

IN OUR PRAYERS

✠*Ill/Hospitalized:*

Tom Wenzel
Carol Wardin

✠*Birthday:*

Walter Zaleski – 79 on February 9th
Herbert Rueger – 82 on February 11th

✠*Death:*

Our sympathies to the family of **Janice Ector** who was received into the Church Triumphant on Wednesday.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today: *Transfiguration Sunday*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time
Adult Information Class 10:45 a.m. (Office conference)
Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 a.m.
Divorce Care 1:00 p.m.
Grief Share 4:00 p.m.

Monday: Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (Church conference)

Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m. (Craft room)
Sunshine Seniors 12:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m.
Mary-Martha 7:00 p.m. (Church conference)

Wednesday: Chapel 8:05 a.m.
LifeLight Bible Study 9:00 a.m. (Church conference)
Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m.
Board of Christian Ed 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: Quilters 10:00 a.m. (Craft room)
Handbells 6:00 p.m.
Mixed Choir 7:00 p.m.

Friday: *No School*

Saturday: Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: *First Sunday in Lent*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time
Adult Information Class 10:45 a.m. (Office conference)
Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 a.m.
Divorce Care 1:00 p.m.
Grief Share 4:00 p.m.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. William L. Morris*
Liturgist: *Rev. Richard E. Mundt*
Organist: *Mr. Brian J. Heinlein*
Brass: *Caleb Abraham*
Richard Schultz
Acolytes: *Olivia McQueen (5:00pm)*
Josie Wolgast (9:30am)
Videographer: *Landon Sherry*

✠*Baptisms:*

- Baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is **Jack Alexander Milne**, son of *Jacob & Amy Milne*. Sponsors/Witnesses are *Matt & Shanna Hensler* and *Kyle & Esther Wakeman*. We pray God's blessings on *Jack* as he becomes a new creation in God's Kingdom.
- Baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is **Andrew Charles Milne**, son of *Jacob & Amy Milne*. Sponsors/Witnesses are *Matt & Shanna Hensler* and *Kyle & Esther Wakeman*. We pray God's blessings on *Andrew* as he becomes a new creation in God's Kingdom.
- Baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is **Alice Judy Milne**, son of *Jacob & Amy Milne*. Sponsors/Witnesses are *Matt & Shanna Hensler* and *Kyle & Esther Wakeman*. We pray God's blessings on *Alice* as she becomes a new creation in God's Kingdom.

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Our Communion Practice

We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord's Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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“The Light of the World”

February 10 & 11, 2024

† The Transfiguration of Our Lord †

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

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*
for the LORD our God is | holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!*

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!

The LORD is great in | Zion;*

he is exalted over all the | peoples.

Let them praise your great and | awesome name!*

Ho- | ly is he!

The King in his might loves | justice.*

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in | Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!*

Ho- | ly is he!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*
for the LORD our God is | holy!

Collect of the Day

☩ 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.

☩ Amen.

Old Testament Reading *2 Kings 2:1-12*

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your

spirit on me." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Gradual *Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle *2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 4:1-6*

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Holy Gospel *Mark 9:2-9*

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING 3

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

☩ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING

☩ Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA: p. 190

HOLY GOSPEL

☩ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

☩ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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HYMN: #413

SERMON

Text: Mark 9:2-9

Theme: "The Light of the World"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

☩ Lord, in Your mercy,

☩ Hear our prayer.

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