

A reading from Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2

A reading from Second Peter.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a

dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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The gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

TRANSFIGURATION



Alleluia cannot always
Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions
Make us for a while forgo;
For the solemn time is coming
When our tears for sin must flow.

Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee,
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter
With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee forever singing
Alleluia joyfully.

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Sunday
February 23, 2020
8:00 + 9:30 am

GATHERED TO WORSHIP

Setting 4: Pgs. 147-155

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

(Inside Back of Hymnal)

Gathering Song No. 314

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

Greeting

Canticle of Praise p. 148

"Glory to God"

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon 9:30 am

Chancel Choir "Beautiful Savior"

WORD

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel Acclamation p. 151

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon

Hymn of the Day No. 315

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

Apostles' Creed

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Offering & Offertory Prayer

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"Let Us Break Bread Together"

No. 491

"Come, Let Us Eat"

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song No. 318

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

Dismissal

SENT TO SERVE

WELCOME

Visiting Today

If you are visiting today, thank you. If you wish, please fill out a "Visitor Card" located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

The Worship Service

The bold "No." on the front of your bulletin are hymn numbers. The Psalm can be found by turning the hymnal to the side and looking for the stripe. The small numbers marked with a "p." are at the bottom of the page at the front of the hymnal.

Holy Communion

All are welcome. Distribution is by intinction, taking a piece of bread, dip it in the wine, and receive both elements at once. There is a gluten-free/grape juice option available near the baptismal font.

Offerings

Thank you for all who contribute and share in the work of Christ's church. Offerings can be placed in the offering box at the entrance of the Chapel.

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Tammy Radloff in memory of her father.

God Our Guide-Inukshuk DIY Project

Wednesdays March 11 and 18, 5 pm-6 pm

Inukshuks are carefully balanced rock structures used by Inuit people to guide and navigate. Join us in the Fellowship Hall to create your own inukshuk to take home.

Then, join in worship to reflect on God as our guide and Christ as our cornerstone. Open to all ages at no cost.

Hygiene Drive During Lent

Help support area homeless residents through local agencies by donating items such as laundry soap, hair, dental and

other personal care and cleaning products. A display is available in the Fellowship Hall **now through April 5** to place donated items which remain in the community. Thank you for your support!

OWLS-Older Wiser Lutherans!

The OWLS group will take a break in March. Please watch future bulletins and next month's Network for details on their next gathering.

2020 Youth Summer Trip

There is still space on our backpacking trip through Christikon Lutheran Church Camp in Montana **July 17-26** (travel days included). This is an exciting opportunity for students that have completed grades 9-12. Pick up a registration form on the Information Desk. **Completed forms and initial deposit are due March 15.**

Giving in Gratitude for 40 Years of Ministry: \$40 for 40

In honor of the life and legacy of Saint Andrew, members are invited to consider sharing a gift of \$40-one dollar for every year of the church's ministry-or a gift of any amount. We have an incredibly generous donor who has pledged to match all giving up to \$40,000. This special appeal will be used in three ways: 80% will be allocated for a Sanctuary renewal project; 10% will be shared with the SALC endowment and local hunger efforts; 10% will be tithed to the greater church in thanksgiving for our connection to the ELCA. Gifts can be placed in the offering or in the box available on the Information Desk.

40th Anniversary Save the Dates

Sunday, April 26 – Celebration of the anniversary of Saint Andrew's very first service; Recognition of Pastor John Roseth and charter members.

Mid-May – Spring Concert

Tuesday, June 23 – Birthday Picnic and concert on the 400 Block

THIS WEEK AT SALC

Sunday, February 23

8:00 am **WORSHIP**

9:30 am **WORSHIP**

9:30 am Adult Bible Study

9:45 am Sunday School

Monday, February 24

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

7:00 pm Dartball vs. St. Michael

Tuesday, February 25

9:00 am Reading Reflections

Wednesday, February 26

6:45 am Son Riser's Bible Study

9:30 am Wonder? Women

Lectionary Bible Study

10:00 am Men's Bible Study

11:00 am Art Devo

12:15 pm **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**

5:15 pm Handbell Reh.

