

Transfiguration Sunday

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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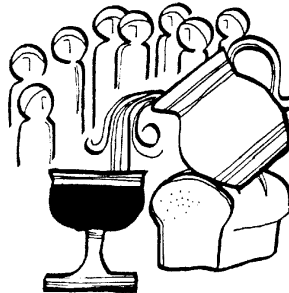
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of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

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience.

Prelude Mrs. Lana Strike

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

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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 +

Epistle Lesson 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.

Gospel Lesson Luke 9:28-36 Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe *became* white *and* glistening. And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, *that* Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!” When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

Hymn 719 *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

Sermon Exodus 24:8ff. And Moses took the blood, sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, “This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words.”

Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and they saw the God of Israel. And *there was* under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in *its* clarity. But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.

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.

The Cloud and You...

Offertory

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Distribution Hymns 755, *The Lamb, Lamb of God*

The Benediction

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

HOLY COMMUNION The Bible tells us to be “*perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*” (1 Cor. 1:10) Holy Communion is both a communing with God and a public statement that those communing together believe the same thing. We therefore ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation first schedule a meeting with the pastor before communing.

We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God, not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

ANNUAL MEETING The following were discussed and/or adopted at last Sunday's meeting. Membership: Joseph and Clara Jo Albrecht were received by transfer from Trinity, Watertown, SD. Trustees: Basement wiring completed and the hole will be filled. The furnace and A/C at the teacherage required replacement (\$10k approved by voters), the Trustees are still waiting for bids on fixing the sidewalks. The Treasurer's Report is available to any who were not present at the meeting. Several large donations have been received: \$10,000 undesignated memorial; a gift of \$40,000 to the school; \$12,374.46 was received for the Building Fund. The CBP projection for synodical work was set at \$45,000. The voters discussed the possibility of residing the church. Ash Wednesday falls on February 22 and Easter arrives on April 9. Our regular Lenten schedule will be followed. This year, we have our regular schedule on Easter morning. Next Quarterly meeting: April 16. Adapted from the minutes - Secretary Bruce Eigenberg.

THE CHOSEN The next episode will be shown on Friday evening at 6:30.

ANNUAL REPORT If you have items for the Annual Report, please direct them to the pastor.

HOSPITALIZED Roger Wendland was released from the hospital on Friday and will continue rehab at home. Pastor Corey Drehle from Sioux Falls was admitted to the Sanford Heart Hospital on Thursday.

CLC NEWS Pastor Andrew Schaller, Marquette, MI has accepted the call to Fond du Lac. Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Spokane, has the call to Eau Claire. Pastor Michael Gurath, Phoenix, has the call to Tacoma/Lynnwood, WA.

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USHERS 01/29 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.
02/05 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.
02/12 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.

CLEANING (Wk. 3) S. DeWall, J. Jensen
J. Kazemba, J. Thaemlitz