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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Divine Setting Three ~ LSB 184

February 2, 2020

As We Gather ~ *Jesus Is Transfigured and Manifests His Glory*

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush (Ex. 3:1–14). Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:29–35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself (Matt. 17:1–9). Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:16–21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshowed our adoption as sons (Collect). We who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

Announcements

(Please stand, if able)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession/Absolution

LSB 184

Entrance Hymn *"'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"*

LSB 414

Kyrie

LSB 186

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:29–35

29When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. 30Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. 31But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. 32Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. 33And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

34Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, 35the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured upon your lips.

**The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."**

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16–21

16For 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. 17For 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,” 18we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. 19And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, 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, 20knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. 21For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, if able)

Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

1And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4And 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.” 5He 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.” 6When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. 7But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.”

8And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

9And 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

(Please be seated)

Hymn “O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”

LSB 413

Sermon

‘What Did They See?’

Matthew 17:1–9

(Please stand, if able)

Offertory

LSB 192

(Please be seated)

Offering

(Please stand, if able)

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

LSB 627

“O Savior of Our Fallen Race”

LSB 403

(Please stand, if able)

<u>Nunc Dimittis</u>	LSB 199
<u>Thanksgiving</u>	LSB 200
<u>Post-Communion Collect</u>	LSB 201
<u>Salutation and Benedicamus</u>	LSB 201
<u>Benediction</u>	LSB 202
<u>Hymn</u> <i>“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”</i>	LSB 417

Welcome!

Please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: Exodus 17:1–7, 1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5 and Matthew 20:1–16.

Communion Statement: As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine and understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, and confessed by the Pastor and congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail and please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar and Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine and practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see *Matthew 5:23ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 and 1 Cor. 11:17-34*. Thank you.

Sunday School: Today's Sunday School lesson is the account of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. In this lesson, we learn that Jesus gives the Spirit, who cleanses us from sin and unrighteousness in the living water of Holy Baptism. Talk with your children about how sin causes us to have guilt and shame before God. Emphasize that through the water and Word of Holy Baptism all guilt and shame are removed. Discuss, "Jesus comes for all people, no matter what race or color they are. Ordinary water leaves us thirsting for more, but the living water of Jesus, which flows from His Word and the font of Baptism, quenches our spiritual thirst forever."

Ash Wednesday, Midweek Lent and Easter Brunch sign-ups are on the entryway table.

Stewardship: *Matt. 17:8* – “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.” Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him – and Him alone – the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary; all else is secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

Building Healthy Families for Feb. 2nd: “She may not have my eyes, she may not have my smile, but she has all my heart.”—New Adoptive Parent LFS is here to help join infants to their forever families through adoption. Parents who would adopt, implant and deliver babies that now exist as frozen embryos are encouraged to prayerfully consider the needs of one of these children known and loved by God, yet unborn. If you know of anyone interested in embryo adoption, invite them to visit the LFS website to learn more. ~ **Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900. www.LutheranFamilyService.org**

Life Quote for Feb. 2nd: “Women, families, and our culture deserve better than abortion.” Melissa Ohden, survivor of a botched abortion ~ **A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org**

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Feb 9th: Hear “Break Through the No-Go Zone” based on Genesis 43-45 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Sometimes, the difference between then and now, between what used to be and what is, comes in a single moment, a defining act. We call that a breakthrough. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

MORE TOPICS, MORE GUESTS, MORE JESUS...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s topics include: A Post-Christian View of the Body, The Book of Colossians, The Baptismal Rite, The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Council Meeting next Sunday.

Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 2/9--2/15 is **K. Schultz**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 2/16--2/22 is **Schutt/Shell**. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. Please contact Amber Carnine (641-990-5985) no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

**LCMS World Relief and Human Care
February Missions Recipient**

Christ's mandate and example of love — the Gospel for the whole person — is the supreme example for our life in this world as we care for our neighbor in body and soul. In tangible ways, at home and abroad, the LCMS continues to bear Christ's mercy in word and deed. It's at the very heart of every LCMS World Relief and Human Care gift. Today, the LCMS is continuing the mercy work and legacy of LCMS World Relief and Human Care--it's the same work, the same compassion and the same capacity. The work hasn't changed. Your contributions to the LCMS, designated for "LCMS World Relief and Human Care," now reach people close to home through the Office of National Mission and in faraway lands through the Office of International Mission in ways that defy sin, death and the devil in this broken world. God's unchanging love, through many works of mercy, continues to open hearts and minds to the Good News so that lives are changed and souls are brought into the body of Christ for eternity.

Birthdays this week

Saturday...Dave Koch

We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.

