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The Transfiguration of our Lord

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OUR WORSHIP

No Condemnation

SERVICE THEME On the Mount of Transfiguration, three of Jesus' disciples saw His unveiled glory. In our John text for today – John 3:16-21, 36, we also see the unveiled glory of Jesus, that is that “God so loved the world that He gave His Son” over to the cross. In Him, the Father's dearly beloved Son, we experience a ‘no condemnation’ verdict today and forever.

THE LORD'S MEAL *Who receives this Meal worthily?* He is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words, “Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.”

+ Preparation to Hear the Word +

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING Psalm 34:15-22

Pastor: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,

People: and His ears are attentive to their cry;

Pastor: but the face of the LORD is against those who do evil,

People: to blot out their name from the earth.

Pastor: The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;

People: He delivers them from all their troubles.

Pastor: The LORD is close to the broken-hearted

People: and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Pastor: The righteous person may have many troubles,

People: but the LORD delivers him from them all;

Pastor: He protects all his bones,

People: not one of them will be broken.

Pastor: Evil will slay the wicked;

People: the foes of the righteous will be condemned.

Pastor: The LORD will rescue His servants;

People: no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!**

SUNG RESPONSE LSB 902 “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

**Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
Our hearts in true devotion bow,
Your Spirit send with light divine,
And let Your truth within us shine.**

**Unseal our lips to sing Your praise
In endless hymns through all our days.
Increase our faith and light our minds;
And set us free from doubt that blinds.**

**Then shall we join the hosts that cry,
“O holy, holy Lord Most High!”
And in the light of that blest place
We then shall see You face to face.**

**All glory to the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!**

CONFESSION tune: New Britain/LSB 744

Pastor: Father, Your Law justly condemns us. We are condemned not only by Your righteous Law but by others as well as by our own conscience. And, when we feel this way, we try to overcome our feelings of guilt and shame by trying harder – attending worship more frequently, spending more time in prayer, being more diligent in reading our Bibles. Other times, our guilt and shame cause us to withdraw from You and from worship.

**Have mercy on Your people, Lord.
Have mercy, Christ, our King.
Renew us by Your mercy, Lord;
Accept the prayers we bring.**

ABSOLUTION tune: Mendelssohn/LSB 380

Pastor: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. When feelings of guilt and shame arise and attack us, we need to draw near to our Father and to rest in the embrace of His love, acceptance, and forgiveness. Let us together rejoice in that as we sing of God's grace and favor given us through His Son, Christ Jesus.

**“Glory be to God on high!” This is now our joyful cry.
Peace to all who live on earth, grace and favor for new birth.
You we praise and glorify, worship You, O Lord most high.
Gracious Father, heav’nly King, to Your name alone we sing:
Praise the glory of Your name, now and evermore the same!**

**Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son, sole begotten, Holy One,
Born on earth from realms on high, born true man for us to die,
Lamb of God, You take away this world’s sin:
Grant peace we pray. With the Spirit, You alone
Are most high, O God the Son, and the Father, God above.
Praise we now Your glorious love.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: Father, we experience Your just verdict of condemnation for the wrong, hurtful, and self-justifying sins we repeatedly and frequently commit. But, because Jesus took our condemnation on Himself at the cross, forgive us and renew us in Your unconditional love. We ask in the name of Him who died the death we deserved, the Same who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen!

+ Hearing the Word +

FIRST READING Romans 5:18-19

¹⁸ Consequently, just as the one trespass (of Adam) resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act (of Christ Jesus) resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the One Man the many will be made righteous.

SECOND READING Romans 8:1-2, 31-35, 37

¹Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives Life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

THIRD READING 2 Corinthians 3:9-11

⁹ If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰ For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹ And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

Reader: These Readings are the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING John 3:16-21

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John the evangelist, the third chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in God.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "In the Dark"

SONG OF THE DAY LSB 571, vv. 1-4 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

**God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.**

**Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.**

**God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.**

**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.**

MESSAGE "A Life of No Condemnation"

Introduction

Whoever believes is not condemned; whoever does not believe is condemned.

.We don't want to be condemned [1]

Everyone who does evil hates the light for fear their deeds will be exposed.

[2] We need to hear Jesus say, "I do not condemn you."

Criticism/condemnation kill; LIFE is found in a God who does not condemn.

[3] The cross

Jesus is condemned in our place so we are not condemned.

[4] "Go and leave this life of evil."

Justification by faith alone leads to new and eternal LIFE.

+ Response to the Word +

CREED AND OFFERING tune: St. Denio/LSB 802

**In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour,
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.**

**In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.**

**God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth the church now He does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER & 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 Lord's Meal – God's Visible Word +

THE PREFACE

Pastor: "We believe, teach, and confess that all the worthiness of the guests of
this heavenly feast is and consists in the most holy obedience and
perfect merit of Christ alone, which we appropriate to ourselves by true
faith, and whereof we are assured by the Sacrament, and not at all in our
virtues or inward and outward preparations." [from *The Lutheran
Confessions – FC*]

ENTERING GOD'S HOLY PRESENCE tune: Nicea/LSB 507

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
We rejoice to join the hymns Of earth and sky and sea.
Generations praise You, with saints and angels.
Holy and bless'd through all eternity.**

JESUS' WORDS

LAMB OF GOD tune: Olivet/LSB 702

**O Lamb of God, we pray;
Take all our sins away – Our faith increase,
Have mercy on us all, Strengthen us when we fall,
Answer our fervent call And grant us peace.**

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Chorus

***Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.***

**Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Chorus

**As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Chorus

