

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

January 24, 2021

Service Notes: **Divine Service Setting Three, page 184**
 Pre-Service Anthem (choir) *Be Thou My Vision*
 Hymns: 414, 413 (choir v. 2), 401, 810, 713, 637, 417
 Offertory Anthem (choir) *What is the World to Me*
 Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35
 Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16-21
 Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9
 Sermon: "Hear Him!" Matthew 17:1-9

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	01/14	7:00 p.m.	45
Sunday	01/17	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	91 50

FLOWERS are given by Nancy Wang in celebration of Michael Wang's birthday.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK is the week of January 24 through January 29. Each day that week the children will be celebrating with a fun activity. The schedule of events is posted in the narthex. Praise God for the blessing we have been given in operating a Lutheran School!

THANK YOU to the Ficken and Beversdorf families for singing in both Sunday services for National Lutheran Schools Week.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING is scheduled for February 21 in the church after the late service. Mark your calendars.

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE will collect mite boxes on January 31, the *last* Sunday of the month. Mite boxes can be left at any time in the mite box in the narthex.

WOODMAN'S GIFT CARDS are available to purchase in the church/school office. All profits go to the Our Father's Scholarship Fund. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	01/24	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
		Bake Sale – 8 th Grade – School Lobby	Between Services
Thursday	01/28	DIVINE SERVICE	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	01/31	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.

WE PRAY for Mary Ankerberg, Karen Awe, Mike Bice (brother-in-law of Todd Pfander), Barbara Blue, Kathleen Brook, Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Sandy Damms, Keith Domagalski, LaVerne Edenfield, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Maynard Georgson, Judy Hanson, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Elaine Howe, Michelle Johnson, Delrose Krueger, Clarence Laube, Rhonda Lesniewski, Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Ruth Pelican (sister of Virginia Scholz), Angeline Pence, Robert Schneider, Virginia Scholz, and Dave Sievert.

THANK YOU My mom and I recently found an unexpected gift in our church mailbox, and we really appreciate the kindness and generosity of the unidentified person who left it for us. Thank you so much and may the Lord multiply your blessings during this new year.--Candace Kolter and Marilyn Kolter

SCRIP The next order due date is Sunday, **February 7**. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are in the narthex and church/school office. Place your order and check made out to Our Father's in one of the boxes, *OR* you may order online with the Presto Pay Plan at www.shopwithscrip.com. The website has a list of participating retailers. All profits are used to help pay staff health insurance. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

ADOPT-A-BILL PROGRAM list includes: Gas Bill, Electric Bill, Front of Church Landscape, Health Insurance, High School Arrearage, Mortgage, Office Supplies, School Air Conditioner, School Boilers, School Storage Building, and Water Bill. Consider supporting this worthy cause. Envelopes are on the narthex bulletin board.

FINANCIAL REVIEW – YTD TOTAL OFFERINGS

YTD Offerings for Last Year (7/1/19-1/20/20)	\$313,587.66
YTD Offerings for Current Year (7/1/20-1/18/21)	\$328,718.98
YTD Offerings needed to meet Budget	\$331,213.36
YTD Offerings Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$2,494.38)

THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

January 24, 2021

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 34:29-35 (ESV)

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³² Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵ the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

2 Peter 1:16-21 (ESV)

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"

¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the

day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.

²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9 (ESV)

¹ And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."

⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified.

⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."

⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 2:1-12 (ESV)

¹ Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, ³ “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.” ⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. ⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, ⁶ “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.” ⁷ I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.” ¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

INTROIT

Your lightnings lighted | up the world; *
the earth trem- | bled and shook.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O | Lord of hosts! *

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the Lord.

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house, *
ever sing- | ing your praise!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere. *

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in
the tents of | wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and |
honor. *

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, *

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Your lightnings lighted | up the world; *
the earth trem- | bled and shook.

Psalm 84:1-2a, 4, 10-11; antiphon: Psalm 77:18b

THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

“Hear Him!”