Confirmation Memory Work
Wednesday, February 5th

5th/6th Grades

Sacrament of the Altar: *What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

7/8th Grades

Office of the Keys: *What is the Office of the Keys? Where is this written? What do you believe according to these words?*

SERVING SCHEDULE

TODAY	Organist:	Pam Haase
	Elder:	Steve Haase
	Greeter:	Kelting
	Ushers:	Dale & Gabe Gilman
	Servers:	Emily Louden & Robin Marcinik
	Acolyte/Crucifier:	Ellie Mintle & Sloane McDonough

NEXT SUNDAY	Organist:	Pam Haase
	Elder:	Joel McDonough
	Greeter:	Koch
	Ushers:	Ben & Oliver Louden
	Servers:	Sharon Krumm & Maralee Kruse
	Acolyte/Crucifier:	Joey & Elizabeth Koepp

WEEKLY OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE

January 26, 2020

Attendance	40
Communion	31
General	\$2855.00

WEEK AHEAD

Today	8am	Elders' Meeting
	9am	The Transfiguration of Our Lord
		Missions: LC-MS World Relief
	10:30am	Christian Education/Popcorn Sun./Bible Study
	11:30am	Board of Education
Monday	1pm	Greek Study
Tuesday	4:15pm	Board of Evangelism/Missions
Wednesday	12pm	Grinnell Ministerial Association
	4-5:30pm	5th/6th Grade Confirmation
	5:30-7pm	7th/8th Grade Confirmation
Thursday		No Bible Study—Pastor at District Office
Next Sunday	8am	Council Meeting
	9am	Septuagesima
	10:30am	Christian Education/Bible Study

Creation and Re-Creation: Christ's Holy Week Work as Witness to Days of Creation

Sermon Series for the Season of Lent

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Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. These words, taken from the Rite of the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, recall for us the curse of the Fall into sin in Genesis 3. God's perfect creation was cursed, as the pinnacle of creation, the one's created and placed into a position of stewardship failed into their duty. Rather than being like children and trusting in their Father to care, nurture, and sustain them, even through simple means, such as one, clear Word of command and promise, they sought to be like God. As the parents, so are the children. From the fall, all mankind is cursed with returning to dust. In those words of cursing, hope was given; a promise from God was made. From the dust, a Savior would be born to restore mankind. From the cross, that very promised Man cries it to be completed, and the payment for sin finished. Three days later, that same man would rise. Dust returning to dust and then waking from the dust to life eternal. God took on flesh, became one of the dust, to restore man to its rightful place and bestows upon you, through faith in His simple words of command and promise, heirs of the Kingdom of God. This Lent, we are going to look at Christ's work of Creation and Re-Creation, specifically as He bears witness to the days of Creation through His work during Holy Week. We will note parallels of Genesis 1-2, with Jesus life from Palm Sunday through Easter. We also have the added joy of welcoming four of our fellow Circuit Pastor's to proclaim to us God's clear words of command and promise, His Law and Gospel. This Lent is marked as even more special, as we will on March 25 celebrate the Annunciation of Our Lord. Nine months before Christmas, it is the day we recall the announcement to Mary of her pregnancy, and the incarnation of our Lord—Jesus in the flesh! It is a day of all days, as we mark God-in-the-flesh for the first time, His first step in redeeming man from his fallen state. Please plan to join us as we walk from Ash Wednesday (February 26) to the Resurrection of Our Lord (April 12) hearing Creation & Re-Creation: Christ's Holy Week Work as Witness to Days of Creation.

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
Rev. Dr. Joel G. Koepp

Ash Wednesday

February 26

Meal will be served at 5:15pm followed by the service at 6:30pm

Mid-Week Evening Prayer Services

Wednesday, March 4

Wednesday, March 11

Wednesday, March 18

Wednesday, April 1

Meal will be served at 5:15pm followed by the service at 6:30pm

The Annunciation of Our Lord Evening Prayer Service

Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30pm

Palm Sunday/Confirmation

April 5

Holy Week Prayer Services

Monday, April 6 at noon

Tuesday, April 7 at noon

Wednesday, April 8 at noon

Holy Thursday

April 9 at 6:30pm

Good Friday

April 10 at 6:30pm

Holy Saturday Prayer Service

April 11 at noon

Easter Vigil Service

April 11 at 6:30pm

Easter Sunrise Service

April 12 at 6:30am

Ressurrection of Our Lord

April 12 at 9:00am



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For Nothing is Impossible with God

All praise and glory to God for what was a wonderful week at the Capitol on life issues!

Important Updates from Lutheran Family Service on the Protect Life Amendment:

- The Protect Life Amendment passed the State Government Committee led by LCMS Legislator, Senator Roby Smith.
 - The Protect Life Amendment was drafted in order to correct a judicial over-reach in a 2018 decision by the Iowa Supreme Court. It is also known as SJR21 (Senate Joint Resolution 21).
- The Protect Life Amendment is now eligible for full debate on the Senate floor.
 - This has been a very fast paced action taken in the Senate, and no doubt their enthusiasm to see this legislation through quickly was invigorated by Governor Kim Reynolds State of the State Address.



