Miller & baby Cain, Charlie Phoebus, Nick Cox, Carol Miller, Denny Blauer, Brenda Jimenez, Kathryn Christy, April Moyer, Cari Herrera, David Roche, Layne Bortmes, Tom Ritten, Dominic Cardone, Richard Newsome, Caitlin Taylor, Alcoe Durastanti, Robert Vazquez, Erika Weldon, Paul Foutz, Daisy Lukens, Steve Awalt, Tony Garner, Ed Insel, Jumela Beecher, Lauren, Cathy Preston, Elfriede Kiesling, Lance Graham, Debbie Connor, baby Diana, Brent Przychoda, Cathy Marowski, Austin Phoebus (military), Deana Vanhart, Faith LeBrun, Howard Kramer, James Rickman, Brenda Baker, Donna Glorioso, John Bragg, Pr. Dick Kiesling, Lisa Barwick, Walt Karoll, Marianna Putnam, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Betty Burnet, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice Grove, Margaret Shank, Jim McNicholas, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arikan, Joyce Craig, Kattie Hale, Ray Morrison, Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, Natalie Szparza, Pat Ward, Curtis Waters, Jason Whitney, Karen Wiley, Will & Bernadine Boyce, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl.

Contact Lynn Cox or Pastor with updates to prayer list.

Weather Related Worship Service Cancellation 3-Way Notification:

Beginning at 8:00AM

+ An email will be sent to Salem's Families. Please make sure to check your spam / Junk folder if the email does not appear in your inbox.

+ Check Salem's website: <http://www.salemiarrettsville.org/>

A notification will post will by 8:00AM.

+ Salem's Prayer Chain will begin calling at 8:00AM.

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