

Transfiguration Sunday

2 Kings 2:1-12 (ESV)

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. 3 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. 4 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." 5 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. 6 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." 7 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. 8 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. 9 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. 10 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." 11 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." 12 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. 13 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.

2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6 (ESV)

12 Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, 13 not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. 4 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. 2 But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. 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.

Mark 9:2-9 (ESV)

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.

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MARK 9:2-3, ESV

February 11, 2024
The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ *The Face of Jesus Christ Manifests the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God.* It was “a hard thing” that Elisha asked, but by his persistence he was able to see the Prophet Elijah being taken “by a whirlwind into heaven.” Although “chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them,” Elisha received Elijah’s cloak and a “double portion” of his spirit for preaching the Lord’s Word (2 Kings 2:9–11). It was a hard thing, too, for Israel to see Moses and come near to him, when “the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God” (Ex. 34:29–30). Therefore, after “he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai,” Moses “put a veil over his face” (Ex. 34:32–33). Only the Word of the Gospel lifts the veil, and “only through Christ is it taken away” (2 Cor. 3:14). Thus are we able to behold “the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ,” who is “the image of God” (2 Cor. 4:4–6). For the Law and the prophets are all fulfilled in Him. Therefore, “listen to Him,” and fix your sights on “Jesus only” (Mark 9:7–8). We welcome Pastor Wm. Hessler and thank him for leading us in worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP Service of Prayer and Preaching	260
OPENING HYMN “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”	839
SERMON “Do You See What I See?”	Mark 9:2-4
SERMON HYMN “’Tis God, Lord, to Be Here”	414
NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”	416
CLOSING HYMN “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”	417

Pastor	Wm. Hessler
A/V	Paul Bohn
Organist	Tami Mosher
Elders	Dale Rohde and Dick Bluemer
Reader	Dick Bluemer
Ushers	Jerry Neuenfeldt and Dave Hutfilz
Altar Guild	Diane Schultz and Suzanne Schultz

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week –61 ~ *Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$3,934~
Received for the Lord’s Work \$2,395; Capital Projects \$25; God’s Helping
Hands \$7,214 includes \$7,000 from Allen Foundation, \$94 Door Offering and
\$120 in memory of Jeanne Kade.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: February 14- Tami
Mosher; February 18 – Carol Little; February 19- Kitty Brimmer; February 20-
John Klink; February 22- Bill Beyersdorf, Jr.; February 23- Larry Klemish.

Midweek Lenten Worship ~Ash Wednesday and Midweek Lenten services
will be held as in the past at 7:00 pm beginning with Ash Wednesday on
February 14. Midweek Lenten worship will continue on February 21, 28, March
6, 13, 20. Palm Sunday Service on March 24 with Maundy Thursday service at
7:00 pm and Good Friday Service at 1:00 pm.

Ham Dinner ~ We are considering a ham dinner on Sunday, April 7, taking the
place of our annual chicken dinner, as we did last year. If you are willing to
help out in some way please see Lloyd Zastrow.

Valley Lutheran’s Drama Department proudly presents their winter play,
“WhoDunit...and to Whom?” This dessert theater will be held at St. Mark
Lutheran Church in Saginaw on Feb. 15th-17th at 7 pm. Tickets are \$5 for
students and \$7 for adults (available in the office starting Monday,
2/12). *WhoDunit...and to Whom?* is a spoof of the classic “gumshoe” story,
featuring Harold Finnegan, a henpecked salesman who fancies himself a
playwright. Harold’s protagonist and hero, Detective Grip, is every bit as inept
as his author. As Harold writes, you’ll see the actions played out by actors
(“thought forms”) onstage. The answer to the title question becomes
increasingly complicated as the play nears the end. Can you
guess *WhoDunit...and to Whom?*

The Tri-City Good Friday Service will be held on March 29, 2024, at the
Horizon’s Conference Center at 6200 State Street in Saginaw Township at 1
pm. The Reverend Dean Davenport will be the guest speaker. He is a Vice-
President of the Michigan District-Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and a
Pastor at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. To underwrite the cost
of the service, we are seeking support from congregation members as we
have done in the past. If you would like to, please contact the church office.
Checks should be made out to “Good Friday Service”.