

First Reading

Acts 4:23–31

²³When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, “‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’”—²⁷for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the

holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

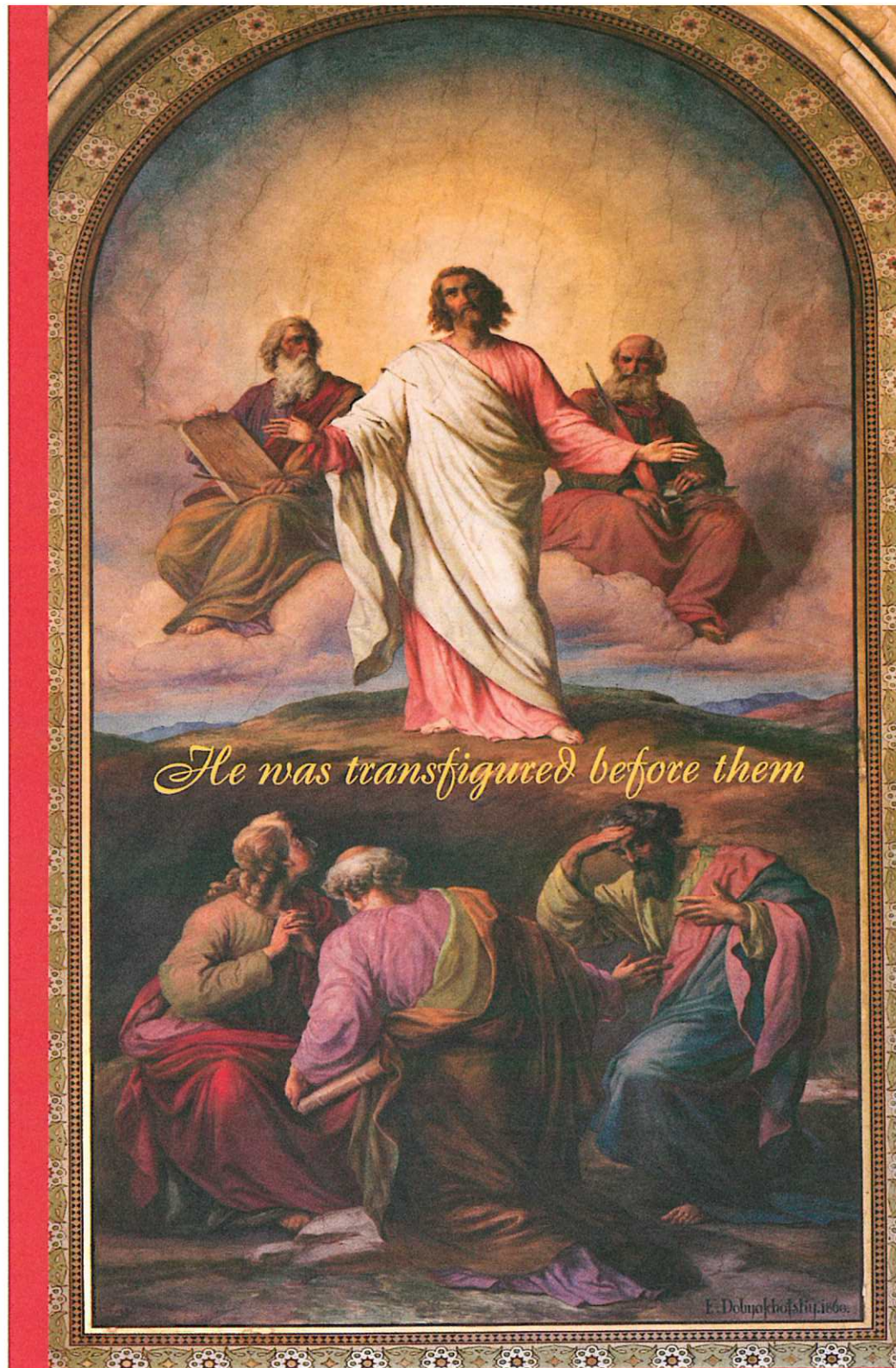
¹And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”



Transfiguration

About the Cover: Jesus led three of His disciples up a high mountain and was transfigured, or changed, before them. But He was more than changed. His glory was revealed to them. Moses and Elijah were there with Jesus as well. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus in His heavenly glory, just as we will someday see Him. They witnessed the Father’s voice as we will one day witness it. We certainly have a wonderful God and Savior!



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 22 & 26, 2017

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Three p. 184

Hymns: 810, 585, 805, 414

Sermon: "Confessing Christ for the Next Generation" Acts 4:23-31

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 2/15 Wed.): 40	Comm.: 39	Offering: \$ 615.10
Attendance 2/19 (Sun): 76	Comm.: 66	Offering: \$2,535.00
S.S. – 13	Staff – 8	B.C. – 12
Budget Needs: \$3,330.00	Scrip Profit 2/19: \$ 94.25	

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WEDS (3/01) 3:30-4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
5:45-6:45 p.m. Lenten Meal
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service w/Comm.

SUN (3/05) 8:00 a.m. S.S/B.C.
9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

THANK YOU to Rev. Dr. John Wille, President of the South Wisconsin District, for being with us today and sharing the message of God's Word with us.

BASKETS OF PROMISE - Donate items for Lutheran World Relief Kits to help people in need. This Lenten season, our congregation is taking part in LWR's Baskets of Promise campaign. Each week in Lent, we'll collect items to form LWR Personal Care Kits that help impoverished people stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. Next week we'll be collecting *bars of soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)*. Please bring your donations to worship next Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

ANNUAL CHILI DINNER today (Sunday) from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the chili dinner. Your help was greatly appreciated!

LENTEN MEALS: The first meal is Ash Wednesday, March 1st from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for the first two meals. *Menu – Mar. 1: Lasagna/Seafood Lasagna, Salads, Garlic bread, Dessert, Beverage*

2017 CHURCH DIRECTORIES are available in the church narthex if you'd like a copy.

MEN NEEDED to serve as **ELDERS & VICE PRESIDENT** – Prayerfully consider serving our church in one of these capacities. We feel that some of you have the God-given ability to faithfully fill these offices. If interested, contact Pastor Krueger or Joel Koerth (congregation president).

MARCH MADNESS BRACKET CHALLENGE – If you are interested in participating in the bracket challenge here at church, please sign up on the table in the narthex. The cost is \$1 per person. The winner receives a \$25 scrip card and any proceeds will go toward the Hearing Loop Fund. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 5.

MILITARY BIBLESTICKS – Today (Feb. 26) is the deadline. Each Biblestick costs \$25.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK – Spring Work Weekend, April 28-30. Work weekends are some of the most important weekends of the year for LuWiSoMo. Many volunteers are needed to help with a wide variety of projects to help prepare LuWiSoMo for the busy summer season. Last summer we were blessed to have an extremely busy campground, which means we are in desperate need of volunteers to help cut, split, and stack firewood. Youth groups are highly encouraged to join us, as they are a great help in moving and stacking wood. Volunteers are welcome to come for the day or the weekend. Free lodging and meals are provided for all volunteers. Visit www.luwisomo.org/work-weekends for more information or to register.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON: Today in Sunday school, the children learned about Jesus healing a blind man (John 9). Jesus came into this world to forgive us and grant us faith—spiritual sight. He gives sight to our souls by forgiving our sins. In your family faith discussions talk about how sin blinds us in our life of faith. Consider asking, *"What ways does sin do that? How do the Word and Sacraments give us 'eyes of faith' so that we can believe?"*