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2026 THEME FOR BEREA & ZION

LIVING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23

The fruit of the Spirit is evidence of His work in our lives, shown by how we serve Christ by serving others. Because of the salvation Jesus bought for us, we are now free. But what SHOULD we do? Paul says he (and we) are "slaves" ("servants") to Christ.

By being servants and in gratitude to Jesus for His saving work, we are empowered by the Spirit working in and through us to do what He wants. We praise Him with lives well lived, and bring the message of salvation to everyone around us, bringing Him glory by our actions.

Throughout the year, we will explore the meaning of all nine fruit. Watch for these explorations on the announcement page. We hope you will revisit your understanding of God's gifts, seeing where the Holy Spirit's fruit shine through. You are a work in progress, a work of art that God has not yet finished.

BEREA & ZION GUESTS

At the end of worship we would like to invite you to please take a moment to sign our guest book in the foyer.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome! It's great to have you with us today! If you're here because you're looking for a church family, we're always excited to unite brothers and sisters in Christ.

Talk to Pastor John for more info.

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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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As We Gather

Jesus looks brilliant! As language changes, sometimes the most basic meanings of words change and expand with the times. For generations, the English word brilliant meant simply something that shines or radiates light. An expanded meaning of the word brilliant is "perfect, amazing, and wonderful." Jesus on the mountaintop is brilliant as He discusses how He will carry out God's plan of our salvation with two of the best coaches ever, Moses and Elijah. Jesus does not just look brilliant - He is brilliant!

Berea Prelude: Pure Grace ~ Pachelbel's Canon and
As the Deer Panteth

+ WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE +

Opening Hymn LSB #414 'Tis Good Lord, To Be Here

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Psalm 50:1-2; 67:1, 3; 2 Corinthians 4:6

P: We come together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN

P: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

C: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.

C: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

P: For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"

C: has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Confession and Absolution

P: O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

P: We confess that we have not always listened to Your Word and have not brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

P: We confess that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, begrudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

P: We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and the needy as advocates of those not yet born and defenders of those in the final stages of life.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

P: We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours, that we and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

P: We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both those things that we know of and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

P: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 2:6-12

P: "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

C: **I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

P: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

C: **You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

P: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

C: **Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

P: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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

Prayer of the Day

P: *We pray.* O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven.

C: AMEN

+ **WORD** +

Old Testament

Exodus 24:8-18

(Moses meets with the Lord God on Mount Sinai.)

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16-21

(Peter writes of his mountaintop experience with Jesus.)

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for

we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Berea: Pure Grace ~ Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

(Jesus is transfigured on a high mountaintop.)

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P: These are the Word of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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

Hymn of the Day LSB # 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

Sermon

The Offerings Are Gathered

(The Offertory Prayer is sung as the offerings are brought forward)

***We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.***

***May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!***

Prayers of the Church

P: God of love and peace, we thank You for revealing the mystery of the ages to us and for including each of us in Your plan of salvation. Thank You for the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in us and among us. Work in us a desire to reflect the light of Christ and show His love at all times and in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of power and might, we pray for our world and for all the on it. As You reign over all peoples, encourage earthly authorities who make, administer, and judge our laws a right fear of You, that they would serve You as they serve us. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: God of empowering and strengthening, grant all the grace to hear Your Word and to follow its directing. Use us to reach out into every corner with the joyful news of Jesus and the forgiveness and salvation He holds out. May people everywhere be Spirit moved to become part of Your kingdom now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: God of grace and glory, we pray for us here. Bless our congregation, its leaders, and all those present that we may be forgiven, uplifted, encouraged, full of hope, joy, and peace as we walk together in faith as Your family. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: God of healing and comfort, bless those whose earthly journeys are burdensome or challenging. Especially Lord, we remember the sick, the homebound, and those in need of prayer. We especially lift up... and all in our hearts. Bless them with Your presence and use us to be a comfort and support. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: God of life and rest, be with those celebrating birthdays, baptismal birthdays, and anniversaries this week. Thank you for the past, and we look forward to the future. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: AMEN

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

Benediction

P: The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: AMEN

Closing Hymn

LSB # 917 Saviour, Again To Thy Dear
Name We Raise

Announcements and Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God.

Berea Postlude: Pure Grace ~ Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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