



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

February 11, 2018
Transfiguration Sunday

Service of the Word
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Guest Speaker: Pastor Clayton Welch • Linda Noack,
Organist

To Our Visitors

- The restrooms are in the fellowship hall. Turn to your left when exiting the church.
- We are happy to have children in our worship. Cloth bags with age appropriate books and activities are available. Please ask an usher.

Calendar for This Week: February 11-17

Today

10:30 am Sunday School and Ignite Youth Group, Bible Class

Tuesday

5:00 pm Outreach Committee

6:00 pm Board of Elders, Together Tuesday

Wednesday

3:15 pm Confirmation Class

4:45 pm Confirmation Class

6:00 pm Potluck Dinner

7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service

Thursday

10:30 am Bible Class

Saturday

9:00 am Women of Emmanuel at Hudson Bagel

HYMN

Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old CW 520

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 2:1-12a



When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

³ The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?"

“Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “so be quiet.”

⁴ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho.”

And he replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho.

⁵ The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” he replied, “so be quiet.”

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.”

And he replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on.

⁷ Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

¹⁰ “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.”

¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 148, CW page 121

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2

¹² Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.

¹³ We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴ But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have

renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9



² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Down from the Mount of Glory CW 97

SERMON

Sermon Text: Mark 1: 29-39

Theme: Don't Let the Conversation End.

HYMN

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly CW 484

CLOSING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past CW 441

Lenten Season Begins This Week

Wednesday, February 14, is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. We will have dinner at 6 pm in our Fellowship Hall and our worship service will be at 7 pm. The theme of our Midweek Lenten sermon series is A Personal View of our Savior's Suffering and Death. All of our members are encouraged to come and attend our special Midweek Lenten services. Invite your relatives and friends to come with you.

Lenten Supper Serving List

February 14: Potluck

February 21: Sarah Dahlke's Group

February 28: Leslie Stelling's Group

March 7: Potluck

March 14: Group 3

March 21: Church Council

Sign up sheets are on a bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Sunday Morning Bible Class

Pastor Vomhof will finish reading and discussing the book "The Life and Faith of Martin Luther" in our Bible class next Sunday and will start reading and discussing the book "A Lutheran Looks at ... MEGA CHURCHES". Come and learn what the Mega Churches are teaching and not teaching.

Minnesota District 100th Anniversary Booklet

The Minnesota District President had appointed a committee to prepare a booklet to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of our Minnesota District which will take place on June 10 of this year. The title of the booklet is Continue in My Word 1918-2018. Celebrating 100 years of God's grace in the Minnesota District of the WELS.

The booklet provides a summary of the history and work of our Minnesota District. The Table of Contents includes the following articles: Preface by the MN District President, Brief History of the MN Synod becoming District of WELS, Blessings in the MN District, A History of Martin Luther College, Martin Luther College and the Need for Called Workers, Mission Work in the District, Listing of the Congregations, Lutheran Elementary Schools and Early Childhood Ministry in the District, the Three Area Lutheran High Schools, Jesus Cares Programs, Belle Plaine Lutheran

Home and Encouragement to continue faithfully in using God's Word.

A copy of this booklet will be on display on the table in the entryway this Wednesday. This booklet is being offered to the congregations of our District and to our members at a cost of \$3.00 per copy. Any member or family who would like to order a booklet should sign up on the sheet on the table. All orders and payment of \$3.00 or check should be made payable to: Minnesota District WELS no later than March 1st. Please place your offering in the offering plate.

Meditations Devotional Book Order

The Meditations devotional book group order will be placed at the end of February. Since the book is published quarterly, the first issue will be April-June. If you would like to order, write a check for \$16.99 and put in an envelope with a note on the outside. Place the envelope in the offering plate or give to Matthew Winkler.

Thursday Bible Class



Pastor Vomhof teaches the Thursday morning Bible class at 10:30 am. We are studying the book of Psalms, which is often referred to as the Christian's prayer book and hymn book. Come and join us to learn how the Psalms apply to us.

Singing on Sunday, February 25

Sunday School and Preschool children will sing "It's A Great Day" on Sunday, February 25. Please meet at 8:45 in the fellowship hall. If you are unable to make it, please let Mrs. Winkler know.

Church and School Cleaning Team for February

Matthew Winkler, leader
Martin Wegner family
Julie Michaels family
John Stelling family

Other Items of Interest

Attendance last Sunday: 58

Fellowship refreshments next Sunday: open

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