

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Transfiguration Sunday

February 14, 2021

GATHERING AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,  
Whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.  
Amen.**

**Let us confess our sin trusting in the abundant grace of God.  
(*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*)**

**Holy God,  
You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy.  
Amen.**

**How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Jesus Christ, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.  
Amen**

## Gathering Hymn~~Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Sky~~ELW #553

Christ, whose glo-ry fills the skies  
Christ, the true and on-ly light,  
Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise,  
Tri-umph o'er the shades of night;  
Day-spring from on high, be near;  
Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.

Dark and cheer-less is the morn  
Un-ac-compa-nied by thee;  
Joy-less is the day's re-turn,  
Till thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
Till they in-ward light im-part,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Vis-it then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, ra-dian-cy di-vine,  
Scat-ter all my un-belief;  
More and more thy-self dis-play,  
Shin-ing to the per-fect day.

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### THE GREETING

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~~~~ELW #147

**In peace let us pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, have mercy**

**For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, have mercy**

**For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity  
of all, let us pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, have mercy**

**For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the  
Lord.**

**Lord have mercy**

**Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.**

**Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

**Glory to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.**

**All: Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you  
thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord  
God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have me-rcy on us; you are seat-ed  
at the right hand of the Father: re-ceive our prayer.**

**For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,you a-lone are the most High,  
Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.**

## READINGS

*A reading from 2 Kings 2:1-12*

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.'

<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup>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.’

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup> 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.’ <sup>10</sup>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.’ <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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.

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

Let us read Psalm 50:1-6

<sup>1</sup> **The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

<sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

<sup>3</sup> **Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire,  
and a mighty tempest all around him.**

<sup>4</sup> He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

<sup>5</sup> **‘Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!’**

<sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

A reading from 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we

proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>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.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 9:2-9

**Glory to you O Lord**

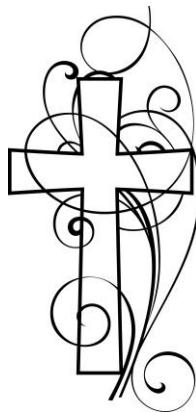
<sup>2</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>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.' <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**



## ***Hymn of the Day~~I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light~~ELW #815***

I want to walk as a child of the Light.  
I want to fol-low Je - sus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Je - sus.  
In him there is no dark-ness at all.  
The night and the day are both a-like.  
The Lamb is the light of the cit-y of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

I want to see... the bright-ness of God.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Fath - er.  
In him there is no dark-ness at all.  
The night and the day are both a-like.  
The Lamb is the light of the cit-y of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

I'm look-ing for... the com-ing of Christ.  
I want to be with Je - sus,  
When we have run.... with pa-tience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.  
In him there is no dark-ness at all.  
The night and the day are both a-like.  
The Lamb is the light of the cit-y of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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## **APOSTLE'S 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Let us pray ....**

Have mercy, O God.

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

And also with you.

## **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### ***OFFERATORY HYMN~~We Are an Offering~~ELW #692***

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering. Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands. Lord use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that are, all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us; like a mother receives her child, with arms and open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING~~ELW pg 152**

**The Lord be with you.**

And also with you.

**Lift up your hearts.**

We lift them to the Lord.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

*Hymn of Thanksgiving~~Holy, Holy, Holy~~ELW pg 153*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosannah in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosannah in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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**

## ***DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION***

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Christ Jesus,**

**At this table we have feasted on your very life**

**and are strengthened for our journey.**

**Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit**

**to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.**

**Amen.**



**POST COMMUNION HYMN~~Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise~~ELW #207**

Thankful hearts and voices raise;  
Tell everyone what God has done.  
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy  
with shouts of Thanksgiving.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

**BENEDICTION**

May the Lord Bless you and keep you  
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**SENDING HYMN~~On Our Way Rejoicing~~ELW #538**

On our way re-joic-ing glad-ly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has con-quer-ed;  
Van-quished is the foe.  
Christ with-out, our safe-ty; Christ within our joy;  
who, if we be faith-ful, can our hope de-stroy?

On our way re-joic-ing; as we for-ward move  
Hear-ken to our prais-es, O blest God of Love!

Un-to God the Fa-ther joy-ful songs we sing;  
Unto God the Sav-ior thank-ful hearts we bring;  
Unto God the Spir-it bow we and a-dore,  
On our way re-joic-ing now and ev-er-more.

On our way re-joic-ing; as we for-ward move,  
Heark-en to our prais-es, O blest God of love!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Confirmation will meet February 17 at 3:30 pm.**

**Thank you everyone for following the governor's directive wearing masks, maintaining social distance, and refraining from singing. You are invited to hum along with the hymns. We appreciate your cooperation in curbing the spread of Covid-19.**

**Ash Wednesday Worship with imposition of ashes is Wednesday, February 17 at 7 pm.**

**Women's bible study will meet February 20 at 10 am.**

**Defibrillator instruction is today, February 14, right after worship.**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace. Be the light of Christ!**

Thanks be to God!



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