

# Transfiguration of Our Lord February 11th, 2024

## Order of Service

7:45 a.m.

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Hymns - 873, 414, 413, 416, 417

10:30 a.m.

Matins - 219

Hymns - 413, 414

Wed. Hymns

413, 414

## Sermon

"We Did Not Follow Cleverly  
Invented Stories"

Rev. Wes Gillaspie

## Scripture Readings

*Exodus 34:29-35:* When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai. When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came

out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

*II Peter 1:16-21:* For we did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 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." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, 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. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

*Mark 9:2-9:* After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and

Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, 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 to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## Serving in Worship Today

Elders . . . . . *Dave Miller, Charles Zwerk,  
Matt Brown; Mark Schiefer*

Organist . . . . . *Calista Bickel*

Choirs . . . . . *Cherub Choir, Praise Team*

Usher Captains . . . *Paul Kern, Ron Spiekerman*

Altar Guild . . . . . *Bev Bierlein, Linda Trombley*

Acolytes . . . . . *Nate Courville, CJ Keberlein*

## Wednesday

Elder . . . . . *Mark Frank*

Pianist . . . . . *Dr. Jon Eifert*

Choir . . . . . *Adult Choir*

Usher Captain . . . . . *Ron Spiekerman*

*Voters Meeting:* Today, Feb. 11th, after late service.

*Ash Wednesday Worship:* 7:00 PM this week with the Imposition of Ashes.

*Newsletter Deadline* Tomorrow, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please have all items in by then, Thank You!

*Questions of the Passion:* This year our Wednesday night Lenten worship will focus on 5 questions asked by our Lord Jesus Christ, as well as other people in the Gospel accounts of Jesus' suffering and death. We begin this Ash Wednesday with a question not directly from the Bible, but one that sets the tone for Lenten self-examination and repentance. The question is, "Which sins are okay?" The world around us tells us that some things aren't wrong even though God's Word says they are. "Everybody does it!" "What I do in my personal life is nobody's business!"

Here is the schedule for each Wednesday night:

*Ash Wednesday:* "Which sins are okay?"

*Feb. 21:* "Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?"

*Feb. 28:* "Shall I not drink the cup my Father gave me?"

*Mar. 6:* "Do you not think I can call on 12 legions of angels?"

*Mar. 13:* "Aren't you one of his disciples?"

*Mar. 20:* "If men do these things when the tree is green, what will they do when it is dry?"

We will follow the usual Communion schedule of the Lord's Supper on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

*Lutherans Laymen's League:* Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting will start at 6:30, with guest speaker Chas "Mr. C" Chaveriat. Card Party will be March 19<sup>th</sup>, watch for more information!

*2024 Church Directory Project:* Picture's will be taken in the Overflow room, please be prompt for your appointment. The photographer will have a form for you to fill out, basic information is required. We are also asking if you have an existing binder from 2016. There is a cost savings if you use your existing binder. Members living in Assisted Living complex's will be scheduled for their photoshoots at their residence by Karen Zehnder, our photographer. Directory Information can still be sent to: 2024CDRichville@gmail.com

*Endowment Fund Grant Applications* are now available for the Church Endowment Fund. You can find a form on the St. Michael's website or in the church office. Return the application to the church office before March 30, 2024.

*Youth Group:* 7th -12th Grade, Feb 24, We will meet at St. Michael's at 4:00 PM and head to Harrison, MI to Snow Snake and return around 11:00 PM. We will need drivers for this event. Since it is a new year we need new St. Michael waivers for each student. Snow Snake also requires a waiver. Please print this from the Youth Ministry Facebook page and have for this event. For this event the student cost will be \$15.00 a

tuber- if we have at least 30 tubing. Otherwise the cost would be \$40.00 a person. Please RSVP by Feb. 21st to Mrs. Hoepfner or Mrs. Leanne Rodammer If you are available to drive let us know.

Attendance

Feb. 4th: 354  
Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>: 68

This week at St. Michael's

Today . . . . . Transfiguration of our Lord  
Communion 7:45 a.m.  
*Bible Classes/KidzMin 9 a.m.*  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
*Call Meeting 11:45 a.m.*  
Mon. . . . . *World Relief Quilting 9 a.m.*  
Newsletter Deadline  
Tue . . . . . *Blood Drive 1-6 p.m.*  
Elders 7 p.m.  
Wed. . . . . Ash Wednesday  
Worship Service 7 p.m.  
Thurs. . . . . *Adult Choir 7 p.m.*  
Sat . . . . . Winterfest Auction 5 p.m.  
Next Sunday . . . . . First Sunday of Lent  
Worship Service 7:45 a.m.  
*Bible Classes 9 a.m.*  
Communion 10:30 a.m.

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Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next

week,"Redeeming DIY" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about spiritual growth in the season of Lent and dying to self in a "do-it-yourself" world. (Mark 1:12-13)

*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).

*CUP:*Please join us for our first Communities United in Prayer (CUP) meeting on February 23 from 12:00 - 12:45 in the Frankenmuth Credit Union community room. This new prayer group will be held every fourth Friday of the month from 12:00-12:45. All churches, denominations and community members are welcome to attend. Each gathering will lift up our local community, state and nation because, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7: 14). For more information, please go to: [www.CompleteWorship.org/communities-united](http://www.CompleteWorship.org/communities-united)

## PRAYERS

Health

*Sharon Dietrich, Chuck Heinlein, Kurt Howell, Sherry Krieger, Mary Ann Mossner, Mike Mossner, Carolyn Navarre, Nancy*

*Palmreuter, Ken and Shirley Stresman, Deborah Doan*

Thanksgiving

*Dale & Judy Janson*

50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>

*McCauley & Zak Cameron  
Baby Boy, Born Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>*

Calls

*Dr. Jon Eifert*

called to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School, Birmingham, MI

Missions

*Lori Hecht*

Medical mission trip to Guatemala, leaving on 2-14-24 and returning on 2-22-24.

Prayer of the Day

"Heavenly Father, in the glorious transfiguration of Your only begotten Son You revealed that He came in fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. The voice that came from the cloud tells us we are loved as Your children by grace. We pray that You would make us coheirs with our King of His glory and eternal life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."