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Church Year: Transfiguration

Date: March 6, 2011

Today is Transfiguration Sunday, a time in which we observe the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. This glory shines in our own hearts as we are affected by the Gospel message. May such glory shine in your heart today as you hear the message of His Word.

✠ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 148, p. 156 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 135: 'Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here*

Liturgy: *TLH, p. 15 ff. (Also available on laminated sheet in pew)*

Introit (followed by Gloria Patri, The Kyrie): *TLH, pp. 16-17*

P: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy mountain,

C: For the Lord our God is holy.

P: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble;

C: He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

P: Great is the Lord in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations.

C: Let them praise Your great and awesome name - He is holy.

Glory be to God!

Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH 23, st. 4*

Hallelujah! Let praises ring! Unto our Triune God we sing;

Blest be His name forever! With angel hosts let us adore

And sing His praises more and more For all His grace and favor!

Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy, Spread the story

Of our God, the Lord of Glory! Amen.

First Reading: *Exodus 24:12-18*

Moses sees God's glory on Mt. Sinai.

Gradual:

P: Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol Him, all you peoples.

C: For great is His love toward us; and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

C: Bring an offering and come into His courts.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. You are the most excellent of men ...

C: And Your lips have been anointed with grace. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *Matthew 17:1-9*

Jesus transfigured in glory.

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed, TLH p. 22*

Hymn: *WS 719: Jesus On the Mountain Peak*

Sermon: *2 Peter 1:16-21*

(16) 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. (NKJVTM)

YOUR OWN TRANSFIGURATION OBSERVANCE

1. Convinces you that the apostles aren't telling mere fables

2. Convinces you that the Morning Star has arisen in your heart

3. Convinces you that only the Holy Spirit is the proper interpreter of Scripture

Offertory: *TLH p. 22 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 285: How Precious Is the Book Divine*

Offering & Prayer:

Liturgy for the Lord's Supper: *TLH p. 24 ff.*

Distribution: *TLH 305: Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness*

Note: In obedience to God's Word, and out of concern for the welfare of souls (1 Corinthians 11:29), and finally that we may honestly express the unity of faith and hope that binds us, we ask that only such as have identified with Grace through public confession of faith or another CLC congregation, approach the altar at the usher's direction.

Nunc Dimittis, Prayer, Benediction: *TLH 29 ff.*

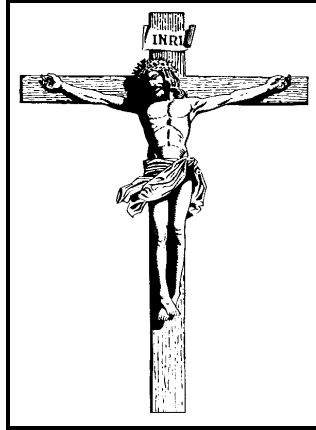
Hymn: *TLH 343, st. 1, 7: How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*

SOME THOUGHTS REGARDING LENT

(Martin Luther on Luke 18:31-34)

Luke 18:31-34: Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. (32) "For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. (33) "They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." (34) But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken.

And this is the true foundation, thoroughly to know Christ's passion, when we not only understand and lay hold of Christ's sufferings, but also of His heart and will in those sufferings, for whoever views His sufferings in a way that do not see His will and heart in them, must be more terrified before them than they are made to rejoice on account of them. But if one sees Christ's will and heart in His passion, they cause true comfort, assurance and pleasure in Christ. Therefore Psalm 40:7-8 also praises this will of God and of Christ: "In the roll of the book it is written of Me: I delight to do Thy will, O, My God." The Epistle to the Hebrews says on this point: "By which will we have been sanctified;" Heb. 10:10; it does not say: Through the suffering and blood of Christ, which is also true, but through the will of God and of Christ, that they both were of one will, to sanctify us through the blood of Christ. This will to suffer He shows here in this Gospel [Luke 18:31-34] when He first announced that He would go to Jerusalem and allow them to crucify Him; as if He had said, look into My heart and see that I do all willingly, freely and cheerfully, in order that it may not terrify nor shock you when you shall now soon see it [His suffering], and you think I do it reluctantly, I must do it, ...



From this is now follows how foolish they act who teach that people should patiently bear their sufferings and death in order to atone for their sins and obtain grace; ... and pretend that if they suffer willingly all their sins will consequently be forgiven them. Such persons only mislead the people for they bury out of sight Christ and His death upon whom our comfort is founded, and bring the people to a false confidence in their own suffering and death. This is the worst of all things a man can experience at the end of his life, and by it he is led into perdition. But you learn and say: Whose death! Whose patience! My death is nothing; will not have it nor hear of it for my consolation. Christ's suffering and death are my consolation, upon it I will suffer, to the praise and honor of my God, freely and graciously, and for the advantage and profit of my neighbor, and in no way whatever depend upon it to avail anything in my own behalf before God.

