

The Transfiguration Of Our Lord

February 11, 2024

9:30am Worship

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

* Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God, C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

* Gathering Hymn #634

“All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name”

* Greeting p. 147 *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.*

* Kyrie p. 147 *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.*

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen.

* Glory to God p. 148

* The Prayer of the Day (all pray) **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. Amen.**

Choir Anthem

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12

2 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. **2** And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please 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. **3** And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please 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. **5** The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

6 Then Elijah said to him, "Please 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. **7** Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. **8** Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." **10** And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." **11** And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. **12** And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading – Psalm 50:1-6

L:50 The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

C:² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

L:³ Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

C:⁴ He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

L:⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

ALL:⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. **4** 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. **5** For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. **6** For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

* **Gospel Announcement**

* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **The Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:2-10**

² And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Hymn #315 (vs. 1-3)

"How Good, Lord, To Be Here!"

The Sermon

"They Saw Jesus Only"

(sermon text: Mark 9:2-10)

Pastor William Shields

* **Apostle's Creed** p. 105

The Hymn of the Day #770

"Give Me Jesus"

Offering

* **Offering Response #186**

"Create In Me A Clean Heart"

Prayers

* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **C: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

* **Benediction**

* **Sending Hymn #742**

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Announcements:

Altar Flowers
are given in memory of
Sebert "Tommy" Larson
By Dianne Van Drew, Joanne Sheldon &
family

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Tues. 2/13 7:00am Jr. High Study
10-12 Prayer Shawl
3:30pm Council Meeting
Wed. 2/14 6:30am Men's Bible Study
11:00am Pastor's Bible Study
1:00pm Prayer Group
5:30pm Soup Supper
6:00pm Confirmation
6:00pm Choir
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs. 2/15 6:00pm Pastor's Study
Sat. 2/17 7:00am Gideons
11:30am LCW Valentine Lunch
Sun. 2/18 9:30am Worship/ Comm.
Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School

New Member Class

If enough people are interested, Pastor
will hold a new member class. Please talk
to Pastor or call the office.

Ladies Craft Party
Sunday, March 3rd
2:00pm - Cost is \$30.00

*It will be held here in our
Fellowship Hall.*

*Please sign-up, any questions can be directed to
Joanne Sheldon
815-719-2188
A sample of the craft is
pictured in the back.*

LWR

Personal Care Kits

Collecting bars of soap & dark bath towels Feb. 11th
& 18th. More to come in March.

Super Bowl Snack Sale
Today
following the church service.
Proceeds will go to Club 56.

Ash Wednesday Service
7:00pm - February 14
Ashes and Communion
Lenten Services & Soup Suppers
Begin at 5:30pm
14, 21, 28, 6, 13, 20
Sign-up sheets will be out on
Feb. 4th

February 22, 2024

is our next Mobile Food Pantry.
River Bend made a change
in the schedule.
The BC Fairgrounds is available, so
mark your calendars for Feb. 22.

FEBRUARY FOOD CHALLENGE

We will be competing with the People's
Church & 1st Presbyterian this month
collecting items for the Food Pantry.
Details are in the newsletter. We will be
collecting Spaghetti Sauce & Instant
Potatoes next week, Feb. 18th.

Ladies Valentine Luncheon
February 17, 2024 – 11:30am
Fellowship Hall
Potato Bar
Cost - \$18.00

Today, Feb. 11th, is the final day
to make a reservation.
Sign up in the back of church.