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THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
The Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 11, 2024
10:30 am

The Prelude
Welcome and Announcements/Congregational Meeting
*Confession and Forgiveness page 56

GATHERING

*The Opening Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* # 526
*The Greeting page 57
*The Kyrie page 57
*The Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" page 58
*The Prayer of the Day Insert

WORD

The Children's Sermon
The First Reading Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 50:1-6 (To be sung responsively.) Insert
The Second Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6
*The Verse page 62
*The Holy Gospel Mark 9:2-9
The Sermon "Listen to Him"
*The Hymn of the Day *Jesus, the Very Thought of You* # 316
*The Nicene Creed page 64
*The Offertory page 75
The Anthem *Go Up to the Mountain of God* Chancel Choir
The Prayers of Intercession page 76
The Lord's Prayer page 76

SENDING

*The Closing Hymn *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*
*The Benediction
The Postlude
(* Congregation please stand)

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Silent Prayer

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Sunday school
	10:30 am	Service of Worship (Youth - Souper Bowl of Caring)
Monday	6:00 pm	American Heritage Girls (Adult Assembly Room)
	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	1:00 pm	Piece Makers Meet
	5:00 pm	Prayer Vigil (Sanctuary)
	6:30 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Sunday school
	10:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	5:00 pm	Lenten Service of Holden Evening Prayer

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday school – 28
10:30 Worship – 109

THE FLOWERS are given today to the glory of God and in honor of Karen Teague and Aaron Weaver, and all of our other February birthdays, by Dennis and Kay Weaver.

Next week – Open

BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK –

Tuesday – 10:00 am – The Gospel of Mark – Fellowship Hall
NO EVENING BIBLE STUDY

THE CHURCH COUNCIL will meet tomorrow evening (February 12) at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

THE SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Supper will be held this coming Tuesday evening, February 13, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

THE YOUTH will be collecting money, this morning after the Service, for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Please look for a member of the youth group who will be holding “soup pots” for you to drop your money in. The proceeds from this collection will go to the Corner Table in Newton.

THE FEBRUARY SENIOR FRIENDS MEETING will begin promptly at 11:00 am as the program presenter has job obligations and needs to leave earlier. This change is for February only.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL is seeking a delegate to serve at the 2024 Carolina’s Mission Region Convocation May 3 and 4. The convocation will take place at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Little Mountain, SC. If you are interested in serving, please let Pastor Cauble know. The Church Council will elect our delegate at our March 11th meeting.

DEAR CHURCH... Tuesday night prayer vigils continue at NJLC between 5:00-6:00pm. Prayer can be hard. Especially, silent prayer in God’s house. We live in a culture that listens to “stuff” almost non-stop. We listen to music, to television, to ball games, to phone, to friends, to preachers and on and on. **WHEN DO WE LISTEN TO GOD?** Prayer is not only us speaking to God, it is never complete without listening to His response. In the quiet of our sanctuary on Tuesday nights, God makes His presence known, in the sunbeams that bring our stained glass windows to life in sparkling brilliance. He joins us in the backlit stained glass of “praying Jesus” above the altar that we often overlook. He can be heard in the ambient sounds of silence that the church walls bring alive. Truly listening to God can be special, intimidating and enlightening at the same time. It will be different for each one of us. In the book of Samuel in the Bible, we can read how God spoke to him. Please consider joining us on Tuesday nights, in the sanctuary to hear what God is speaking to you. The gathering room door will be unlocked for your “quiet” entry.

LIFE TO LIFE DISCIPLESHIP

NO GOD, NO JOY
KNOW GOD, KNOW UNCONTAINABLE JOY

Jesus tells us clearly what is required of His disciples:

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. (Matthew 16:24) NIV

A quote from our NALC Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Daniel Selbo:

A disciple is one who is called by Jesus, is transformed by Jesus, and is on mission with Jesus. Another way to say it is that a disciple is one who accepts the invitation and challenge to follow Jesus, strives to live a life consistent with His, and teaches others to do the same.

Below is a concrete look at what is involved in *Life to Life Discipleship* at NJLC:

- The large group will begin meeting at 6:00 PM Tuesday, February 20 (the Tuesday after Ash Wednesday) and will meet weekly through April 2 (the Tuesday after Easter). This will conclude Part 1 of our discipleship experience, and may be where you want to end your Lenten discipline commitment.
- After Easter, however, you are encouraged to continue into Part 2, going deeper, integrating what you learned in Part 1 into your everyday life. After taking one week off, the large group will begin Part 2 on April 16, and meet every other week for 8 more meetings.
- Because discipleship is a way of life, our growing never ends. So when Part 2 ends, large group meetings spread out to once a quarter as we enter Part 3 – and continue serving, growing and learning for the rest of our lives.
- Throughout all parts of *Life to Life Discipleship*, weekly small group gatherings provide participants accountability, encouragement, and support.
- To register for Life to Life Discipleship that begins this Lent, please fill out a blue registration card found in the pew pocket in front of you and place it in the offering plate.

Through *Life to Life Discipleship*, the Holy Spirit will transform you in a way you cannot imagine – and your transformation will play a major role in the transformation of this congregation and this community. The darkness of the world is not able to overcome the Light that illuminates the lives of Jesus’ disciples.

To be continued next Sunday . . .

February 4, 2023	<i>Budget (Week)</i>	<i>Rec'd (Week)</i>	<i>Rec'd (Year)</i>	<i>+/- (Year)</i>
Current	\$4,548.37	\$5,663.00	\$22,304.59	\$(437.24)
Benevolence	\$667.31	\$1,023.00	\$3,480.00	\$143.46
Building	\$192.31	\$487.00	\$1,076.00	\$114.46
Sunday school		\$15.00		
Parsonage Rent		\$1,100.00		
Stephen Mauser Fund		\$1,000.00		
Loose Offering (Learning, Youth & Family Ministry)		\$160.00		
The Corner Table		\$20.00		

TELLER COMMITTEE – Betty Scipione, Danny Black, Jack Robinson

COUNCIL DESIGNATE – Betty Scipione

ALTAR COMMITTEE – Betty Scipione, Jennifer Bumgarner, Mike Scipione, Julie Temple

USHERS – John Lutz, Chip Canupp, Nick Helms, Paul Kurzyna

ACOLYTE – Lydia Lutz

PASTOR'S ASSISTANT – Betty Scipione

TAPE MINISTRY – Robert Hoyle

Next week – Robert Hoyle

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK – Mark Mitchell, Aaron Weaver, Phil Myers, Lenka Robinson

THE ASH WEDNESDAY Service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes will be held this coming Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 pm.

THE LOOSE OFFERING, this morning, will go to Corner Table in Newton. The loose offering, next Sunday, will go to the Hickory Soup Kitchen.

LENTEN COIN FOLDERS are available for you to pick up. The proceeds from the folders will go to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

A SPONSOR(S) is needed for the March Birthday Celebration. Please sign up in the Gathering Room if you are interested.