

The 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

*Prayer of Confession

P: Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises, and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart.

C: **You have given us a love more fully than anything we could experience in this world but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security.**

P: Forgive us, O Lord. Call us back to You that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid.

C: **May we hear the words so clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration; may we rise up, and not be afraid.**

P: You are God's Beloved; renewed and restored, forgiven and loved. Go and share the good news of God's love. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #834 "Immortal, Invisible ..."

*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. ~ O God, in the transfiguration of your Son, You

P: confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah ... and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, You foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Reading ~ Exodus 24: 12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

¹²The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

The Second Reading ~ 2 Peter 1: 16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been

eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 17: 1-9**

Shortly before He enters Jerusalem where He will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

The Holy Gospel according to the 17th chapter of St. Matthew.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a

bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

Sermon

*Hymn #315 "How Good Lord to Be Here"

*The Prayers of Intercession

After each prayer petition, please respond:

Merciful God ... **Receive our prayer.**

Anthem "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

Blessing of the Elements



The Lord's Prayer

+ Communal Reception of the Sacrament +

This morning, the sacrament will be distributed by method of intinction; that is, the Pastor will dip the wafer into the chalice, hand it to the recipient so that they may place it in their own mouth.

Post-Communion Blessing, Prayer, and Benediction

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation You have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Closing Hymn

Congregational Announcement (please be seated)

Postlude Music



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you*

... to Maureen Wagner for serving as our lector

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

*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

To be remembered in prayer ... Richard Eisenhart, Cathy Filler, Hope Geary, Jeanne Logan, Barb Shaneberger, Tyler and Elizabeth, Kathleen Tuomela May, Darrell Tuomela, Joe Ulmer, Monica Wagner, people living in war-torn countries, victims of oppression, injustice, violence, and natural disasters, and other dear ones whom we name before God. †



The altar flowers have been sponsored by grateful mom, Stephanie Latshaw, in celebration of her son, Shaun, being 30 years cancer free today!

We give thanks for Shaun's healing and the gifts he shares with others as a beloved doctor, grandson, son, brother, husband, friend, and daddy. ♥



*Ash
Wednesday*

Please join us this Wed., February 18th at 6:15pm for our Ash Wednesday worship.



March is Friedens' month to help out at Betty Lou's Pantry! Please see the sign up sheet on the narthex table if you are able to help in any way on our designated Saturdays.

ALSO, we are collecting laundry detergent for Betty Lou's as well. Please bring to church at any time. If you would prefer to give a financial donation towards the purchase of detergent, that is most welcome, too! Simply +make a notation on your offering envelope marked "for detergent."

Many thanks!

Mid-Week



Schedule

(You are invited to come to one, several, or all of the following events.)

All of the soup suppers begin at 6pm with the worship services immediately following at 7pm.

“Tell Me a Story” ~ The clergy’s favorite Bible stories

Wed., February 28th ~ Christ Lutheran (69 Main St., Hellertown)
Pastor Patti Hoyt speaking about “Esther”

Wed., March 4th ~ Friedens Lutheran - Pastor Becky Thomas
speaking about “Ruth”

Wed., March 11th ~ First UCC (501 Northampton St., Hellertown)
Pastor Phil Spohn speaking about “Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego”

Wed., March 18th ~ New Jerusalem Lutheran (3233 Apples
Church Rd, Bethlehem) Josh Gulotta speaking about “Jonah”

Wed., March 25th ~ Lower Saucon UCC (1375 3rd Ave.,
Hellertown) Pastor Lisa speaking about “the woman at the well”

These mid-week Lenten soup suppers and services provide us with wonderful opportunities for fellowship and worship with the Hellertown Area congregations.

**** Soup makers are needed on Wed., March 4th ****