



*The greatest
of these is
charity.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Transfiguration

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Welcome to Trinity!

We're glad you're here to worship!

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My Savior, My God

I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed what God Has planned
I only know at His right hand
Stands one who is my Savior

I take Him at his word and deed
Christ died to save me this I read
And in my heart I find a need
Of him to be my Savior

That He would leave his place on
high
And come for sinful man to die
You called it strange so once did I
Before I knew my Savior

Chorus (sing 2 times)

*My Savior loves
My Savior lives
My Savior's always there for me
My God he was
My God he is
My God he's always gonna be*

Yes living, dying let me bring
My strength my solace from the
spring
That He who lives to be my king
Once died to be my Savior

That He would leave his place on
high
And come for sinful man to die
So now we praise Him, you and I,
Because He is our Savior.

Chorus (sing 2 times)

Please rise

My Savior lives
My Savior loves
My Savior lives
My Savior loves
My Savior lives.

Confession of Sins

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Assurance of Forgiveness

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated

Old Testament Lesson

Death is one of those invisible, undeniable, unavoidable realities of life that we don't talk about much. It ends things. It separates loved ones. It looms in the darkness and threatens to snatch life without warning.

Death was hovering over Elijah and Elisha as they walked together. They knew it was close and they both had different reactions to it. Elijah wanted to face it alone. He kept telling Elisha to stay while he went on. Elisha wanted to be with Elijah when the Lord called him. He kept telling Elijah that he would not leave him. The sons of the prophets, people who worked together in God's service, knew it, too. They warned Elisha whenever they saw him.

Elisha didn't want to talk about it. He couldn't fight it. He couldn't change it. He could only stay with his master until death came for him.

Then the power of God exerted itself. Neither Elijah nor Elisha were strangers to the power of God. They had both seen it, felt it, and used it—but never before like this. God showed his power even over death. It was spectacular! A chariot of fire, horses of fire, and a whirlwind! And Elijah went to heaven without experiencing death.

God's power is still with us and he still has power over death. He is still greater than death. He displayed his power here. He displayed it again on the Mount of Transfiguration. Death is defeated and in Jesus we have life.

2Kings 2:1-12a (EHV)

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah was traveling with Elisha from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Bethel.”

But Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

³The sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?”

Then he said, “Yes, I know. Be quiet.”

⁴Then Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here because the LORD has sent me to Jericho.”

But he said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho.

⁵Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?”

He said, “Yes, I know. Be quiet.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here because the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.”

But he said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on.

⁷Then fifty men from the sons of the prophets came and stood and watched them from a distance, while the two of them were standing at the Jordan. ⁸Elijah took his cloak, folded it together, and struck the water. The water divided to the right and to the left. Then the two of them crossed on dry land.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask me for whatever I can do for you before I am taken from you.”

Then Elisha said, “Let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.”

¹⁰ He said, “You have asked for a difficult thing. If you see me being taken from you, it will surely be yours. But if not, then it will not.”

¹¹ While they were walking and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire came and separated them. So Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha was watching and crying out, “My father! My father! Israel’s chariot and its charioteers!” Then he did not see him anymore. He grabbed his clothing, and he ripped it into two pieces.

Gospel Lesson

The disciples had been on retreats with Jesus before, but this experience was unlike any other! The glory Jesus displayed hadn’t been seen on earth since God gave his vision to Ezekiel 500 years earlier. Two of the biggest names in world history, Moses and Elijah, made an appearance as they talked with Jesus about what was coming next.

And just think about what was coming next! Satan’s kingdom would fall. The gates of heaven would be open. And the world would never be the same. Jesus would bring hope to the hopeless, life to the lifeless, and freedom for the enslaved.

To make that happen, Jesus would have to go through hell. It would be terrifying for the disciples just to witness it. So, Jesus revealed his glory to prepare them. God told them to listen. If they could hang on to what Jesus taught them, they would be ready for the tumultuous events of Holy Week. They would be able to endure persecution. They would be ready for anything.

We, too, have witnessed Jesus’ glory. We, too, have listened to his words. With his word, Jesus prepares us for our ministry, for life, and for eternity. This is God’s beloved Son—listen to him!

Mark 9:2-9 (EHV)

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain where they were alone by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. ³ His clothes became radiant, dazzling white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And Elijah appeared to them together with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶ He did not know what to say because they were terrified.

⁷ A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.”

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

How Good, Lord, to Be Here

(Hymn 95)

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

2. How good, Lord, to be here
Your beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Your messengers of old.

3. Fulfiller of the past,
Promise of things to be,
We hail your body glorified
And our redemption see.

4. Before we taste of death,
We see your kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright
And make this hill our home.

5. How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

Epistle Lesson/Sermon Text:

When you consider every barrier that the gospel has to pierce to reach a human heart, it's a miracle (literally) that anyone ever believes. First, we're spiritually blind by nature. Then, we're distracted by pleasure, selfishness, arrogance, worries, opinions, and preconceptions. On top of that, Satan is actively trying to keep us away from the word, paying attention to it, or considering it. Even more, the Word of God defies human logic and reason. All these things work together to make it impossible or sinful human beings to accept the Gospel or to see the glory of Christ.

That's why it takes the power of God to bring life into a dead human soul. He displayed the power of his word when he said, "Let there be light." He is the same God who displayed his dazzling glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. And he shines the glorious light of the Gospel into the darkness of our hearts to bring us to life.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (EHV)

³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled among those who are perishing. ⁴ In the case of those people, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from clearly seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is God's image.

⁵ Indeed, we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," is the same one who made light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

Prayers for Our family and Friends

Cynthia Susan Steubenvoll was called home to heaven on Thursday, February 4th after a 28year battle with Parkinson's Disease. A funeral service will be held at First Trinity in Marinette on Sunday, Feb. 14 at 2:00pm (visitation at 1:00pm). Please keep her friends and family in your prayers.

Beaumont Family, Melanie Bell, Milferd Behnke, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Ardice Cerney, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Jean Harper, Dorothy Johnson, Rose Karr, John Peters, Sharon Malmstadt-Rupert, Noah & Kristin Olson, Lisa Schmitt, Aaron Wood and Jesse Zach

Prayers for those called to protect

Military: Jesse Adams (Sue Connor's son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow's godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg** (Linda and Gene Erickson's grandson), **Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht's great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen's cousin), **Jesse Johnston** (Jim & Laurie Johnston's son), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth's son), **Aaron Stocker Jr.** (Martina (Dura) Stocker's husband), **Dylan Vanko**, (Roy and Grace Chmela's grandson), **and Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush's nephew).

Firefighter: Steve Campbell.

Police: Greg Haemker, Raymond Cashaw (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband) and **David Peterson** (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

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.*

The Benediction:

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one other. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

Jesus Messiah

1. He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus
*Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

2. His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Chorus

Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all

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Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.

John 8:12 - "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Matthew 5:16 - "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"