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TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD / LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
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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.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God, our rock and refuge,
we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
that we might proclaim your good news to all.
Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
God has spoken:
The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of ✚ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved.
Amen.

*Please stand, as able.

*** GATHERING SONG *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (ELW 631)**



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
 trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
 life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
 let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
 find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
 more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
 ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
 Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
 its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
 crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

***GREETING**

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

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Christ, Be Our Light* (ELW 715)**

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell
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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us 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 *Come to the Mountain* (W&P 32)

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from 2 Kings.

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.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah 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. ³The 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."

⁴Elijah 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. ⁵The 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.”

⁶Then 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. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then 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.

⁹When 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.” ¹⁰He 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.” ¹¹As 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. ¹²Elisha 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

¹The mighty one, God the ¹LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun ¹to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect ¹in its beauty,
God shines ¹forth in glory.**

³Our God will come and will ¹not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a ¹raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth ¹from above
to witness the judgment ¹of the people.**

⁵“Gather before me my ¹loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed ¹it with sacrifice.”

⁶**The heavens declare the rightness ¹of God’s cause,
for it is God ¹who is judge.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

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.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In 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. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia! Lord and Savior*

Alleluia! Lord and Savior



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing Word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Text: Gracia Grindal, b. 1943

Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

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GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

²Six 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, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then 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." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As 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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *An Early Valentine!*

*Please stand as you are able for the final verse

HYMN OF THE DAY *Shine Jesus Shine* (ELW 671)

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the



2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,



play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.



mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain



Shine on me, shine on me:



Shine on me, shine on me:

***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.**

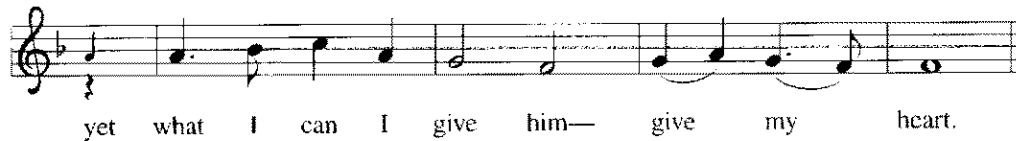
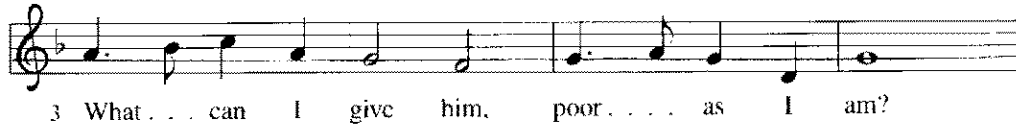
***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** *(Please respond.)*

P: God of grace, C: receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY *In the Bleak Midwinter Verse 3*



Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894
Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.
Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 108)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.
Come and see.

COMMUNION

Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher. After you receive the bread, you may take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Gluten free wafers are available, ask the Pastor when you come forward. Please notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.

COMMUNION SONG



COMMUNION HYMN *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

*COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Giver of every gift,
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever.
Amen.

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

*** SENDING SONG FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA**

Music By Leonard Cohen; Text by Kevin Anderson

(Verses sung by soloist; Refrain sung by all)

Refrain: Alleluia...

Verse 1:

Now Jesus took Peter, James, and John
High up on the mountain to the great beyond,
And there His glory shone forth before them.

Then Moses and Elijah appeared,
And a voice from Heaven said, "Listen here,
This is my beloved Son, sing Alleluia!"

Refrain: Alleluia...

Verse 2:

Resplendent God, the Lord of Life
Your truth shines forth from the mountainside,
And our hearts warm with the fire of Your great love.

You took on our humanity,
That we might share Your divinity,
In a holy and a broken Alleluia.

Refrain: Alleluia...

Verse 3:

As we journey to the cross You bore,
Our song of joy we'll sing no more,
but keep it buried deep within our hearts.

The path of life we'll walk along,
We'll stand before the Lord of Song
With nothing on our lips but Alleluia.

Refrain : Alleluia...(sing twice)

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.
Thanks be to God.

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE/SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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Communion Set-Up.....	Ilona & Jerry Laney
Communion Clean-Up	Ilona & Jerry Laney
Communion Bread	Colleen Johnson
Communion Assist	Janice McEntire
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are placed to the Glory of God.

