

Transfiguration of Our Lord

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+ Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church +

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~WELCOME~

() Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements

***Opening Litany**

P: Gracious God of the covenant, the cloud of your splendor and the fire of your love revealed your Son on the mountain heights.

C: As your Son drew apart to be in prayer with You, we offer our prayers for the transformation of the world and the church.

P: We pray that, as we gather around the table, we may be transformed by the grace of Christ and be a living sacrifice for those who need to know the truth of your life-giving Gospel.

C: By your Holy Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence.

P: Let us turn towards the cross so that your glory and love and mercy may be revealed.

***Opening Hymn #838**

“Beautiful Savior”

***The Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. ~ Holy God, mighty and immortal, You are beyond

P: our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in His divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Reading ~ Exodus 34: 29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99 (selective verses, read responsively)

¹ The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

² **The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

³ Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.

⁴ **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

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⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD,**

they called upon you, and you answered them,

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

The Second Reading ~ 2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4: 2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)**



*The Holy Gospel ~ Luke 9: 28-36

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

The Holy Gospel according to the 9th chapter of St. Luke.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" — not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Sermon

*Hymn #315

"How Good Lord to be Here"

The Apostles' Creed (professed together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayer of the Church**

After each prayer petition, please respond:

God of grace ... **Hear our prayer.**

Anthem

The Blessing of the Communion Elements

The Lord's Prayer (traditional ~ prayed by all)



+ Communal Reception of the Sacrament +

Communion will be distributed by method of intinction,; that is, the wafer will be dipped in the chalice so that both elements are received together.

Post-Communion Blessing, Prayer, and Benediction

P: We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Hymn #866**

"We are Marching in the Light"

*The Dismissal

Go in peace. Be transformed by the love of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Music

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you*

... to the Kevin Filler for serving as our lector

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... to Bill Heins and Kevin Filler for serving as our counters

... to Drew Wagner for serving as our live stream tech



To be remembered in prayer ... Leona Callahan, Karan Eddy, Sharon Edwards, Hope Geary, Helen Kerositz, Jeanne Logan, Kathleen Tuomela May, Zachary, people living in war-torn countries, and others whom we name before God.

Worship & Imposition of Ashes

Wed., March 5th at 6:15pm





If you have interest in helping with our Easter egg candy making project, please see or speak with Nancy Filler at 610-282-1386. Thank you!



ALSO ... Friedens will be hosting the mid-week Lenten soup supper (6pm) and worship service (7pm) on Wednesday, March 12th.

Soup makers are needed! See Nancy if you can help.



**Altar
Flowers**

The altar flowers have been sponsored by Steff Latshaw in honor of Shaun and in loving memory of Paul Wetzel. ♥

There are upcoming opportunities to volunteer at Betty Lou's Pantry. Please see the informational poster and sign up sheet on the table in the narthex.

