

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ed Clifford; Ashlyn; Stan & Priscilla Peters; Chuck Kellogg; Jack & Lureen Vaught

MASK-REQUIRED SERVICES are held **every** Wednesday at 11:00am.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are in your mailboxes! Be sure to pick them up if you haven't already.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY continues our journey through the Old Testament this morning with the story of the golden calf.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY continues a new series on the book of Isaiah. Join us on Thursdays at 7:00pm!

CALENDAR

Sun. Jan. 17 (Epiphany 2)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation
Wed. Jan. 20	11:00am Holy Communion (mask req'd.) 7:00pm Holy Communion
Thu. Jan. 21	7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. Jan. 24 (Transfiguration)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation 6:00pm Youth Group
Wed.-Fri. Feb. 3-5	Pastor @ conference

INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY DEVOTIONS

These suggestions can help you and your family stay connected to the church year and focus on what we hear, sing, and pray together on Sunday. Each week looks forward to the next Sunday. Pick three days this week to do a short devotion. Each day you might do this:

1. Read one reading and the “Thinking About.” How do the readings fit together? What themes do you see?
2. Sing or read the hymn. Ask Pr. Mullet to borrow a hymnal. You should be able to find it on YouTube if it’s unfamiliar!
3. Pray the Collect of the Day and the Lord’s Prayer.

THIS COMING SUNDAY IS: January 24 / Transfiguration

OT: Exodus 34:29-35

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

EPISTLE: 2 Peter 1:16-21

HYMN: LSB 413

COLLECT OF THE DAY: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush. Later Moses’ face would shine with the light of God’s glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:29–35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself (Matt. 17:1–9). Jesus’ glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:16–21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshowed our adoption as sons. We who have been baptized into Christ’s body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.