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

Prayer requests for the following: *Bob Estep, Karen, Phil Johnson, Tim Tweedy, Missy Moreui, Becky Ensinger, Ron Bunting, Rose Wishard, Bobby Seilhamer, Sam Mull, Lilly Chiado, Bernie Harris, Phyllis Brehm, Catherine Plummer, Bonnie Hudson, Marty Wenger, Virginia Detwiler, Callie Mummert, Matthew, Lexi and Brooke Bowen, Jim & Carole Darr, Beth Floyd, Sarge and Barb Weaver, Tina Smith, Patricia Yetter, Nancy Marshall, Darrell Veilleux, Linda Wepking, Bill and Jane Brindle, Jean Jackson, Marjorie McMullin, Joe Mock, Ina Shreiner, Genny Grant, Frances Kramer, Linda Russ, Carol Locke, Betty Amt, Ukrainian Nation, Peace for the World.* If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire. **Please Be Aware: If you would like to remain listed on the next month's list, or if you would like to have your name removed from the list before the end of the month, please call the office.**

Weekly Calendar Reminders:

February 12 - W&M 6PM

Council 7PM

13 - Christian Ed 7PM

14 - Ash Wednesday Service Noon & 7PM


15 - Choir 7PM

Copies of the 2023 Annual Report of the Congregation are available on the table in the Sunday School Room. Please bring the report with you to the meeting on 2/25.

Easter Flower Orders: We will be ordering Easter flowers from Lurgan Greenhouse. Yellow daffodils (6" pot) \$8.00; red, yellow, or purple tulips (6 bulbs) \$8.00; and white lilies \$9.00 will be available. Flowers can be picked up after Easter service on March 31 or the following week during office hours. Orders must be received by March 3. Please fill out the order form (last page of bulletin) and place it in the offering plate.

There will be two Ash Wednesday services on February 14: Noon and 7:00PM. Both services will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Ash Wednesday begins Lent. The ashes are made from the palms we wave on Palm Sunday. Wearing the ashes reminds us of our mortality and focuses our hearts on our need for repentance.

There will be a Congregation Meeting on February 25th after the worship service to approve the annual report.

 **Valentine Luncheon** - Sunday, February 18 in the Fellowship Center following worship. Sponsored by Crusaders for Christ. Please join us for lunch, games, and fellowship! Chicken will be provided, and each family is asked to bring either a salad, side dish or dessert. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Sunday School room. Please come and enjoy a fun Valentine's celebration.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please notify Pastor Mike Allwein at 717-357-3814.

Sunday Morning Bible Study - Pastor Mike 's Bible study is held every Sunday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We conclude at 9:50 a.m., to prepare for worship. We look at one of the Scripture texts for the following Sunday. If you cannot join us every week, please join us when you are able! The Bible is our Book of Faith!

Please consider signing up for altar flowers for the 2024 calendar year. There are a lot of available Sundays.

Cancellation Notification. In the event of inclement weather, Solomon's will announce that our worship services are cancelled by sending an email to the entire membership who have email addresses. Also, the phone message on the office phone at the church (717-267-2266), will announce when services are cancelled. **On a weekend, this will be done by 4:00pm Saturday.** If you receive an email notifying you of a cancellation and if you know a friend who does not have email, please contact them. **If the church office does not have your current email address, please let Kimberly in the church office know this as soon as possible, so it can be updated!** Above all, safety is our most important concern, so please do not take any unnecessary chances.

We are looking for 2 volunteers to attend our Synod Assembly on June 1 at Trinity Lutheran Camp Hill. Please call Ron Coldsmith if interested.

If you are not taking your altar flowers home, please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

Copies of today's sermon can be found in the office room at the rear of the worship space. Pick one up before service if this will be helpful in hearing the sermon; or, pick one up to take home if you wish to use it reflect on throughout this upcoming week.

The 2024 Chart for Altar flowers is in the office to the left when entering the front door of the sanctuary. The cost of the two vases will be \$50.00 per week. You will continue to provide Kimberly with the information for the bulletin prior to the week before the Sunday you choose. Include the cost of \$50.00 with the bulletin information.

Power Pack Meals: The need for nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need. Please consider donating individual serving size fruit and vegetable cups, individual packages of mac-n-cheese, Chef Boyardee, 8 oz bottles of water, juice boxes, and yahoo chocolate drink. Monetary donations are accepted as well, please write "power pack meals" in the memo of your check.

Bulletin Announcement Forms are in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.

