



THE LORD'S DAY
August 6, 2023
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Piano/Chancel Organ*
 CALL TO WORSHIP & STRIKING THE HOUR *"Amazing Grace" The Carillon Bells*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† INTROIT *"Every Day With Jesus"*
 † *Please stand as you are able.* (Verse 1)

† HYMN *"Be Thou My Vision"* Page 562
 (Verses 1,2,4)

† PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
 † ANTHEM *"Gloria Patri"* Page 813

HYMN *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* Page 33
 (Verses 1,3,4)

**WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND
 RECITE GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES**

PASTORAL PRAYER
 RESPONSORIAL *"Psalm 23"* *Psalter 23^A*
 (Verses 1,3)

RESPONSIVE READING: *"The Heidelberg Catechism"* (see reverse)

**WE RETURN OUR TIME, TALENT
 AND TREASURE UNTO THE LORD**

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS
 † DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER



**WE LIFT OUR
 VOICES IN PRAISE**

SPECIAL MUSIC

**CONFESSION OF FAITH AND
 EXPOSITION OF THE WORD**

† THE NICENE CREED

THE SERMON: *"How NOT to Retaliate Or,
 If Punchin' You Is Wrong I Don't Wanna Be Right!"*
 Matthew 5: 1-2, 38-48

† HYMN *"Come to the Table"* Page 464
 (Verse 1)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
(Please hold the Elements until all are served.)

† PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† CLOSING HYMN *"To God Be the Glory"* Page 56
 (Verses 1,3)

† BENEDICTION

† ANTHEM *"The Family of God"* Page 419

**DEPART IN PEACE TO
 LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

MEET AND GREET COFFEE FELLOWSHIP.



In this constantly changing world our goal is to reflect and recapture the historic and classical worship of Almighty God. Central to our service is the proclamation of the Word and a biblical understanding of the Sacraments in the tradition of the Evangelical and Reformed faith

OUR MISSION
 TO PRESENT CHRIST TO EVERYONE,
 EVERYWHERE, AT EVERY AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY.



THE LESSONS FOR USE ON
 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
 Exodus 34:29-35 • Psalm 99:5-9
 2 Peter 1:13-21 • Gospel Focus: Matthew

- The Holy Trinity of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God has revealed Himself fully and decisively in Holy Scripture. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God and our guide for faith and life.
- There is only one way to Salvation - through Jesus Christ.
- The sanctity of human life based on our creation in the image of God and our election by God for service in His Kingdom. This leads us to respectfully affirm the sanctity of life at every stage, from conception to ordinary death.
- The Biblical principles of immutable gender and sexuality: The exclusive union of one man and one woman in marriage; and fidelity to its vows. And, chastity outside of marriage for the sake of the Kingdom.
- God made all people from one man and although people can be distinguished by different ethnicities and nationalities, we are all one human race and absolute equals before God in creation, the need for repentance, and the offer of redemption.
- That the mission of the Church is to spread the Good News of the Gospel in every word and deed. Proclaiming to the world the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and seeking to bring every person into a life of faith, discipleship, and submission to Him.

ATTENDANCE
 LAST SUNDAY: 87

Are you interested in Church Membership?

We receive new members the last Sunday of each month. If you are interested in joining our Church family, please see Pastor Kler today.



| GIVING REPORT | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Week Ending July 30, 2023 | |
| \$4,971 | |
| Sunday General Giving | 1,253 |
| Online General Giving | 609 |
| Total General Gifts | 1,862 |
| Less 3% to Building | -56 |
| Less 10% to Missions | -186 |
| Net General | 1,619 |
| Designated Giving | |
| Advertising | 3,006 |
| Building Maintenance | 56 |
| Gals | 74 |
| Missions | 186 |
| Missions: School Supplies | 30 |
| Total Designated Giving | 3,352 |
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| Total Receipts | \$4,971 |

Monthly Reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

A WORD ABOUT TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

August 6th is the Feast of the Transfiguration, commemorating Jesus' unveiling as the Son of God and his radical appearance change in the presence of Peter, James, and John on a mountaintop. The Gospel of Matthew records that Jesus "was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light." At that moment, Moses and Elijah appeared, talking with Jesus. Peter, misunderstanding the meaning of this manifestation, offered to make three "booths" (or "dwellings") for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. 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." The disciples fell on their faces in awe, but Jesus encouraged them to arise and "have no fear." When the disciples looked up, they saw only Jesus (Matthew 17:1-8).

