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Transfiguration of Our Lord

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MISSION STATEMENT: Nourished by Word and Sacrament, the mission of the members of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to spread God's Word in Jesus Christ through our thoughts, words, and actions, proclaiming God's good news for all to hear and live.

Please silence all electronic devices.

WELCOME! Please sign the Friendship Register (Red Folder) located in the hymnal rack and pass it on to your neighbors. Please observe Silent Meditation during the Prelude.

PERSONAL HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please see an usher if you have trouble hearing the service.

INTRODUCTION

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Love Divine, All Love Excelling* ~C. Schalk

HYMN #820 *O Savior, Precious Savior*
Organ Only — No Singing

Stand **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin —
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.**

We distrust those who are not like us.

**We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.**

Forgive us, gracious God,

for all we have done and left undone.

**Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them; receive them in your divine mercy.**

Amen.

P How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,

we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.
C Amen.

Greeting

p The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you

Spoken Hymn of Praise

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we
raise.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY—Let us pray. . .

A Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines
from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by
your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

C Amen.

WORD

Sit First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

*Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority
from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the
path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the
parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are
legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.*

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into

heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6

READ IN UNISON

**The mighty one, God the Lord, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,

God shines forth in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence;

with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

**God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.**

"Gather before me my loyal followers,

**those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it
with sacrifice."**

**The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause,
for it is God who is judge.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of

God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand Spoken

Alleluia. This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him! Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the 9th Chapter
C Glory to you O Lord

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Sit **HYMN #838** Beautiful Savior
Organ Only

Stand **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

A Let us pray,

C Have Mercy, O God

A Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen

PEACE

The Peace is the link between the proclamation of the Word and the sharing of the Eucharistic meal. Our unity and mutual forgiveness come from Christ whose Word has just been proclaimed and whose meal we now prepare to share. We pray for the peace of the Lord for each other. **“Due to the heightened risk of flu or other illness, please practice a “non-contract” sharing of the Peace until further notice.**

P Each one of you is part of the body of Christ, and you were chosen to live together in peace. So let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts. And be grateful. (Colossians 3:15)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

MEAL

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A O God,
receive these gifts as you receive us:
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care,

and empower us in faithful service
to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.
C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

BLESSING

P God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace
C Amen.

Sit**HYMN #318** Alleluia, Song of Gladness
Organ Only

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
C We will. Thanks be to God.
Please Remain Seated Till Dismissed
Please do not leave your bulletin in the pews, dispose of
them in the Narthex in recycling can.

POSTLUDE *Arise, your Light Has Come*

~Wm Walter

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READINGS for February 21, 2021:

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

ATTENTION: So we can keep our Data Base up-to-date, if
you have changes to your name, address phone number
and your email address changed, you can call or send your
updated information to church office.

Altar Flowers No flowers until church opens back up.

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02/01 – Lori Ulrich	02/20 – Roberta Anderson
02/01 – Carolyn Shadle	02/22 – Logan Fleegal
02/03 – Jenna Spencer	02/22 – Jackson Fleegal
02/03 – T. J. Bryan	02/22 – Monique Brown
02/04 – Karen Smith	02/24 – Edward Shadle
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02/11 – Grace Phelan	02/27 – Matthew Dudek
02/13 – Emma Malette	02/27 – Matthew Johns
02/16 – Cynthia Lang	02/28 – Paulette Beverly
02/16 – Kenneth Lang	

Upcoming Events



2021 Chicken & Waffles at Nawakwa - Canceled

Winter Fun Day at Kirchenwald

January 17 | February 21

1-6pm | Free Will Offering

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