

ship payment. Pastor Libby gave the ladies a brief update on Eunice Vorwerk, as she has currently is a resident at Benedictine Living Community, in St. Peter, MN. The March Women of Faith meeting was discussed. The group decided not to have a regular meeting during March, but rather to meet briefly at church following our Sunday, March 18 regular morning worship service. Also discussed was the possibility of using the church building facility for Women of Faith meetings in the warmer months.

- **CLC News:** Holy Trinity Lutheran, West Columbia SC, has called Anita Meyer, Fond du Lac WI, to teach kindergarten and lower grades. <> Teacher Ryan Hammet, Watertown SD, is resigning from his call to Trinity Lutheran school at the end of the school year. <> Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ, has called the Rev. Michael Gurath, asking him to begin serving on April 1, 2012. <> The Rev. David Fuerstenau, Ketchikan AK, has returned the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI. The congregation has now called the Rev. Michael Gurath, Phoenix AZ. <> A Marriage Enrichment Retreat is being offered by Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI. It will be held at the Comfort Inn in Black River Falls, WI on Friday evening and Saturday, March 30-31. Couples can take part in the sessions only at a modest cost, or they can make the event a pleasant “get-away” by purchasing an overnight stay. Deadline for registrations is Sunday, March 11. Brochures with complete information and registration are available – if you would like a brochure, please let Pastor Libby know. <> Immanuel-Mankato is hosting an Arts Camp for CLC youth (grades 5-8) on Friday evening, March 23, through Sunday morning, March 25. The registration deadline is Thursday, March 15. If you would like more information regarding this camp, please let Pastor Libby know.

Our Response of Faith — February 12, 2012

Attendance: 22

Unified Budget	\$308.00
Total.....	\$308.00

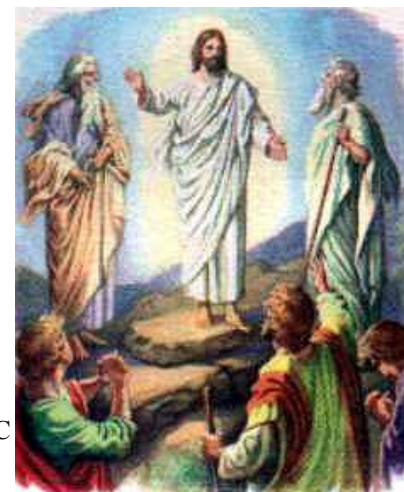
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Jesus' Transfiguration

FEBRUARY 19, 2012 – TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 148, pg. 156

Organist: Karla Olmanson

Pastor: Opening Prayer

Hymn 19 - *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

Pastor: The Invocation

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord!

People: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

People: *And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.*

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that, by Thy grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Pastor: The Absolution

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Pastor: Prayer for the Day

People: *Amen.*

1st Scripture Reading – 2 Kings 2:1-12

And it came to pass, when the LORD was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. 2 Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they went down to Bethel. 3 Now the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" 4 Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they came to Jericho. 5 Now the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" So he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" 6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!"

The Offering

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + The Benediction

All: Amen, amen, amen!

Hymn 23 - Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring

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Announcements

- **Wednesday** — Evening Lenten worship will be held at Grace-Sleepy Eye at 7 p.m.
- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m.
- **Grace-Sleepy Eye Midweek Lenten Service Details:** This coming Lenten season, Grace-Sleepy Eye will be participating in a midweek pulpit exchange with Immanuel-Mankato and Salem-Eagle Lake. Services will be Wednesdays during Lent (beginning this Wednesday – Ash Wednesday) at 7 p.m. This year's midweek Lenten service theme will be "The Servant of the Lord", based on Isaiah 52:13-63:9.
- **Notes from February Women of Faith Meeting:** The February 2012 meeting of the Women of Faith was held Thursday, February 16, at 2:15 p.m. at the apartment of Myra Geslin. There were five ladies in attendance, plus Pastor Libby. The meeting began with devotional studies of the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus on earth and also concerning the biblical topic of demons and demon-possession. The business meeting was called to order by president, Myra Geslin. Treasurer, Marge Spoor, reported a balance of \$434.55 in the Women of Faith treasury. Our congregation's CLC Project Kinship sponsorship was discussed. The Women of Faith agreed to contribute \$80 toward the congregation's 2011 sponsor-

manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Pastor: Here ends our 2nd Scripture reading.

People: *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

The Apostles' Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 12

Hymn 20 - God of Mercy, God of Grace

The Sermon – Matthew 17:1-9

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. 4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. 7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." 8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. 9 Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

“Jesus’ Glory Revealed”

The Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Hymn 135 - ‘Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

So the two of them went on. 7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. 8 Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground. 9 And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." 10 So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." 11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces.

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia! ... *the LORD of hosts will be For a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty To the remnant of His people ... (Isaiah 28:5) Alleluia!*

People: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2nd Scripture Reading – 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

People: *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech -- 13 unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. 14 But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. 15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. 16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. 4:1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. 2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by