The Transfiguration is a pivotal moment because it revealed Christ's glory prior to the crucifixion, and it anticipated his resurrection and ascension. It also prefigures the glorification of human nature in Christ. Some think that the setting on the mountain is significant because it becomes the point at which human nature meets God, with Jesus acting as a point of connection between heaven and earth.

Celebration of the Transfiguration began in the Eastern church in the late fourth century. The feast is celebrated on August 6th, the date of the dedication of the first church built on Mount Tabor, traditionally considered the "high mountain" of the Transfiguration. The purpose of the Transfiguration of Christ into at least a part of His heavenly glory was so that the "inner circle" of His disciples could gain a greater understanding of who Jesus was. Christ underwent a dramatic change in appearance so the disciples could behold Him in His glory. The disciples, who had only known Him in His human body, now had a greater realization of the deity of Christ, though they could not fully comprehend it. That gave them the reassurance they needed after hearing the shocking news of His coming death.

Symbolically, the appearance of Moses and Elijah represented the Law and the Prophets. But God's voice from heaven - "Listen to Him!" - clearly showed that the Law and the Prophets must give way to Jesus. The One who is the new and living way is replacing the old - He is the fulfillment of the Law and the countless prophecies in the Old Testament - a fact that he began expositing in the Sermon on the Mount. Also, in His glorified form, they saw a preview of His coming glorification and enthronement as King of kings and Lord of lords.

The disciples always remembered what happened that day on the mountain. John wrote in his gospel, "We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only" (John 1:14). Peter also wrote of it, "We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain" (2 Peter 1:16-18). Those who observed the Transfiguration relayed the encounter to the other disciples and, by their testimony, to countless millions through the centuries.

Although today's Sermon does not specifically address the events of the Transfiguration, its commemoration is too important to miss entirely. So, take some time today to reflect on the transforming work of Christ in the world and your life in particular.



The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by:

Cheryl Howard,
in loving memory of her husband Edward



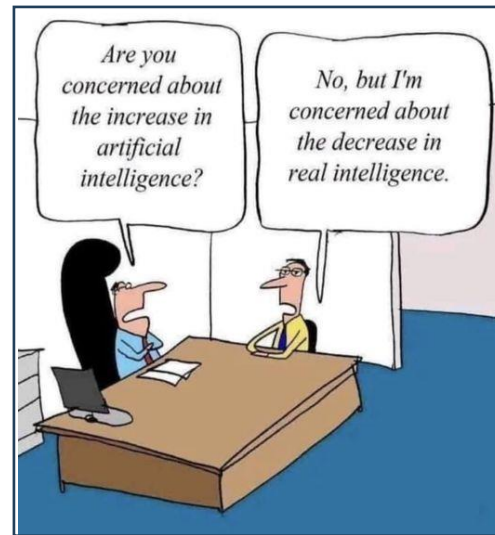
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-----AUGUST 2023-----

