

## Transfiguration Sunday

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

As with other public buildings in MN, masks are required for churches. We also practice social distancing as recommended by our government. Please do not use any of the pews where the seat cushions have been turned on edge. Thank you.

**Prelude** Mrs. Kathy Lueck

**Hymn** 720 *Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair*

**Liturgy** Page 5 ff. in The Lutheran Hymnal, substituting the following stanzas for the Gloria in Excelsis.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, To His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious is His faithfulness.  
+ WS 742:1-2 +

**Old Testament Lesson** Exodus 24:12, 15-18 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."

Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. Now the glory of the Lord rested 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. The sight of the glory of the Lord was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 17:1-9 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

**Hymn** 132 *O God of God, O Light of Light*

**Sermon** 2 Peter 1:16-21 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

## Is It Real?

CLC Ministry by Mail -- Pastor David Schaller

### **The Offertory**

**Hymn** 719 *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

### **Prayer + The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Benediction**

**Hymn** 135 *'Tis Good, Lord, to be Here*

**THANK YOU** A special thanks to Dr. Sumei for handling the service today in the pastor's absence. We appreciate the fine work that he does with it and the fact that we don't need to arrange to have another pastor come from a distance.

**ANNUAL MEETING** The voters set the Cooperative Budget Plan number at \$43,000 (same as last year); \$45,000 will be paid off on the teacherage loan balance; Lent begins on February 17 – 7 p.m. services with no potluck

afterwards; Easter schedule is the same as our regular Sunday schedule; Convention Delegates – Craig Ahrens and Phil Strike; Mission Society will meet to suggest another date for the anniversary; April Quarterly meeting set for April 18; Given the fact that the church needs to be painted again, the Trustees will investigate the cost of residing it.

**SATURDAY SERVICE** Plans are to hold a Saturday service this weekend at 4 p.m. If anything changes, the pastor will notify those who normally come to the service.

**BIRTHDAY** Herman Eigenberg will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 5. If you'd like to send a card: 290 Riverbluff Drive, Windom, MN 56101.

**ANNUAL REPORT** If you have items for the annual report, please email them or put them in the pastor's mailbox. Be sure to take a look at the calling tree and make sure we have your up-to-date contact information.

**CLC NEWS** Teacher Sherm Carstensen, Mankato has resigned and withdrawn from the CLC. Teacher Megan Goodwin, Winter Haven, FL has resigned from teaching the Lower Grades. Pastor David Schaller, Sister Lakes, MI has been called to fill the vacancy at ILC.

**Call for Nominations:** Pastors, professors, male teachers, and voters of congregations within the Church of the Lutheran Confession are invited to nominate individuals for the following synodical offices to be elected at the 2021 CLC Convention:

CLC President, CLC Vice-President, CLC Moderator, CLC Secretary, Board of Trustees--Called Servant, Board of Trustees--Lay Member, Board of Regents--Called Servant, Board of Regents--Lay Member, Board of Missions--Called Servant, Board of Missions--Lay Member, Board of Education--Teacher Member, Board of Education--Lay Member.

Member nominations will be received January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. Nomination forms, lists of eligible called servants, and submission information are available on the [clclutheran.org](http://clclutheran.org) website. Those candidates nominated this past January through March will be retained on the 2021 ballot.

**CLEANING** (Wk. 4) The Kazembas  
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