



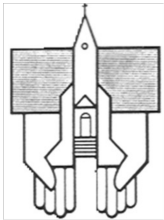
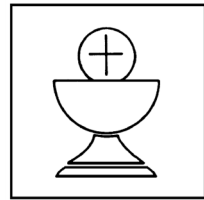
OUR REDEEMER
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Worship Bulletin

For 21 January 2024

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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Our practice of closed communion is the historic practice of the church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for God's people. It does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) and the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity is central to the common reception of this sacrament. **For this reason, guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service.**



WELCOME! We invite all visitors to sign the guest register in the narthex and worship with us again. If you are not a first time visitor and are not communing, please complete the card located with communion cards in front of the pews. If you have questions about how to join our church or study the Scriptures with us, please speak with one of our Elders or the Pastor.

Each Saturday evening from 6-8PM Pastor Rappe avails himself for private confession and absolution, that which the historical Lutheran Church refers to as the third Sacrament. This is made available to those whose consciences are burdened and whose hearts are troubled. No one is forced to make private confession, as no one is forced to Baptism or the Holy Supper. Rather, this is the means of God's gospel to those who seek Him and the forgiveness of sins in Jesus.



OLD TESTAMENT

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"

And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

EPISTLE

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.

EXODUS 3:1-14

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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.



HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 17:1-13

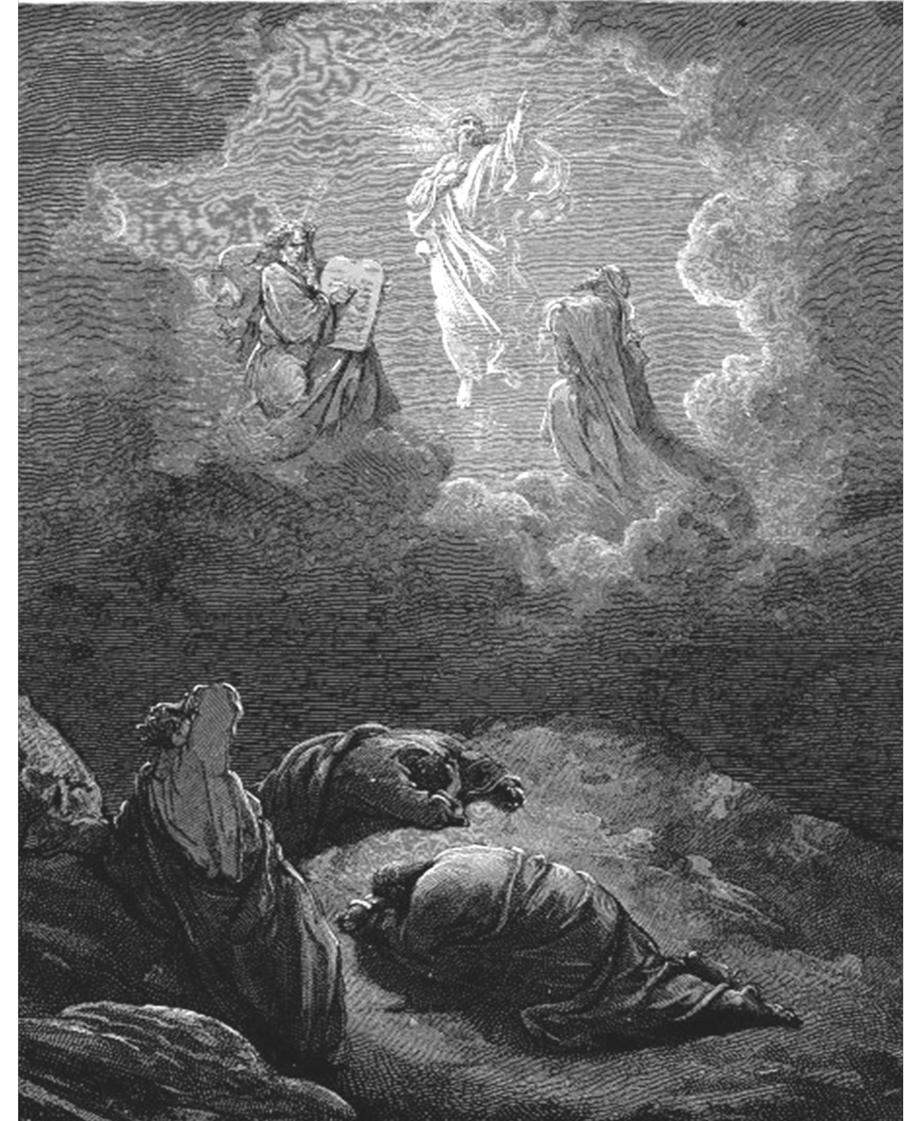
Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.



