

**TRANSFIGURATION  
OF OUR LORD**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

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**Sunday  
9:00 AM  
Worship Service**

**Adult Bible Class  
Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Communion:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

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***“He was transfigured before them.  
His face shone like the sun, and  
His clothes became as white as the  
light. And behold, Moses and  
Elijah appeared to them, talking  
with Him. (Matthew 17:4-5)***

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**WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

**A Prayer Upon Entering Church** - Heavenly Father, in the transfiguration of Your Son You have shined grace and glory upon the world, and by Your own testimony I hear that Jesus is indeed Your beloved Son. Help me to heed Your voice and bask in the light of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, our transfigured Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - We consider the Father's words on the Mount of Transfiguration: "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." The Father bears witness to the authority of the Son. Remember God's words to listen to the voice of Jesus. We also recall the brightness of Jesus shining upon the disciples. Jesus' transfiguration reminds us of the blessing we hear every week at the end of worship in the Benediction for the Lord's face to shine upon us. In the person of Jesus, God's face certainly shines upon us, and we look forward to the day when Christ returns in glory to permanently shine His face upon us.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*Alabaré - II*

Manuel José Alonso (LSB 800)

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR**

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OPENING HYMN

The Lord Said to Moses Long Ago

1 The Lord said to Mo - ses long a - go, "Come  
 2 And then with Si - nai's proph - et bold, E -  
 3 Then Pe - ter spoke for James and John, "Tis  
 4 Down to the val - ley they did flee But

up the mount to Me; Re - ceive the com - mand - ments  
 li - jah did ap - pear; Who rode to — God on  
 good, Lord, to be here; But God pro - claimed, "This  
 not a word be - trayed The glo - ry that their

hewn in stone; My cov - 'nant peo - ple be." Then  
 char - iot gold Now stood with Je - sus near. In  
 is My Son, The One I love so dear. Now  
 eyes did see Not told till Christ was raised. We,

Mo - ses climbed the glo - ry hill And  
 ho - ly con - vo - ca - tion meet, The  
 lis - ten and His Word o - bey; With  
 too, have wit - nessed maj - es - ty: Christ's

met the Lord on high; But God did not His  
 pil - lars of God's Word, And join in wit - ness,  
 Him I am well pleased." For God has come to  
 death, His life re - stored. In Christ God's sav - ing

plan re - veal Till Mo - ses stood with Christ.  
 glad to greet, The Sa - vior, Christ the Lord.  
 you to - day And all your fears re - leased.  
 glo - ry seen, Good news for all the world.

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## INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**INTROIT** *Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9*

P Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.

C **The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; let the earth be moved!**

P The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all the peoples.

C **Let them praise Your great and awesome name—He is holy.**

P The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

C **Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool—He is holy.**

P Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.



## KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 24:8–18*

(Moses goes up to Mount Sinai.)

8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words." 9 Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. 11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank. 12 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them." 13 So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. 14 And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed, Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them." 15 Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. 16 Now the glory of the Lord rested 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. 17 The sight of the glory of the Lord was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. 18 So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

## PSALM *Psalm 2:6–12; antiphon: v. 6*

P "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion."

C **"I will declare the decree: the Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.**

P Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.

C **You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' "**

P Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth.

**C Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

P Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

“Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.”

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### EPISTLE

*2 Peter 1:16–21*

(Peter recounts seeing Jesus’ transfiguration and hearing God’s voice.)

16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. 19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE



## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 17:1-9*

(Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

1 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## APOSTLES CREED

**All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair*

**LSB 413**

## SERMON

**"How God can Eternally Transfigure You"**

(Matthew 17:5)

## OFFERTORY

*'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here*

**LSB 414**

## OFFERING

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Dear heavenly Father, on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus revealed His light and glory to Peter, James, and John. Embolden us to proclaim Christ's light and



glory to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Lord, Peter, James, and John heard Your voice on the mountaintop. Help us to heed Your voice and Your Word that comes to us in the Scriptures. Strengthen us to listen to Your voice rather than the voice the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief, [especially . . .]. Console them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal peace and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Lord, Peter reminds us that no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but all prophets are carried along by the Holy Spirit. Send Your Spirit to call, gather, enlighten, sanctify, and keep Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You have shined the light of Christ on the world. Help us reflect Your light to those who are experiencing the darkness of the world. Bring community to the lonely, stability to those in transition, and safety to all those who have suffered abuse. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new Every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer. Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**      *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**All Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **BENEDICAMUS**

P Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### **BENEDICTION**

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

**LSB 417**

*( The Church says farewell to Alleluias during the Lenten season )*

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C** **Thanks be to God!**



*Mid-Week Lenten Services Themes*

*5:00 p.m. Soup Supper*  
*6:00 p.m. Worship Service*

- ◆ Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26: **A Tree of Testing**  
(Gen. 2:7-17); LSB 561
- ◆ 2nd Wednesday, Mar. 4: **A Tree as Resting Place**  
(Gen. 18:1-15; 23:1-20); LSB 798 vv. 1-4,6
- ◆ 3rd Wednesday, mar. 11: **A Tree of Reassurance**  
(Judges 6:1-24); LSB 666
- ◆ 4th Wednesday, Mar. 18: **A Family Tree Metaphor**  
(Isaiah 11:1-5); LSB 359
- ◆ 5th Wednesday, Mar. 27: **A Tree from Mustard Seed**  
(Mark 4:30-32); LSB 595
- ◆ 6th Wednesday, April 1: **A Tre is Known by Its Fruit**  
(Matthew 7:15-23); LSB 698

## *From Pastor's Desk*

*Portals of Prayer for January to March are available in the Narthrex.*

*Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.*

*You have fellowship with one another and also enrich your spiritual life with the Word.*

*Rev. Goetz is leading the Bible Study.*

### *Youth Confirmation Classes*

*@ 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Pastor's Office*

### *Introducing Our New Safety Coordinator - Gary Mitzel*

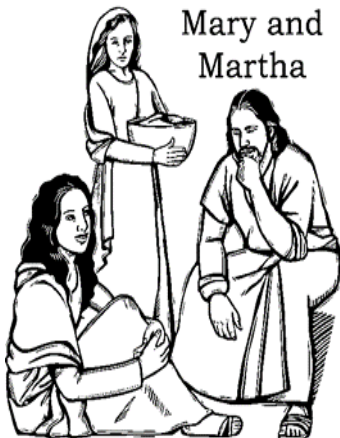
*He will be:*

- Recruiting, planning, implementing and overseeing safety at Church services and other Church related functions.
- Monitoring church property during church services from the rear of the sanctuary; walk thru parking areas / halls / parish hall / playground / restrooms.
- Watching for potential medical and health risks / tripping / falling / fainting / fire / natural disasters / man made disasters.

May God bless his service.



Wednesdays  
at 4:15 p.m.



### **Mary Martha Guild**

Thursday,  
February 27, 2020  
4:00 p.m.



***Lenten and Easter Services***

***Ash Wednesday***  
*February 26th*  
*5:00 p.m. Soup Supper*  
*6:00 p.m. Worship Service*

***Lenten Services***  
*Wednesdays, March 4th thru April 1st*  
*5:00 p.m. Soup Supper*  
*6:00 p.m. Worship Service*

***Holy Week Services***  
*Sunday, April 5th, Palm Sunday Holy Communion Service*  
*at 9:00 a.m.*  
*April 9th, Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.*  
*April 10th, Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.*

***Easter Services***  
*Sunday, April 12th*  
***Sunrise Devotion***  
*6:45 a.m.*  
*on the basketball court (weather permitting)*  
*followed by Breakfast*

***The Resurrection of Our Lord***  
***Worship Service***  
***9:00 a.m.***

# **RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW**

**The 81st Annual Rio Grande Valley  
Livestock Show March 12-22**



**We're roping in volunteers to help give out tracts at the RioMAC  
Exhibit Hall Booth!**

**To be sure to be included in upcoming mailings, email Obeth at  
[Immanuelmercedes@gmail.com](mailto:Immanuelmercedes@gmail.com)!**

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## 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.

<b>2/16/2020</b>	
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>86</b>
Plate:	\$ 589.00
Envelopes:	\$ 2,003.00
Donation:	\$ 750.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,342.00</b>
<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>31</b> \$ 22.00

### ***First Sunday in Lent Readings:***

*Genesis 3:1-21*

*Psalms 32:1-7*

*Romans 5:12-19*

*Matthew 4:1-11*

<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>	
<b>February Sunday Servants:</b>	<b>March Servants:</b>
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus      Dan Wehling
Altar Guild:	Loretta Eilers & Susanne Wehling      D. Jackson & L. Marchant
Music:	Bonny Winston
<b>This Week</b>	<b>The Transfiguration of Our Lord: Seventh Sunday after Epiphany</b>
Usher:	Dan Wehling
Sunday:	Worship Service      9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study      10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b>
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service      9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study      10:30 am