6:15 pm **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**

7:15 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 27

12:15 pm **WORSHIP**

6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

7:00 pm Council Meeting

Lent 2020

Life in the Wilderness

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Self Examination and Repentance

February 26, 12:15 & 6:15 PM

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Wednesdays, March 4—April 1

12:15 pm & 6:15 pm

Soup & Sandwich Fellowship

Wednesdays-Beginning March 4

After 12:15 pm worship and before & after 6:15 pm worship

Soup Menu - March 4

Turkey Noodle - Taco - Portuguese Bean

Soup pre-order forms for soup-to-go will be available on the Information Desk.

WORSHIP WORD

The mountaintop moments in today's readings are awe-inspiring, yes, but also full of devouring fires, clouds, and fear. Vision is obscured, the familiar becomes unknown, and nothing is the same. People get lost in fires, clouds, and fear, unable to find their way, but God's presence is where we get both lost and found. Many biblical encounters with God involved fear, pointing to the awesome reality of God that is much more than the gentle shepherd we often imagine (though God is that, too). The truth is, we can no more plan our mountaintop times with God than we can stay there forever, as much as we think we would like to. God's place is to invite, ours to respond, faces bowed to the ground.

Eventually, of course, the time comes to leave that mountain, walking with Jesus down to the valley and getting dusty with the ashes of daily life. Today is the end of a glorious season celebrating Christ's light and the entrance to a no-less-real season of Jesus' and our own lives, the "valley" season of Lent. But that doesn't mean there is nothing to do down in the valley. On the contrary, the traditional disciplines of Lent—fasting, prayer, and gifts to the poor—all help us maintain the eyes, ears, and heart to see and hear God whenever and however God appears.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Jenn Collins
Pianist	Joel Freiberg
Ushers	Tipple
Lectors	Mary Jarvis
	Lynn Lawson
Greeters	Dick Jarvis & Julie Oehmichen
	Mike & Lyn Weis
Altar Guild	Team 5



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FEBRUARY 23, 2020
TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD

taking⁺ faith home

Disciples have a mountaintop experience.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 17:1-9	Transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	Exodus 24:12-18	Moses goes up to Mt. Sinai
Tuesday	2 Peter 1:16-21	Eye witnesses of Christ's glory
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Giving, praying, and fasting
Thursday	Genesis 8:1-22	The Lord's promise for the earth
Friday	Genesis 22:1-19	The Lord will provide
Saturday	Psalms 2	The Lord's chosen king
Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."
And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.
Matthew 17:7-8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and eternal God, help us to be aware of your saving presence in our lives and in our world, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let this food to us be blessed; and let there be a goodly share, on every table, everywhere. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Almighty bless you to see Jesus and to bring you comfort and strength.



FEBRUARY 23, 2020

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Jesus on the
Mountain Peak*

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Identify a special place in your life where you go to experience God's presence.
- Tell of or think about a time you had a special sense of God's presence in your life.
- How do you think the experience of Jesus' transfiguration witnessed by Peter, James, and John impacted the disciples after Jesus' death and resurrection?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 17:1-9.

In the midst of the challenges and hurts of everyday life, it can be a gift and a source of comfort and strength to have a "God moment" experience. It happened to Peter, James, and John. It also happens to us, that sense that God is near and all is well. Our comfort is not in any god or spiritual experience, but one that links us to Jesus, the Son of God, the one who came to die on another mountain, Golgotha. This mountain experience brings together Jesus, Moses, Elijah, and unprepared disciples. What makes this moment a valued "God moment" is that the disciples are comforted ("do not be afraid") and their focus becomes exclusively on Jesus alone. What a moment and a gift it is to see Jesus before us with total focus and concentration. Have you had a special moment that gave you a comforting sense that Jesus was with you?

Pray: **Dear God, help us to see Jesus in our mountaintop highs and in our valley lows, and may that vision give us comfort and strength to be your faithful followers. In Jesus' name, amen.**

SERVICE

A clear voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" (Matthew 17:5b). The key word here is "listen." A Greek philosopher, Epictetus once said, "We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak." One way to serve others is to simply listen. Who, in your life this week, would appreciate the gift of listening?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Exodus 24, Moses went up on a cloud-covered mountain. "Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights" (vs. 18b). We are about to enter another 40-day period of prayer and fasting as we prepare for Ash Wednesday this week. The day before is called Shrove Tuesday and is recognized around the world as a day to eat fattening foods, especially pancakes. Prepare a pancake feast on Tuesday this week to enjoy with friends and family. After feasting, say this blessing: **May God bless you through your journey this Lent.**

