

February 26, 2020

The Church Year

**Last Sunday of Epiphanytide—The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Exodus 24:8–18

2 Peter 1:16–21

Matthew 17:1–9

**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.

## Review

**Old Testament**

- Books of Moses** - Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy,  
**Books of History** - Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, 1&2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther,  
**Books of Wisdom** - Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon,  
**Books of the Prophets** - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.

**Bible Stories**

The Temptation of Jesus—Matthew 4

*120 Bible Stories, 164-165*

The Daughter of Jairus

*A Child's Garden of Bible Stories, 100-101*

## Family Devotions

Please put a check mark (✓) in the box identifying what time of day you prayed as well as signing in the far right box. All that is required to earn a check mark is for you to pray the Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, and Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer.

	Morning	Evening	Parent Initials
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			
Monday			
Tuesday			

Say the Ten Commandments

**You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

Bless yourself with the Holy Cross and say:

**In the name of the Father and of the Son T and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Say the Apostle's Creed

**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 T everlasting. Amen.**

## Pray the Lord's Prayer

**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 T from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## Prayers for ourselves and others

### Luther's Morning Prayer

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### Luther's Evening Prayer

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## Message to Parents

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. Just as the Christmas season is a time for Christians to focus on the incarnation and birth of our Lord Jesus, the season of Lent is a time for Christians to especially focus on the suffering and death of Jesus to save us from our sins. Throughout history, the Church has devoted more time to fasting and prayer during the season of Lent. It is considered a penitential season. Every Sunday during the season of Lent, we will omit the *Gloria* until Easter Vigil. We also omit all "alleluias" during Lent until the Easter Vigil. Another practice we have here at Zion is that we will be offering midweek prayer services through the season of Lent. We invite you and your families to join us each Wednesday at 7:00 pm to hear the Lord's Word and pray together. The focus during each of these midweek services will be on the Lord's Supper. The Lord be with y'all!

