

MOUNT ZION
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9am
Divine Service 10am

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THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 26, 2017

PREPARATION PSALMS (Hymnal pages): Psalm 51 (134), 97 (144), 110 (146)

PREPARATION PRAYER: Almighty 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 You foreshadowed our adoption as Your children. Through faith in Your Son make us heirs of Your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HYMNS **“Once Upon the Mountain” (Insert) 135 719**

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

(Supplement p 12-21)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prayer . . . Entrance Hymn . . . Invocation . . . Confession and Absolution

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Kyrie . . . Gloria in Excelsis . . . The Prayer of the Day - “Amen”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON..... EXODUS 24:12, 15-18

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction.” ¹⁵ When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶ and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷ To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸ Then Moses entered the cloud as he went up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY..... PSALM 148

Pastor: Praise the LORD.

Congregation: Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

P: Praise him, all his angels,

C: praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

P: Praise him, sun and moon,

C: praise him, all you shining stars.

P: Praise him, you highest heavens

C: and you waters above the skies.

P: Let them praise the name of the LORD,

C: for he commanded and they were created.

P: He set them in place for ever and ever;

C: he gave a decree that will never pass away.

P: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

C: lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

P: you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

C: wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

P: kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

C: young men and maidens, old men and children.

P: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;

C: his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

P: He has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his saints,

C: of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord.

THE SECOND LESSON..... 2 PETER 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. ¹⁹ And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: ♪“Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia!”

THE NICENE CREED (Pg. 5)

HYMN: 135 “ ‘Tis Good .Lord, To Be Here”

THE SERMON..... LUKE 9:28-36

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters — one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen.

THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION ON THE MOUNTAIN: JESUS' DEATH

OFFERINGS...PRAYER OF THE CHURCH...LORD’S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (Pgs. 17-18)

The Preface...The Words of Institution

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Communicants will come forward at the direction of the usher. Because the Lord requires that those who commune together be agreed in their faith and in the confession of His Word, we practice the Lutheran custom of Close Communion. This means that only those approach the altar who are members of our congregation or of a sister congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. If you are not presently a member of our congregation and would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with the pastor. He will be pleased to supply you with what you need to know about our congregation’s faith and confession.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (Pg. 21)

Thanksgiving...Benediction

CLOSING HYMN: 719 “Jesus On The Mountain Peak”

Silent Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28 7PM “SEE HIS CROSS”

SHROVE TUESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

“Put Yoieur Sword Away” Pastor Mike Wilke, Saginaw Guest Speaker

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Transfiguration

February 26, 2017

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[Note: the wording *with Him* (32) points out that although we were separated **from** Him by His death&grave, by His resurrection from the grave we have become re-joined **with** Him in life—forever more.] Let us praise the Lord for His loving heart and capable hands!

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Making the Most of Lent

A Daily Lenten Pattern

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Morning is a good time to bring any burdens of sin directly to the Lord so we can be assured of forgiveness, comforted, and receive the strength to carry on with the rest of the day. Just as we come before Him early in our worship services, confessing our sin.

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- + Put together an order of service rs for your home devotions and/or evening prayer.
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