REVISED LENT 2024

THEME: Drawing Nearer to God

We will be having Wednesday Lenten services at the Lutheran, Anglican (Episcopalian), and Roman Catholic Churches (LARC Churches) February 21 through March 20 at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to stay for a time of conversation following worship.

Date /Time: 7:00	Name of Jesus	Location	Preacher
February 21	Emmanuel	Trinity Lutheran 431 Philadelphia Ave Chambersburg 17201 (717) 263-8156	Pastor Mike Allwein
February 28	Beloved Son	Corpus Christi Catholic 320 Philadelphia Ave Chambersburg 17201 (717) 264-6317	Pastor Jane Nicholson
March 6	Rabbi	Trinity Episcopal 58 S 2nd St Chambersburg 17201 (717) 264-6351	Pastor Barb Barry
March 13	Suffering Servant	First Lutheran 43 W Washington St Chambersburg 17201 717-264-2015	Mother Pat Dickson
March 20	Lamb of God	Solomon's Lutheran 4856 Wayne Rd Chambersburg 17202 717-267-2266	Father Allan Wolfe

LENT SOUP SUPPERS A soup and bread supper will be held each Wednesday evening at 5:30 **AT THE CHURCH WHERE WORSHIP WILL BE HELD.**

LENTEN OFFERINGS The LARC Lenten offerings will be donated to NETWork Ministry. NETWork Ministry is an urban youth ministry for children and teens in Chambersburg. Since 1993, they have been committed to sharing in the love of Christ with those who are most vulnerable in our community. Their desire is to minister to the whole person with the gospel of Jesus. They especially seek to equip children and young adults with the skills necessary for these four areas of focus: spiritual growth, academic achievement, life management, and Christian leadership. This is accomplished through a variety of after school and summer opportunities for youth. Checks may be made payable to LARC.

FEBRUARY 11, 2024
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



Disciples humbly grow in their understanding of Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	Transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	2 Kings 2:1-12	Elijah is taken into heaven
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Proclaiming Jesus as Lord
Wednesday	1 Peter 2:1-10	A chosen people
Thursday	Colossians 1:3-14	A prayer of thanks
Friday	Hebrews 5:11-14	Warning against turning away
Saturday	Psalms 50:1-6	God shines brightly
Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	Temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" **Mark 9:7 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Awesome God, help us humbly to live a life that reflects your power and glory meant for us and all the world through Jesus Christ, your Beloved. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, help us to see in this meal your power and glory that shines brightly; give us thankful hearts for this food provided for us by your love. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with faith in Christ.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you want to learn more about?
- What questions would you like to ask Jesus about his life?

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Seek Ye First



DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 9:2-9.

Transfiguration Sunday serves as a bridge between Epiphany and Lent. Epiphany includes many stories revealing who Jesus is through his teachings and miracles. Lent is the season that reflects on being a follower who is true to Jesus as Savior and Lord. The transfiguration story in Mark 9 comes amid three accounts of Jesus' suffering and death (Mark 8:31-33, 9:30-32, and 10:32-34). The transfiguration story ends by pointing to Jesus rising from the dead. On the mountain, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. This is a scene that perceives the end of history when Elijah and Moses were expected to return. It is a defining moment for Jesus. Peter, James, and John were terrified, and Peter spoke but did not really know what to say. The disciples were to be silent and listen to Jesus. When we think of Jesus' journey to the cross, we, too, as Jesus' disciples are asked to reflect, listen, and humbly grow in our understanding of who Jesus is as the Son of God and the Beloved.

Discuss: How do you think the transfiguration of Jesus made a difference for Peter, James, and John?

Pray: **Ever-present God, help us to see and trust that your saving work is with us so that we may not fear, complain, or forget your goodness to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone grow in the Christian faith?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The church season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, February 14. There are 40 days in the season of Lent, a time to refocus our lives on God. One spiritual practice that Christians emphasize during Lent is prayer. Make this Lent a time of prayer for others. Use separate pieces of paper to write the name of a person you can pray for during Lent. Place these papers into a prayer box. Each day in Lent, pull out a slip of paper from the prayer box and ask God to care for and bless the person named. Add names to the box throughout Lent.

EASTER FLOWERS - 2024

Anyone desiring to remember a loved one or honor someone with Easter Flowers is asked to fill out the following form and return it to the church office or put it in the collection plate along with cash or a check made payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church, marked "Easter Flowers." Flowers will be in the church on Sunday, March 31, 2024, and can be taken home that day, or call the office 717 267-2266 to make other arrangements.

The deadline to order Easter Flowers is March 3!

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