"As we begin 2020, I'm focused on the overall wellness of all Iowans, in every part of the State, in all stages of life.

And when I say all stages of life, I mean to include the unborn. We must protect life by making clear, through an amendment, that our constitution does not grant a right to an abortion. It's time, and unfortunately it's necessary."

Governor Kim Reynolds



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The Protect Life Amendment will:

- Make it crystal clear that the judges who invented the “right to abortion” in the Iowa Constitution were wrong.
- Restore the decision-making power back to the people of Iowa through both their elected law makers in the Iowa Legislature, and their very own vote on the protect life amendment when it eventually goes to the people to be ratified.

The process is lengthy, and it is just getting started. The ratification of the people of Iowa on this measure will not occur before Summer 2021 at the earliest.

Lutheran Family Service is very grateful for the Senators of the State Government Committee who passed this important piece of legislation with a 10-5 vote. Two are members of LCMS Churches (Senator Roby Smith and Senator Jason Schultz). There are five more LCMS Legislators who will also be able to vote on this measure as soon as it hits the Senate Floor: Senators Tim Kraayenbrink, Annette Sweeney, Julian Garrett, Jerry Behn, and Mark Segebart – all of which have worked closely with Lutheran Family Service and have let us know they support this legislation! Please keep them, and all government workers, in your prayers.

[You can provide your support, prayers, encouragement and make your views on this and other issues known to your legislator by contacting them.](#)

Life is under constant assault through personal, judicial and legislative means. It is imperative that we continue to work within God’s appointed government here on earth to protect life in the womb, in the nursing home bed, in the memory care community, mental health facility, and in all places.

All human life, in all stages, ages and conditions, has immense value to our Lord and Creator.

• Are you an LCMS church member? [Please encourage your pastor to attend the LCMS Pastor’s Day on the Hill, February 13, hosted by Lutheran Family Service.](#) We hope to see over 120 LCMS Pastors there to support, pray for, and encourage with God’s words our Iowa Legislature.

• [Mark your calendar for March 2 and join us for an important life event open to all called the Prayer Rally for Life at the Iowa State Capitol.](#) We cannot wait to see you there, and hope to be celebrating the passage of the Protect Life Amendment at that time!

In Christ,

Kim Laube, Life Ministries Director, Lutheran Family Service



Greetings!

The Iowa District East Board of Stewardship and Congregational Services is pleased to announce that a new program within the district will launch for the Lenten 2020 season called “Bring It Home.” Though anyone can join in, Bring It Home is ideal for families. The goal is to promote Biblical literacy in the home and offer the family an opportunity for family devotions five days a week.

Your congregation's members can sign up to receive weekly access to the videos and devotions to use at home. The centerpiece of our program is two books: “The Bible Story” and “Know the Bible” accompanied by five Bible readings per week and short video presentations by pastors in the district with short explanations of the Bible readings. You’ll only need one of the two books to follow along.

Here’s how to get started:

1. **Go to LCMSIDE.ORG. Hover over RESOURCES tab of the menu bar and select BRING IT HOME.**
2. **Click SIGN UP FOR BRING IT HOME. Complete the online form on the next page. After that, go to your email and confirm your signup.**
3. **Go back to the BRING IT HOME webpage. At the bottom, select which option to buy: The Story Bible or Know the Bible NOW.**
4. **Just wait! The first email will arrive on Sunday, March 1 and then weekly until the program completes.**

In Christ,
Iowa District East Board for Stewardship and Congregational Services.

Summer Camp Registration: NOW OPEN!

Summer Camp Theme: *Teach Us To Pray* *Luke 11:1-13*

Head on over to our newly updated website at www.campiodiseca.org and click on the Summer Camp tab for information on all of our camps and to register. You can register by completing the online registration process or by downloading a registration form and submitting that.

We're also please to announce our summer camp theme for the summer of 2019: *Teach Us To Pray: Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."* - Luke 11: 1

We're incredibly excited for another fantastic summer and we hope you'll be a part of it! Registrations are already pouring in, so be sure to get your registration in soon! If you're not able to make it out for summer camp, please come support Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca at our I BELIEVE IN CAMP Fundraiser Auction and 1-Mile/5K fun runs for 2021 summer camp scholarships on August 1.

2020 Summer Camp Staff

Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca is one of dozens of Lutheran camps across the country looking for college-aged young adults to make a difference in the lives of children. The opportunity to serve at a camp awaits. Go to www.nloma.org to start your summer camp service today!

Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca also needs Junior Counselors (JC's) to assist the summer program. Applicants should be at least 15 years old. JCs spend the week with a cabin group enjoying the many camp activities and serving as a positive role model and motivator for younger campers while helping the cabin counselors supervise younger campers. It's a great experience for only \$100 per week. Please contact Camp Director, Daniel Sanchez by emailing director@iodiseca.org for more information or to receive an application.