Guy's Lunch.....Thursday August 3rd at 11:00 a.m.
 ~~~ Guy's Prayer Group..... Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.  
 GAL's Pizza Party.....Monday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon.  
 Board Meeting.....Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

-----REGULAR SCHEDULE-----

Wednesday Bible Study..... Weekly at 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday School.....Weekly at 9:00 a.m.  
 Lord's Day Worship.....Weekly at 10:00 a.m.



Hey You!  
Yes You!

Take this Bulletin home with you after Worship and share it with a friend, a neighbor, or maybe even a total stranger.

Invite Someone To Church  
Next Week!

THE ELDERS  
TEACHING & WORSHIP

Rev. H. Joseph Kler  
Senior Pastor / L.F.O.C. Chaplain

Rev. John O. Strauss  
Worship Leader / Minister of Music

THE DIACONATE  
Jim Leitzke, Gary Hatrick

OUR MUSICIANS  
Ann Dantuma  
Pianist/Organist

Donna Zenisek-Huber  
Flutist

SOUND BOOTH  
Joe Negron, Jonathan Kler

THE BOARD  
YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

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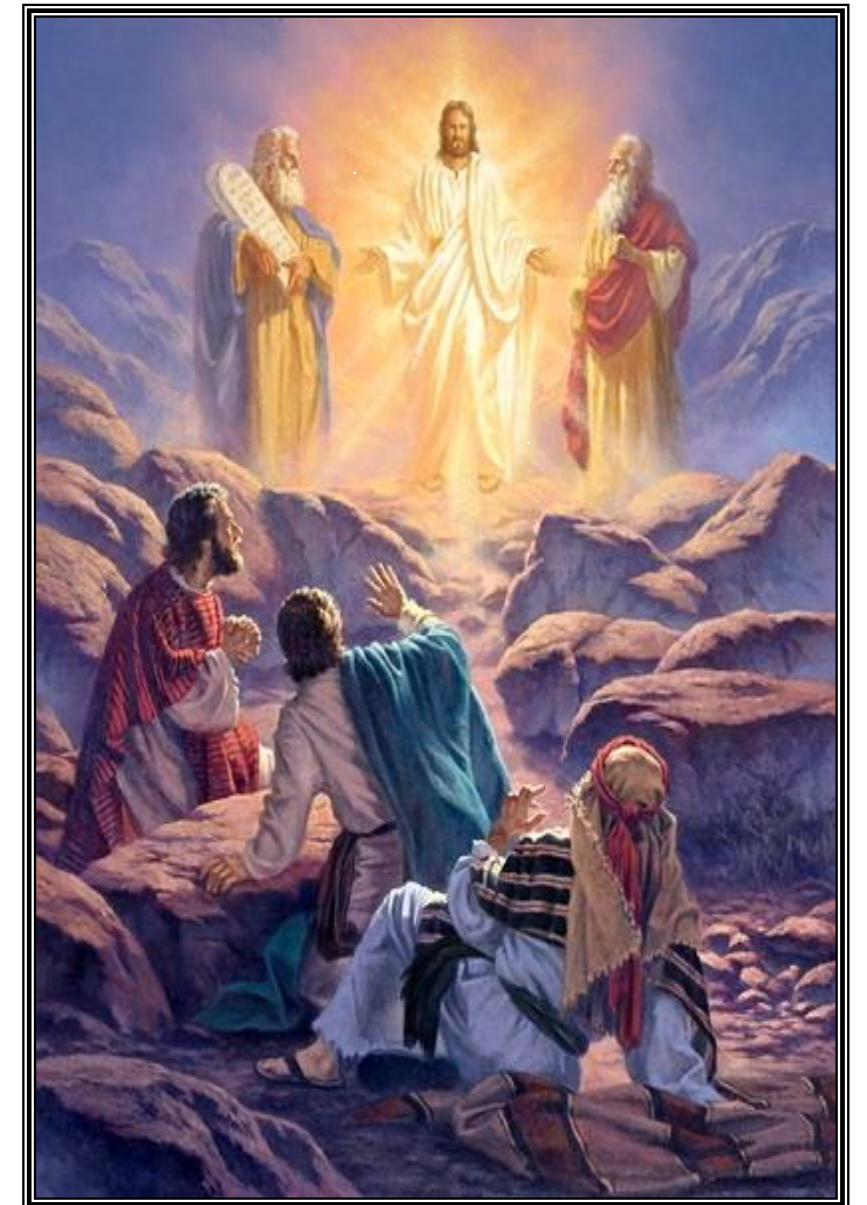
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 ...a Christ-centered, Reformed faith fellowship.

Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, but Encourage one another as the Day of the Lord draws near. -Hebrews 10:25



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