



*Jesus was transfigured  
before them*

MARK 9:2

Hope Lutheran Church

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Transfiguration of Our Lord  
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Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

FOG # 439

Call to Worship

P: Jesus Christ is unique, and one cannot be in His presence and not reveal the man he really is.

C: Jesus pulls each person from behind his mask.

P: In the exposure of that bleeding love on the cross, men become what they really are.

C: You may think you are wonderful until you stand in the presence of the One who is purity itself.

P: It is the pure light of God that pierces a man.

C: You can keep up your pretense of being holy until you stand in that light.

P: Then immediately there is nowhere to hide, all your masks are torn away, all your hollow smiles fade.

C: Revival means to be exposed for what we are.

All: The presence of the Lord is revealing. -Festo Kivengere

Hymn of Praise "To God Be the Glory"

FOG # 363

Prayer of the Day (in unison) Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom

that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

2 Kings 2:1-12

LBW pg. 238

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Gospel Mark 9:2-9

Sermon

WOV # 653

Hymn of the Day "Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

pg. 137

Apostles' Creed

FOG # 619

Offering/Offertory "I Love to Tell the Story "

Prayers of the Church-----The Lord's Prayer

Benediction & Dismissal

Closing Hymn "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" FOG # 532

In Our Prayers: Bruce Gerking & Carol Speth.

We welcome you to worship with us today. If you are a guest please sign the guest book in the entry.

Tuesday, February 13th: 5:00-7:00 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, First Lutheran Church, Avoca, free will donation.

Wednesday, February 14th: 4:00 Confirmation, 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service at Hope, 8:00 Hope Council

Sunday February 18th: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, communion assistant, Janice,

February is Go And...Have the Conversation!

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**FIRST READING: 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.

**Psalm 50:1-6****SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

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.

**GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9**

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.

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15.

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