

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

**P:** Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may thus hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that by patience and comfort of your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### THE BLESSING

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace, Live in harmony with one another.  
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 upon on you with favor and give you (+) peace.



### CLOSING HYMN

#95 – “How Good, Lord, to be Here”

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## “Jesus is transfigured and shows His glory”

This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.

Matthew 17:5



**Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Transfiguration Sunday  
February 11, 2018**

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE BEFORE HIM

### OPENING HYMN "O Word of God Incarnate" (CW #279)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**P:** Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, pleading with Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**P:** Our help is in the name of the Lord

**C:** **Who made heaven and earth.**

**P:** I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**C:** **And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

**P:** Almighty God our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and action. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, for this purpose, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those that believe on His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord to us all.

**C:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

**C:** **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

**P:** Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

**C:** **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

**P:** Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**C:** **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

**P:** Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

**C:** **Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in all we say and do.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**P:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**P:** Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

**C:** **Amen.**



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Please be seated*

### HYMN

#97 “Down from the Mount of Glory”

### SERMON

Matthew 17:1-9

“The path to everlasting glory runs straight through Calvary’s cross”

1. Divine glory belongs to Christ
2. Glory foreshadowed in OT Scripture
3. Glory affirmed by the Father
4. Glory hidden in Christ

### RESPONSE

#291 – “We Have a Sure Prophetic Word” (vs. 1,4)

*Please be seated*

### OFFERING

*Please Stand*

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Sings “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” CW #278

**Holy God we praise your name; Lord of all we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim; all in heav’n above adore you  
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.**

**Hark! The glad celestial song angel choirs above are raising;  
Prophets, martyrs join the throng, in unceasing chorus praising  
With the Church in one accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!**

**Blest Redeemer, virgin’s Son, over death His vict’ry claiming,  
Now ascended to His throne; Judge and King His grace proclaiming,  
Opens heav’n to all His own. Praise and thanks to God alone!**

**Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit three we name you;  
though in essence only One, undivided God we claim you,  
Then adoring bend the knee and confess the mystery.**

P: The LORD be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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 in his likeness; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.

*Please be seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

**Exodus 34:29-34**

29 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. 30 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. 31 Moses called to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the community returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. 32 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. 33 When Moses was finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. 34 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. 35 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)

**PSALM 2** (p.65 in front section of hymnal)

### SECOND LESSON

**2 Peter 1:16-21**

16 To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." 18 We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, 20 since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. 21 In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit. (EHV)

### VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that  
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

### GOSPEL LESSON

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James; and he led them up onto a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured in front of them. His face was shining like the sun. His clothing became as white as the light. 3 Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. 4 Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Just then, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him." 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. 7 Jesus approached and as he touched them, he said, "Get up, and do not be afraid." 8 When they opened their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Do not tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." (EHV)