

LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11 & 14, 2021

At the transfiguration, God revealed Jesus in all his glory, with Moses and Elijah present.

Opening Hymn95, “How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

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Prayer of the Day: 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.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 148 (page 121)

SECOND LESSON

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.” Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON

Hymn of the Day (From Supplement).....712, “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

SERMON..... “A Brief Glimpse of Our Savior’s Glory” Mark 9:2-9

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Offering Hymn (OMITTED)

Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 97, “Down from the Mount of Glory”

Closing Prayer/Benediction

Closing Hymn 334, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 2:1-12a

Elijah goes to heaven in a whirlwind. Elijah’s transition was glorious, as is the passing of every child of God—accompanied by fiery chariots or not—who leaves the Church Militant for the Church Triumphant.

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!” Then he did not see him anymore.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

The law came through Moses in a glorious way, but those who try to use the law as a way to get to heaven by works have missed the point. More glorious than the law is the gospel, which proclaims the way of salvation as free grace, given through the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.

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.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:2-9

The appearance of Moses and Elijah with Christ gave Peter, James, and John a foretaste of heaven. They wanted to keep this taste of heaven on earth.

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

Please discard this bulletin on your way out or at home. Do not hand back in! Thank you!

HEAD USHERS THIS WEEK: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart; next week: Hubert Albert/Don Koch.

ORGANISTS!! The **March** schedule is now hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

SERVICE GROUP ELECTIONS: At the Annual Service Group meeting which was held last Sunday, elections of officers took place. The positions up for election were Vice President and Treasurer. Don Koch was elected as Vice President. This is his first term in this office. Dean Ebert was elected as Treasurer. This is his first term in this office. The position of President remains with Doug Schulz, and the position of Secretary remains with Diane Koch. We thank all our officers for taking the time to act in these capacities, including Connie Mose, who just completed her two terms as Vice President; and Suanne Ebert, who just completed her two terms as Treasurer.

SERVICE GROUP ACTIVITY – BAG TOSS: As a fun, fellowship activity, bag toss will once again be played in the month of **March**. Bag toss will be held on **Sunday evenings** from **6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**. The first date for the activity will be: **Sunday, March 7**. Bag toss is open to those who are high-school age and older. You may direct any questions you have about this to **Doug Schulz**. We will also be in need of some bag toss boards to use. If you intend to participate and can bring some along, that will be appreciated; or, if you don't wish to play but happen to have boards we can use, please let us know. Thank you!

4K REGISTRATION: Open enrollment for 4K classes begins this week. Children must be at least 3-1/2 years old by September 1, 2021, to enroll. (3-1/2 year-olds must be fully potty-trained.) If you know of family, friends, or neighbors who may be interested in having a child join our 4K family next year, please feel free to tell them about our program. Registration materials may be obtained through the school office by speaking with **Debbi Foulkes** or **Principal Lorge**.

LENTEN SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING: The Lenten Season will begin on **Wednesday, February 17**. 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.

2021 CHURCH DIRECTORY: The updated church directory is now available. You may pick up a copy of it from the table at the back of church.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: Service Cancelled (No Electricity); Sunday: 83

Offerings: \$5,354.25

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,052.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$180.00; Undesignated Memorials (Debt Retirement): \$300.00

Memorials: In Memory of Allen Christian: \$20.00 (*General Fund*); In Memory of Marion

Resler: \$10.00 (*Undesignated*); In Memory of Cheryl Alexander: \$170.00 (*Undesignated*);

In Memory of Judy Reissetter: \$120.00 (*Undesignated*)

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This Transfiguration Sunday, we remember that Jesus is with us in both the mountaintops and valleys of life. Welcome, as we do what the voice from heaven commanded: "*Listen to him*" (Mark 9:7).

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

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

Monday: ***Open Enrollment for 4K Classes Begins***

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday Communion
 Worship Services.....3:15 PM/7:00 PM

Thursday: **NO** Thursday Evening Worship Service
Adult Choir.....8:00 PM
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