LENT

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

- ◆ **Midweek Lenten Services:** This coming Wednesday begins our Midweek Lenten services. They will be held at 7 pm. This week is Ash Wednesday with the Lord's Supper being served. Our series this year is entitled, "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Cross," Lenten meditations based on the Beatitudes. There will be a pulpit rotation with Pastors David Schierenbeck and David Baker from Berea in Inver Grove Hts. and Our Redeemer's in Red Wing. Former pastors, Rick Grams and Daniel Fleischer, will also be involved in the rotation. This coming Wed. Pastor Hein will preach on, "Blessed are the Poor in Spirit."
- ◆ **Lenten Soup Suppers** will be held before every Lenten service starting at 6 pm. If you are interested in bringing soup and/or serving at one or more supper(s), please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ◆ **Immanuel Tour Choir:** Late this coming week the Immanuel Tour Choir will be departing for its annual outing, this year touring through South Dakota, North Dakota, and Washington. The itinerary is posted by the mailboxes or may be seen at Immanuel's website: www.ilc.edu.
- ◆ **Immanuel Tour Choir at Grace:** Grace of Fridley is very blessed to be able to host one of the concerts this year. The choir will be making its final stop at Grace on Sunday, March 20, 7 pm. Please make plans to be here to support the choir and to be spiritually uplifted by the sacred music. Members are asked to bring a treat to share afterward.
- ◆ **2011 Grace Yearbook:** The annual yearbook has been published. This past week an electronic copy was distributed through the congregational email list. A limited number of hard copies are available by the mail boxes.
- ◆ **Calling Tree Updated:** The Emergency Calling Tree is used to quickly inform members of worship service changes due to adverse weather or to inform about funerals. Page 26 of the yearbook has the updated calling tree. This has been changed and streamlined slightly.
- ◆ **Grade School Basketball Tournament @ ILC:** This will be held later this week. Grace is playing with children from our CLC congregation in West Columbia, SC. Games are:
 - ⇒ Fri., March 11, 11:00 am (v. Eau Claire A2)
 - ⇒ Sat., March 12, 8:30 am (v. Mankato A1)
 - ⇒ Sat., March 12, 1:00 pm (v. Markesan A)The team pizza party is on Friday, March 11, 5-9 pm at the Plaza Hotel. Please let Mark Wales know if you plan on attending.
- ◆ **CLC News:** There will be one sem graduate this year and one graduate from ILC education department. Calls for graduates need to be my hands by April 24, 2011. The Call Assignment Committee will meet May 4, 2011. John Schierenbeck, CLC President
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #23, Baptism 1

† TODAY AT GRACE †

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Larry Nelson

Ushers: Mark Wales, Don Auel, Ole Olmanson, Eli Wales,
Brandt Wendland

Counting Team 4: Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl;
Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner

Hospitality Team 5: Pat & Dawn Paplow; Mike & Pat Dick;
Frank & Ann Radichel

Church Cleaners: Anderson School: Sandhoefner

† NEXT WEEK AT GRACE †

Ushers: David Stifter, John Auel, Scott Baker, Al
Rosendahl, Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Micheal Ude

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel;
Pat Paplow

Hospitality Team 6: Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian &
Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland; Eli & Laura Wales

Church Cleaners: Anderson School: Radichel

† OUR SCHEDULE †

Today: 9:00 am – Sun. School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper
11:15 am – Hospitality

Wed., Mar. 9: 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Worship w/Lord's Supper

Sun., Mar. 13: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Sun. School & Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – Hospitality; 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

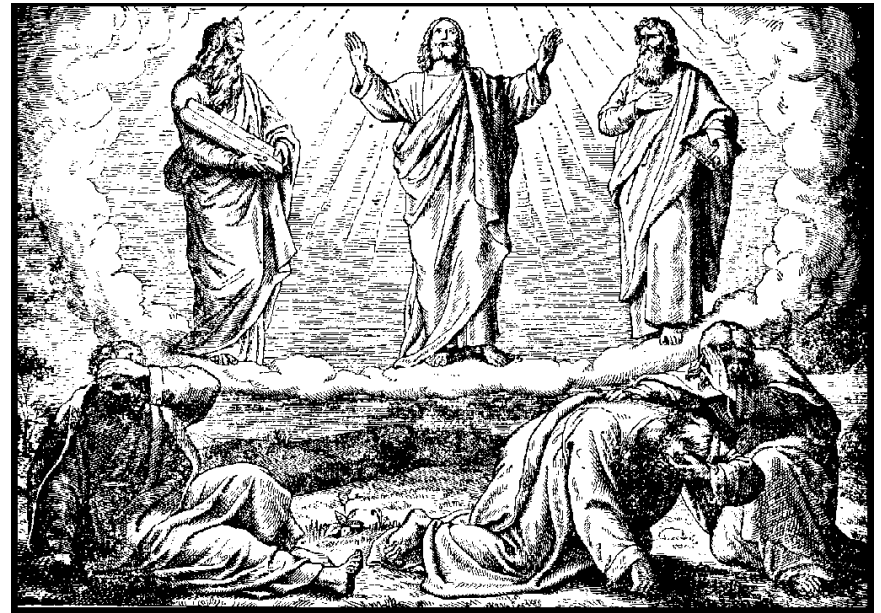
Sun., Mar. 20: 7:00 pm – Immanuel Tour Choir Concert @ Grace

Last Week's Stats: Feb. 27, 2011 Sun.: 122 S.S.: 23 B.Cl.: 42 Wed.: 17

Week's Offering:	Grace:	\$2,443.25	CLC:	\$912.00*
Weekly Need:	Grace:	2,850.00	CLC:	960.00
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-406.75	CLC:	-48.00
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$23,891.24	CLC:	\$8,804.50
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	25,650.00	CLC:	8,640.00
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,758.76	CLC:	+164.50
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	25.00	Tuition:	150.00
GLC Other:	MDF:	0.00	Kinship:	100.00
ILC Student Aid:	ILC Bldg.	20.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

* \$105 of which was Adeline Schwartz Memorial

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*“This is My beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!”*

Matthew 17:5