Worship Bulletin
For
January 21, 2024
The Transfiguration of Our Lord

WEEKLY EVENTS

Today (21 January)

10:30AM Divine Service
11:AM Youth Confirmation
11:45AM Voters Meeting
11:45AM Coffee Hour

Sat. (27 January)

6-8PM Office Of The Kyes/Confession

Sun. (28 January)

9:00AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10:30AM Divine Service
11:45AM Youth Confirmation
11:45AM Coffee Hour

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Chucki Davis
Acolyte:: Grace Heron

Serving Next Sunday

Altar Guild: Ken & Kelly Tucker
Acolyte: Liza Nelson

FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Attendance January 14.....106
General Fund Income..... \$5537.25
Building Fund.....\$100.00
General Fund weekly difference from
Budget\$1036.42
The annual budget adopted by the Voters'
assembly requires weekly giving of
\$4500.83 to sustain it.
Thank you for your Contributions.

DAILY LECTIONARY

21 Jan. - Psalm 49 & Genesis 19-21
22 Jan. - Psalm 50 & Genesis 22-24
23 Jan. - Psalm 51 & Genesis 25-27
24 Jan. - Psalm 52 & Genesis 28-30
25 Jan. - Psalm 53 & Genesis 31-33
26 Jan. - Psalm 54 & Genesis 34-36
27 Jan. - Psalm 55 & Genesis 37-39



ALTAR FLOWERS today are
given to the glory of God by
Dick & Chucki Davis in loving
memory of Chuck's mother.



Voter's Assembly Meeting today right after worship service.
Everyone is encouraged to stay. We must have quorum.

Donations Needed For The Steffen Family. Our member Randy Steffen's nephew who is also our member Marion Steffen's great grandson suffered a house fire where their young son age 5 tragically died. Other members of the family (grandmother and 4 month old baby girl) were hospitalized with severe burns. They lost everything in the fire. We are asking the members of the congregation to contribute money to the family. Please make your check out to LWML and mark in the memo line Steffen family. If your give cash just put in an envelope and mark it for the Steffen family. Thank you for your contribution.

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL (JANAUARY 25)

The observance of this festival, commemorating a momentous event in the life of the early church, began in Gaul in the sixth century. It spread throughout the Western church and achieved such popularity that both the Anglican and Lutheran reformers retained the day on their calendars. The day has never been observed in the Eastern church. This day marks the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

ST. TIMOTHY (JANUARY 24) AND ST. TITUS (JANUARY 26)

On the day following the commemoration of the conversion of Paul, two of his companions are commemorated. Timothy accompanied Paul on his second missionary journey and became the intimate friend to whom Paul entrusted the mission at Thessalonica and Corinth. He was with Paul at Rome and, according to Eusebius, became the first bishop of Ephesus. A fourth century account of his acts tells of his martyrdom on January 22, 97. Titus joined Paul on the journey to the apostolic council at Jerusalem. He was later sent on a difficult mission to Corinth, and also worked in Crete and Dalmatia. According to Eusebius, Titus was the first Bishop of Crete. The Roman Catholic and Episcopal calendars commemorate Timothy and Titus together on January 26.

While the psalmist urges us to "make a joyful noise to the Lord", he did NOT mean cell phone ringtones, children's noisy toys or other modern electronic marvels. Rather, these should be SILENT while we lift our voices and hearts in worship through song and prayer to our Lord. Please see that all cell phones, toys and anything else that might disrupt our worship are turned

PLEASE COMPLETE A COMMUNION CARD Fill in the names of only those who are communing and hand it to the usher. You may fill out one per family.

NURSERY ROOM is available for children 5 years of age who are having difficulty the service. There is also a rocking chair in the room. The room also has speakers in it to hear the service.

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Why didn’t Jesus always appear like this while He was on earth?

If Jesus would have been on earth in His state of glory, He wouldn’t have been able to take our place under the Law and then they wouldn’t have crucified Him. It was very important for Jesus to die on the cross as a man to pay for our sins. We too will see Jesus as He is in glory on the Last Day! Until then, we see Him: as our crucified and risen Savior revealed to us in the Word and Sacraments!



Parents: Read the story of Jesus’ transfiguration in Matt. 17:1–13 with your children. Remind them that we will see Him in glory when we die just as the disciples saw Him on the mountain!

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We also commemorate Saint Timothy and Saint Titus.

It is also Transfiguration Sunday.

Church Paraments: For this festival today, the banners are **white**.

Sunday School Lesson: Today, we were in the book of Judges in "A Judge Leads". God calls Gideon to lead His chosen people against their Midianite enemies. God leads Gideon to reduce his army from 32,000 men to a mere 300 strong. Reassured by the Lord, Gideon moves forward with God's improbable plan. Armed with just torches and trumpets, Gideon's mini army defeats the mighty Midianite force without lifting sword.

Parents: Gideon didn't seem or look like your typical "hero", but God needed him. Maybe your child(ren) feel that way too sometimes—they think they aren't important or worthy enough to make a difference. In God's eyes, we are. And He can use us regardless of our stature, past, background. Encourage your child(ren) to stay strong in Christ and know everything we do can for His glory.

Ideas for this week: Discuss together as a family how and when did God answer your prayer for help. Read Romans 8:37 about our victory in Christ.

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