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The Transfiguration of our Lord

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The significance of "Transfiguration Sunday" remains twofold in purpose. Firstly, it gives us a glimpse and reminder of **WHO** Jesus truly is: the all-powerful Son of God. That truth remains important, especially as we see Jesus suffer during His Passion. There will be times when He doesn't appear to be in control as our almighty God since He allows Himself to be beaten, ridiculed, spit on and tortured.

Secondly, "Transfiguration Sunday" provides the backdrop for discussion revolving around the very **WHY** Jesus took on a human nature and came to earth. Jesus came here as the only One who could redeem us from sin by His perfect life, sacrificial, substitutionary death and victory resurrection.

Today's Scripture lessons tell of the Lord's glory and relate how Jesus fits in with that glory as Jesus discusses the purpose of His Passion and saving mission with those on the Mount of Transfiguration.

Order of Worship: ELH Page 60, The Divine Service "*Rite Two*."

Hymns: 223 (1-4), 224, 234, 223 (5)

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35. The glory of the LORD is radiant. After Moses was in the presence of the LORD to receive the law, his face shone so much that those who saw him became afraid.

Psalms of the Day: Psalm 148. The Church sings the praises of the LORD, who is worthy of honor and blessing by all creation (*Supplement*).

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18. The glory of God still shines through the saving gospel message, which is proclaimed by God's people. Sadly, some people refuse the message and remain spiritually blind, unable to see God's glory.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia. (Mark 9:7b, EHV)

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36. For a few brief time, Jesus transforms His humbled, earthly body shine in divinity glory for His disciples and us to see and believe that He is our almighty Lord and Savior.

Sermon Text: Luke 9:28-36

Theme - "It's Good For Us To Be Here"

Points to ponder from the day's Scripture readings:

- Old Testament: In the presence of the LORD's holiness, Moses spoke to God. What happened to Moses' appearance?

- Old Testament: How did the people react to this change in Moses' appearance?
- Old Testament: Why did the people react this way to the change of Moses' appearance? (See 2 Corinthians 3:13. What point is Paul making in this verse?)
- Epistle: Where do we see the glory of the Lord today?
- Gospel: Before Jesus gave Peter, James and John a reminding glimpse of His glory, what confession did they make eight days prior? (See Luke 9:18-20).
- Gospel: Despite His glorious revelation as the all-powerful, only true God, what did Jesus forewarn His disciples would happen as part of **HIS** way to redeem sinners? (See Luke 9:22)
- Gospel: Who appeared with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration? What comfort does their appearance give Christians about departed believers? (See Matthew 22:32)
- Gospel: What was unique about Moses' & Elijah's earthly departures? (Deuteronomy 34:5-6; 2 Kings 2:1, 11)

Announcements:

+ Please join us for Bible class on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. We are studying the Book of Psalms.

+ Confirmation class: 3:15-5:00 p.m. at the church on Monday.

+ Sunday school on Sunday mornings from 8-8:30 a.m.

Exodus 34:29-35 – When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not realize that the skin of his face was shining because he had been speaking with the LORD. When Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, they were amazed that the skin of his face was shining, so they were afraid to come close to him. Moses called to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the community returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. Afterward all the people of Israel came close to him, and he gave them all of the commands that the LORD had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. When Moses was finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out again. Then he would come out and tell the people of Israel what he had been commanded. Whenever the people of Israel saw Moses' face, they would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining. Then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the LORD again (EHV™)

2 Corinthians 3:7-18 – But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled among those who are perishing. 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

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light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is God's image. Indeed, we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants

for Jesus' sake. 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. (EHV™)

Luke 9:28-36 – About eight days after he said these words, Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothing became dazzling white. Just then, two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him! They appeared in glory and were talking about his departure, which he was going to bring to fulfillment in Jerusalem. Peter and those with him were weighed down with sleep, but when they were completely awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let's make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not realize what he was saying. While he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them. They were afraid as they went into the cloud. Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" After the voice had spoken, they found Jesus alone. They kept this secret and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen. (EHV™)