January 24 through January 30, 2021

The revised historic one-year series places Transfiguration three weeks earlier than the three-year series we have used in the past. In either case, the significance of Transfiguration appearing before Lent is both a fitting tie to the beginning of Epiphany and a foreshadowing of Easter. Epiphany began with the Baptism of our Lord when the Father declared Jesus to be His beloved Son and revealed that through Baptism into Jesus, men would have heaven opened for them, be given the Holy Spirit and faith, and be called sons of God. That the Father would declare this same thing when Jesus reveals His glory points to our own sharing in His glory. Yet the Transfiguration is quickly over and Jesus sets out for Jerusalem and the cross. So we will turn our eyes to the way of the cross that is to be our own journey until the day of our resurrection when we shall be transfigured.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE CREED

VERSE: ³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. ⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope. **Psalm 130:3-5 (ESV)**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

PSALM OF THE WEEK:

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PSALMODY PRAYER: O Lord, open my lips to teach my own children of Your ways and sing of Your righteousness. Open my mouth to praise You with a contrite heart. Break my own spirit and renew me with Your Holy Spirit. Do good to all Your baptized children that we may sing with joy of the death and resurrection of Your Son until the day when we sing in the heavenly Zion. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Jonah 1:1-2:10
Tuesday	Matthew 12:38-45
Wednesday	Matthew 8:23-27 (added story)
Thursday	Matthew 14:22-36
Friday	John 13:1-15
Saturday	Matthew 20:1-16

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: Confession and the Office of the Keys

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Luther, Sermon on Matthew 13:24-30, January 31, 1546 (translated by Kevin Walker): Prepare yourselves, you Christians, so that you do not think: “We have learned and believe all there is to know about the catechism, Christ, the Sacrament, Baptism, and Absolution.” You have just begun and are still very young students. Therefore, think about how you may increase and grow and always continue learning what it means that Christ died for our sins, so that this does not remain on your tongue like foam or spittle but penetrates and enters the heart, so that it comforts and gladdens you. For the life of Christians should properly be sheer joy and bliss, but there are few who truly experience this joy.... But even the great saints do not feel joy and strength at all times, and the rest of us cannot attain to such great comfort and strength because of our unbelief. For we serve original sin (the evil scurf still lurking in our flesh) too much, and even if we wanted gladly to believe, hear, and read God’s Word, we are not able to do this in the degree we should.... And almost like these are the people—even among us—who become sick and tired of God’s Word, and to them it is no different than if a donkey preached to a sow. They begin to despise it, yes, even to become

angry with it when it touches them a little. They seek only their pleasure, cash, income and property, gluttony and drunkenness—that is their sermon. But hearing God’s Word and going to the Sacrament is abhorrent to them, and they fancy they would be greatly burdened if they had to concern themselves and contribute something to provide for the churches and maintain the teaching office. But St. Peter admonishes us, we who hold God’s Word dear and would gladly be sinless, that we should grow and increase in the knowledge of Christ. This happens when we love more and more to hear God’s Word, go to the Sacrament, and gain the desire to obey God’s command. (LW 58:449-450, CPH, 2010)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord’s Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB 414 “’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here” (stanza 3)

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SUNDAY OF SEPTUAGESIMA

January 31, 2021
“The Last Will Be First”

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 902, 555, 395, 398, 566, 628, 648

READINGS

Exodus 17:1-7
1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5
Matthew 20:1-16

How can this be fair? Americans love to discuss what is fair and forget that life isn’t fair. Only God acts in a truly fair way that He alone defines. The landowner goes out early in the morning because this parable is a story about Christ’s church born of His resurrection early in the morning. This is the key to understanding why all the subsequent workers receive the same wage. The true Worker in the Vineyard of Israel is Jesus who comes to produce the fruit that Israel never did. He is the only Laborer worthy of His hire because He does His Father’s will and suffers the punishment, which He did not deserve or earn, for our sakes. For the sake of Christ, the Father freely “pays” each of us who have been called into the Vineyard through Holy Baptism with the promised wage, that is, the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. He who was first of all became the last of all that He might give to us the gift of being first (see v. 18). The hours that Jesus uses point to His work: at the third hour, He was crucified; at the sixth hour, darkness covered the land; at the ninth hour, He died; and at the eleventh hour, He was buried. Indeed, Jesus became idle, that is, ceased from His work and was buried that He might call all men out of their idleness. The reading from Exodus illustrates the Rock whose side was pierced that the waters of Holy Baptism might bestow the same reward on all nations. The words of St. Paul confirm that this reward has been won for all who run the race of faith. It has been given to them through the waters of Baptism and the spiritual food of Christ’s body and blood.

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