

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 8 & 11, 2024

A Glimpse of His True Glory

Opening Hymn 392, “This Brightness, Lord! What Shall I Say”
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Prayer of the Day: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING

Psalm of the Day (In Hymnal) Psalm 2

SECOND READING

Gospel Acclamation Verse: Alleluia. *A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”* Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day 388, “Down from the Mount of Glory”

SERMON..... “A Valuable Lesson from the Transfiguration” Mark 9:2-9

Offering Hymn 717 v. 2, “What Is the World to Me”

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Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Hymn522, “Beautiful Savior”

Closing Prayer/Benediction

Closing Hymn389, “How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12a

The prophet Elijah never tasted death but instead was taken directly to heaven. On the Mount of Transfiguration Elijah appeared with the glorious Son of God who would taste death.

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!”

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

We cannot yet physically see what those disciples saw on the Mount of Transfiguration. But St. Paul teaches we can still see the glory of Christ’s light in the gospel.

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 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.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

Jesus gives Peter, James, and John a glimpse of his true glory.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwycgart; next Sunday: Don Koch/Doug Schulz

THE LENTEN SEASON BEGINS THIS WEEK! The Lenten Season will begin on **Wednesday, February 14**. Ash Wednesday communion worship services will be held at **3:15 PM** and **7:00 PM**. Thereafter, Lenten worship services will be held each Wednesday at both **3:15 PM** and **7:00 PM**. Please remember that during the Lenten Season there are **NO** Thursday evening worship services held.

PAGE MAGNIFIERS: For those of you who may have difficulty reading the small print in our hymnals and/or bulletins, we now have page magnifiers available for your use. You can find them on the table at the back of church. We do ask that you return them to the table once the service is over.

CHURCH CLEANING – HELP NEEDED! The Johnson family, who is currently cleaning our church, is looking for a help with these duties. They are finding it a little difficult to get here each week to do this. This is currently a volunteer position which takes only a couple hours each week. If you would be willing to help with these duties, please speak with Karilynn Johnson for more details or speak with Pastor Mose, and he will get you in contact with Karilynn.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY – CHILI & BINGO! On **Sunday, February 25**, we will be having a chili meal and BINGO event immediately following our 9:00 AM worship service! Additional details about this event as well as a sign-up sheet for food items which may be donated can be found on the school bulletin board. If you do have any questions about this event, please speak with **Cheri Youngbeck** or **Holly Daley**. Let's mingle and BINGO!

WOMEN'S RETREAT: The women of St. Lucas Lutheran Church in Kewaskum invite you to join them for their 19th annual Women's Retreat. The retreat will take place on **Saturday, March 9, 2024**, from **8:30 AM – 3:00 PM** in **Hoenecke Hall** at **St. Lucas Lutheran School, 1410 Parkview Drive, Kewaskum**. This year's retreat theme is: ***Make a Joyful Noise***. A **non-refundable** registration fee of **\$30.00** includes lunch and presentations. Presenters for this retreat will be Andy Braun, Rachel Braun, and Jeremy Bakken of Branches Band. Additional information as well as a registration brochure can be found on the table at the back of church. Registrations are due by: **February 20, 2024**.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 20; Sunday: 132

Offerings: \$6,884.50

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,239.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$286.70; Church Refurbishment: \$50.00

Memorials: In Memory of Margaret Krohn: \$50.00 *(Church Refurbishment)*



We invite you to support this ministry through financial offerings out of thanksgiving for the Gospel you have received here. Offerings may be placed in the plates located on the tables at the back of church, or you may scan the QR code to give electronically.

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Worship Service9:00 AM
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15 AM

Tuesday: School Board Meeting 7:30 PM

Wednesday: ***Ash Wednesday*** Communion Worship
Services.....3:15 PM/7:00 PM
Church Council.....**8:00 PM**

Thursday: Adult Choir.....8:00 PM
NO Scrip Orders being taken this week!!

Friday: **NO SCHOOL: WALL A-Team BB Tournament (@ WLA)**

Sunday: Communion Worship Service9:00 AM
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15 AM