

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 19, 2023

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 captive 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 #855

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

* 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.

* This is the Feast p. 149

* The Prayer of the Day (all pray) **O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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

“Jesus Is The Living Stone”

First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

¹² 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." ¹³ So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ 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."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 99

L:¹ The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

C:² The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

L:³ Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

C:⁴ The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

L:⁵ Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

C:⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the LORD, and he answered them.

L:⁷ In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.

C:⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

ALL:⁹ Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

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 the prophetic word more fully confirmed, 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.

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

* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

* **Gospel Announcement**

* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*** The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9**

7 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."

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

Children's Sermon

Hymn #115 (TOSB)

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

The Sermon

"Strength For The Journey"

Pastor William Shields

(sermon text: Matthew 17:1-9)

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

The Hymn of the Day #315

"How Good, Lord, To Be Here"

Offering

*** Offering Response #186**

Prayers

*** Words of Institution**

*** 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.**

Communion

In the Lord's Supper, we believe that Jesus is truly present in this meal to share His forgiveness and grace. All who share our faith are welcome. Communing children should hold their hand out to receive the bread. Cross arms in front to receive a blessing. Come down the center aisle to receive the bread from Pastor, an assistant on either side will serve the wine or white grape juice. Return to your seats using the side aisles.

During Communion, please join in singing ELW hymns # 490,491,496,488.

*** Blessing**

*** Benediction**

*** Sending Hymn #793**

"Be Thou My Vision"

*** Dismissal P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Announcements:

Weekly Events:

Tues. Feb. 21 – 8:00am – Closet Board
9:00am – Rebekah Circle
6:00pm – Lydia Circle

Wed. Feb. 22 - 6:30am – Men’s Bible Study
11:00am – Pastor’s Study
1:00pm – Prayer Group
5:30pm – Soup Supper
6:00pm – Confirmation
6:00pm – Choir
**7:00pm – Ash Wednesday
Worship and Comm.**

Thurs. Feb. 23 – 1:00pm – Quilters
6:00pm – Pastor’s Bible Study

Sat. Feb. 25 -- 7:00am – Gideon’s Prayer meeting

**Sunday, Feb. 26 – 9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Coffee Fellowship &
Presentation about the local food pantry
Sunday School**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

We’re going to take 4 weeks to focus on prayer while Pastor is teaching a new member class.

We will start by watching the “War Room” for 2 Sundays, then take a break on Feb. 26th for the Coffee Time presentation.

We’ll start back on March 5th with a video from Jim Cymbala, Pastor of The Brooklyn Tabernacle. Then on March 12th we will have some discussion time on what we’ve seen.

Please join us for this study.

Jim & Sue Scruggs

Tri County Opportunities will give a program about our local food pantry during Friendship Coffee on Feb. 26. Please come and learn how they are a helping hand in our community.

Altar Flowers
In Memory of Harley and Violet Little,
Dave’s parents
By Dave & Gayle Little

Sign-ups for the Soup Suppers starting Wednesday, Feb. 22 are in the back now. Please bring a soup on 1 night, more if you like.

Painting Party
2:00pm – Sunday, March 5
Scruggs Pond
Sign up in the back of church.
Cost is \$45