

"THIS IS  
MY  
BELOVED  
SON ...  
LISTEN  
TO HIM."

MATTHEW 17:5, ESV

**February 23, 2020**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**

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† In the Name of Jesus †

**Theme of the Day** ~ God Manifests His Glory in the Body of Christ Jesus, Transfigured for Us by His Cross. The Transfiguration confirms “the prophetic word ... to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place” (2 Peter 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were “eyewitnesses of his majesty” (2 Peter 1:16). “He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun” (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 17:5). By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, “the appearance of the glory of the LORD” is no longer “like a devouring fire” (Ex. 24:17), but it is graciously revealed in His own body. As “Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel” went up the mountain with Moses and “ beheld God, and ate and drank” (Ex. 24:9, 11), we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar.

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CLOSING HYMN “Go, My Children, With My Blessing ”	LSB 922

<b>Pastor</b>	Paul Hauser
<b>Organist</b>	Tami Mosher
<b>Elders</b>	Dale Rohde & Dick Bluemer
<b>A/V</b>	Mark Richardson
<b>Acolyte</b>	Landon Zastrow
<b>Ushers</b>	Marc & JoAnn Pinet
<b>Greeters</b>	Bud & Millie Parker
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Chris Farrar & Arlene Rohn

## **Our Measure of Love and Gifts**

**Attendance last week** – 153 Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion \$4,128 ~ Received for the Lord’s Work \$3,946= Loose Plate \$611, Envelopes \$2,865, Mission \$60, Maintenance \$410. Cap. Prj. \$30.

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday:**; Feb 28- Darlene Keel, Chase Worley; Mar 1- Troy Beyersdorf; Mar 2- Bruce Pretzer; Mar 3 George Leveto; Mar 4 – Easton Coty; Mar 5- Allyssa Carroll, Christopher Ross, Carlton Ross, Andrew Ross, Suzanne Schultz, Isaac Wietfeldt.

**Today's Memory Verse** ~ “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.” Colossians 3:23



**Holy Baptism** ~ Emmett Henry Cline, son of Jared and Brittany (Rohde) Cline will be received into the kingdom of grace through the sacrament of Holy Baptism during the service this morning. Sponsors for Emmett are Adam Rohde and Kayla Williams. May this child, into whom the Holy Spirit places saving faith through this sacrament, nurture him all his life on God’s Word and the Lord’s Supper to be kept faithful to Jesus for eternity.

**Ash Wednesday Worship Service** will be held on Wednesday, February 26 at 7 pm. Midweek Lenten services continue through Lent with the theme “Eyes on Jesus”. All are encouraged to join us.

**Annual Fish Fry** ~ St. Peter Lutheran will hold their annual fish fry on Friday, March 13 from 4-7 pm. All you can eat. Donation Adults \$12, K-8<sup>th</sup> graders \$5, preschoolers are free. Take outs available from 4-6 pm.

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** ~ Thank you to all who helped in planning and organizing last Sunday’s celebration of 125 years of the beginning of Zion. A catered meal was enjoyed as well as special cakes made for the occasion. Pictures and other memorabilia were on display to view and reminisce over. Thank you to all who took time out of their busy schedules to join us in celebrating this milestone.

## **Exodus 24:8-18 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.” <sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. <sup>12</sup>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.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>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.” <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

## **2 Peter 1:16-21 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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, <sup>[a]</sup>with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>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.

## **Matthew 17:1-9 (ESV)**

**17** And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>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.” <sup>5</sup>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.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup>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.”