

**Salem Ev Lutheran Church
Transfiguration**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde
February 11 & 14, 2021**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 95

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

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

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

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

**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.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12a

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah was traveling with Elisha from Gilgal. Elijah 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. The 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." Then 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. Then 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." Then 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. Then 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. Elijah 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. When 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." 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." 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. Elisha was watching and crying out, "My father! My father! Israel's chariot and its charioteers!"

HYMN 280 vv 1,5

**Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee
While thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Give us lips to sing thy glory,
Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats to shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!**

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Therefore, since we have this kind of hope, we act with great boldness. We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the Israelites could not continue to look at the end of the radiance, as it was fading away. In spite of this, their minds were hardened. Yes, up to the present day, the same veil remains when the Old Testament is read. It has not been removed because it is taken away only in Christ. Instead, to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. But whenever

someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. But all of us who reflect the Lord's glory with an unveiled face are being transformed into his own image, from one degree of glory to another. This too is from the Lord, who is the Spirit. Therefore, since we have this ministry as a result of the mercy shown us, we are not discouraged. On the contrary, we have renounced shameful, underhanded methods. We do not operate in a deceitful way, and we do not distort the word of God. Instead, by proclaiming the truth clearly, we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

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. His clothes became radiant, dazzling white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. And Elijah appeared to them together with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 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." He did not know what to say because they were terrified. A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus alone. 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY 97

**Down from the mount of glory Came Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Recall the wondrous story, Rich gem in sacred Word.
Again your faith will view him In double glory here;
The greater homage due him Will in your life appear.**

**Transfigured, Christ, the lowly, Stood radiant in the light,
Light found in Godhead solely, For human eyes too bright.
Then came a voice from heaven, Confirmed what here we see;
The words "my Son" were given To seal his deity.**

**Yet mark this glory hidden! See him the mount descend
And, by the Father bidden, His willing footsteps bend
To seek humiliation In deepest depths of woe,
To suffer degradation No mind can probe or know.**

**Strange how his journey ended! In love that is his fame
Our Lord again ascended A mount -- the hill of shame.
Upon the cross he proffered Himself to agony;
His holy soul he offered To set the guilty free.**

**Then hail the double glory Of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
And let the wondrous story Full peace and joy afford!
The holy mount acclaims him The majesty divine;
Mount Calvary proclaims him Redeemer -- yours and mine.**

SERMON- Pastor Ross Chartrand

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Spread the Word Recklessly!

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.

RESPONSE HYMN 544

**Preach you the Word and plant it home
To those who like or like it not,
The Word that shall endure and stand
When flow'rs and mortals are forgot.**

**We know how hard, O Lord, the task
Your Servant bids us undertake:
To preach your Word and never ask
What prideful profit it may make.**

**The sower sows; his reckless love
Scatters abroad the goodly seed,
Intent alone that there may be
The wholesome loaves that people need.**

**Though some be snatched and some be scorched
And some be choked and matted flat,
The sower sows; his heart cries out,
"Oh, what of that, and what of that?"**

**Preach you the Word and plant it home
And never faint; the Harvest-Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow
Will watch and tend his planted Word.**

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

M: 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 on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Announcements

HYMN 576

**Spread, oh, spread the mighty Word;
Spread the kingdom of the Lord
Ev'rywhere his breath has giv'n
Life to beings meant for heav'n.**

**Tell them how the Father's will
Made the world and keeps it still,
How his only Son he gave
All from sin and death to save.**

**Tell of our Redeemer's love,
Who forever does remove
By his holy sacrifice
All the guilt that on us lies.**

**Tell them of the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.**

**Up! The rip'ning fields you see.
Mighty shall the harvest be,
But the reapers still are few;
Great the work they have to do.**

**Lord of harvest, grant anew,
Joy and strength to work for you,
Till the gath'ring nations all
See your light and heed your call.**

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**In Loving Memory of
 Rosemary Louise Bowman
 Entered Earthly Life: April 2, 1931
 Entered Eternal Life: February 4, 2021**

The Owosso Lutheran Hour broadcast is provided by Jim & Ann Norder in honor of their wedding anniversary.

This week at Salem

Sunday 8 & 10:30am Worship Services
9:30am Bible Class – presentation by Pastor Chartrand
1:30pm Public Confirmation Class
Tuesday 10:30am Bible Class
5:30pm Board for Christian Education
7:00pm Church Council
Wednesday noon Mask required Lenten Service
7:00pm Lenten Service
Thursday 7:00pm Mask required Communion Service

	Jan 31	Year to Date
Offerings received	\$ 8,830.23	\$52,091.58
FEF/Tuition/ Reg	\$ 0	\$ 2,687.59
Other/ Interest	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 348.64</u>
Total:	\$8,830.23	\$55,127.81
Budgetary needs	\$12,497.54	\$62,487.70
Difference	-\$3,667.31	-\$11,026.84



Owed to internal line of credit: \$0

Thank you! We wish to thank Pastor Chartrand for serving us with God’s Word today. He is the recruitment director for MLS (Michigan Lutheran Seminary) in Saginaw.