

With Him I Am Well Pleased - Listen to Him



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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Guests. Welcome to Zion. We are glad to have you with us. Please sign our guestbook located in the Narthex. About Holy Communion: We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have repented of their sins and seek to amend their sinful life; all who believe that Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine; and all who believe that through the words "given and shed for you" forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given. If this is your confession and you are a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, then come with a thankful heart and join us. See p.329, 330 in the front part of the hymnal for guidance in preparing to receive Holy Communion. ***We offer gluten free wafers. Please talk with an Elder or Pastor before the service if you would appreciate the gluten free. If you are a visitor and would like to commune, please talk with Pastor Dan before the service.***

AS WE GATHER

We consider the Father's words on the Mount of Transfiguration: "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." The Father bears witness to the authority of the Son. Remember God's words to listen to the voice of Jesus.

We also recall the brightness of Jesus shining upon the disciples. Jesus' transfiguration reminds us of the blessing we hear every week at the end of worship in the Benediction for the Lord's face to shine upon us. In the person of Jesus, God's face certainly shines upon us, and we look forward to the day when Christ returns in glory to permanently shine His face upon us.

Altar Guild for February:

Erica G 920-261-9607 Thank You!

Ringling of the Bell and Opening Announcements

Order of Worship

Opening Hymn

“O Word of God Incarnate”

LSB 523

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

All: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

Lecturn: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble;

Pulpit: He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Lecturn: Great is the LORD in Zion;

Pulpit: He is exalted over all the nations.

All: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Today we celebrate the transfiguration of Jesus. We hear the voice of our heavenly Father saying, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.” Yet, as we follow Jesus, we have often failed to listen to His words. We have chosen to listen to the voice of the world rather than the voice of our transfigured Lord. So now, we come before our heavenly Father to ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

All: If You, O Lord, Kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. We have gathered to hear Your Word, call upon You in prayer and give You praise. We have come to receive the body and blood of Your Son our Lord, but we know we are unworthy on our own, so we confess before You Heavenly Father that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as Your children, we take refuge in Your infinite mercy

through Christ our Lord and Savior. Almighty God, I am sorry for all my sin and sincerely repent of them, have mercy upon me a sinner. Forgive my sin and lead me unto everlasting life. Amen

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. God's face has shined upon us. We are forgiven in Christ.

Introit for the Transfiguration of Our Lord-Psalm 2

“I have installed My king on Zion, My holy mountain.” I will proclaim the LORD's decree: He said to me, “You are My son; today I have become Your father. Ask me, and I will make the nations Your inheritance, the ends of the earth Your possession. You will break them with a rod of iron; You will dash them to pieces like pottery.” Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate His rule with trembling. Kiss His son, or He will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for His wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

Collect for The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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.

People: Amen

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:8–18

(Moses goes up to Mount Sinai.)

And Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.” Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD dwelt 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. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16–21

(Peter recounts seeing Jesus’ transfiguration and hearing God’s voice.)

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this

voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

We Confess our Faith Pg 322 in the front of our Hymnal

Hymn: “’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”

LSB 414

Sermon

Prayers of the Church and the Lord’s Prayer

We Gather our Tithes and Offerings

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord’s Prayer

The Words of our Lord - Consecration of the Elements

Distribution of the Lord’s Supper

Communion Hymns:

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing” **LSB 620**

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” **LSB 821**

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul” **LSB 814**

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” **LSB 435**

Post Communion Canticle “Thank the Lord” **Page 181**

Post Communion Collect **Page 183**

Benediction

Hymn: “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” **LSB 873**

Announcements

From the Board of Stewardship and Evangelism:

Matt. 17:8 – “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.” Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him – and Him alone – the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary; all else is secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

The Pewpoint

THEME OF THE DAY

God Manifests His Glory in the Body of Christ Jesus, Transfigured for Us by His Cross

The Transfiguration confirms “the prophetic word ... to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place” (2 Peter 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were “eyewitnesses of his majesty” (2 Peter 1:16). “He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun” (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 17:5). By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, “the appearance of the glory of the LORD” is no longer “like a devouring fire” (Ex. 24:17), but it is graciously revealed in His own body. As “Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel” went up the mountain with Moses and “beheld God, and ate and drank” (Ex. 24:9, 11), we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar.

The February 2020 Lutheran Witness is available if you want to pick one up.



Attendance:

Sunday Service: 59 Communed: 54

YES IN CHRIST -- Saying Yes With Our Treasures

Needed per week to make budget: \$2,873

Sunday Envelopes: \$2,234

Plate: \$57

Memorials: General – Donald Maas \$20

Judith Neuberger \$20

Steeple Fund – Donald Maas \$50

Judith Neuberger \$25



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**Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday**

Lenten Services start this Wednesday – Ash Wednesday. Come and worship with us and don't forget about the Soup Supper. We start serving 6pm until 6:45pm. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

Mark
Date

Today - Sunday School & Bible Classes following Worship Services.

Monday February 24th **NO** Mid-Week Service

Wednesday February 26th Soup Supper 6pm and Ash Wednesday w/communion 7pm

Thursday February 27^h

Bell Choir 6pm

Voice Choir 7pm

Sunday March 1st – First Sunday of the month – don't forget is our Food Shelf Sunday!



March grapevines are ready to be picked up.

If anyone is interested there's Lenten Devotion Calendars available on the tables that you can take.

*The
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of
Lent*





Divine Savior Lutheran Church, 3200 County Rd K in Hartford, cordially invites you to a free screening of the movie *Unplanned*, based on the true story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood director who had a change of heart and is now a pro-life advocate. Showings are Friday February 21st at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 23rd at 1:00 p.m. The movie will be shown in the Fellowship Hall. Doors will open 30 minutes before show time. Please be advised that this movie has received an “R” rating for “some disturbing/bloody images so it is not appropriate for children. Childcare will be available in the nursery.

More information is on the poster on the doors as you leave.