

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 23, 2020

THEME: We see Jesus, our humble Savior, in all of His glory.

HYMN 84: *“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”*

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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: Exodus 24:12, 15-18 (EHV)

As Israel camped at the foot of Mt. Sinai, the Lord summoned Moses up the mount to receive the tables of the law. Moses went up to the glory of God that had settled on the mount. Years later Moses appeared as witness to the Son’s glory on the Mount of Transfiguration.

24:12 The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain. Wait there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commands that I have written, so that you can teach them.”

Moses went up onto the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The Glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered the mountain for six days. On the seventh day the LORD called to Moses out of the middle of the cloud. The appearance of the Glory of the LORD looked like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered into the middle of the cloud and climbed up the mountain. Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 148 (p.121) (sung in unison)

The Church sings the praises of God, who is worthy of honor and blessing by all creation.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (EHV) (sermon text)

Peter recounts the transfiguration of Jesus that he witnessed on the mountain. The Word made flesh was revealed in all his glory. Now, the Word given through the holy writers attests to his glory that we may believe that Jesus is truly the Son of God and our Savior.

1:16 To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” 18 We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

19 We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, 20 since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone’s own interpretation. 21 In fact,

no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

CHOIR & CONGREGATION (Insert): *“Shine, Jesus, Shine”*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9 (EHV) (please stand)

As Jesus prepares to go to Jerusalem to offer up his life for the world, he is transfigured in glory before Peter, James and John on the mountaintop. Moses and Elijah flank the Lord and attest to his glory while the Father speaks words of loving approval of his Son.

17:1 Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James; and he led them up onto a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. His face was shining like the sun. His clothing became as white as the light. Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Just then, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. Jesus approached and as he touched them, he said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.” When they opened their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Do not tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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HYMN 97: *“Down from the Mount of Glory”*

SERMON THEME: Listen to Him

1. From those who speak the truth
2. From those who were prophets
3. From the Word which was inspired

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART – Page 20

OFFERING HYMN 485 Verses 1 & 2: *“We Give Thee but Thine Own”* (Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD’S PRAYER - Page 20

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION – Page 21

COMMUNION HYMN 79: *“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”*

SONG OF SIMEON – Page 24 (Please Stand)

BENEDICTION

HYMN 95: *“How Good Lord, to Be Here”*

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Serving Us Today ~ February 23, 2020

Organist: Marge Schroeder

Altar Guild: Dave & Judy Zarter & Jan Zellmer

Ushers: Mark Andersen, Mady Andersen, Tom Gregory, Randy Montgomery & Amy Montgomery

Counters: Doug & Jan Zellmer

Communion Assistant: Doug Zellmer

During Our Worship Service this morning we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Non-members are asked to speak with Pastor Seelman before the service prior to communing.

Ash Wednesday Is February 26 With Communion. During the Wednesdays of Lent, our sermons will be focused on *"The Son of God Goes Forth to War."* We will begin our Lenten Fellowship with soup suppers at 5:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is located near the bulletin board for those willing to provide soup, bread, cheese, sausage, desserts, etc. and to assist with serving and clean-up. Thank you!

Looking Ahead/Ladies' Guild: Saturday, March 21, our ladies will meet to pack cookies for the cookie sale on Sunday, March 22. Any congregational member wishing to donate any of their delicious baked goods would be greatly appreciated. They also will be planning our Easter Breakfast. Join them if you have ideas or would like to be involved. More information will be forthcoming as these events approach.

Pathways to Christ Retreat will be held March 13-15 at Hawthorn Suites & LaSure's Hall. More information can be found on our bulletin board for anyone interested in attending.

Immanuel In Focus 2020 Have you noticed? There are large calendars on our Fellowship Hall bulletin board. These are for YOU to use! Do you have an event, meeting, occasion, or gathering coming up? PLEASE add it to the calendar! We will have three months posted at all times. Short term and longer term planning and "in focus" for 2020! No event is too small to be listed! *"See Jesus with 2020 vision"*

Grace Forever Young: GFY will meet on Thursday, March 5 at 11:00 a.m. in the Qually Room at Grace Lutheran on Nebraska St. The luncheon will be a variety of sandwiches from Festival Foods. The cost is \$5.00. After lunch, they will play Po-ke-no. Please feel free to contact Grace directly for more information. Contact person is Lois Mueller 920-385-1817.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		Office Hours this week:	
Budgeted Need per week	\$3,120.00	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon	
Budgeted Rec'd 02-16-2020	\$2,439.00	Today	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Budgeted Need to date	\$21,840.00	Today	10:00 a.m. Doctrine Study Hour
Budgeted Rec'd to date	\$27,151.50	Monday	5:00 p.m. GriefShare
 <p>TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY</p>		Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Bible Class
		Wednesday	5:30 p.m. Soup Supper
		Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
		Wednesday	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Worship Attendance 02-16-20	84	Saturday	Leap Day
Sunday School	6	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Sunday Doctrine Class	11	Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Tuesday Bible Class	3	Sunday	10:00 a.m. Doctrine Study

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