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"WE GROW IN GOD'S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD'S WORD"

Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome to Northdale Lutheran! We are so glad you are joining us to proclaim what God has done and to sing his praises. Here the Lord also comes to us and strengthens us with his mighty Word. Take a moment to meet and greet those around you! Also:



- ❖ Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.
- ❖ Handicapped accessible restroom facilities are located through the nursery hallway and back in the preschool area.
- ❖ To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience, a Quiet Room is available for the whole service for young children in the back of the sanctuary. Please make use of this room if your child becomes loud in worship. ***Please do not leave children unattended in the Quiet Room. We ask that at least one adult be present while children are in this room.***
- ❖ Everything you need for worship is printed in the worship folder.



CALL TO WORSHIP

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THIS SERVICE OFFERS THE CONGREGATION A FORM OF WORSHIP THAT FOCUSES ON THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD. BELIEVERS RESPOND TO THIS DIVINE GIFT WITH PRAYER, PRAISE, AND THANKSGIVING.

OPENING HYMN, CW 90, "THE PEOPLE THAT IN DARKNESS SAT"



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
2 To us a child of hope is born, To us a
3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -
4 His right - eous gov - ern - ment and pow'r Shall o - ver
5 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, And make us



light have seen; The light has shone on them who long In
son is giv'n, And on his shoul - ders ev - er rests All
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The
all ex - tend; On judg - ment and on jus - tice based, His
yours a - lone, For you are with the Fa - ther and The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.
reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.
Spir - it ev - er one, The Spir - it ev - er one.

Text: John Morison, 1750–98, abr., alt.

Tune: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN (86 866) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561.

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

M(inister): The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C(ongregation): And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

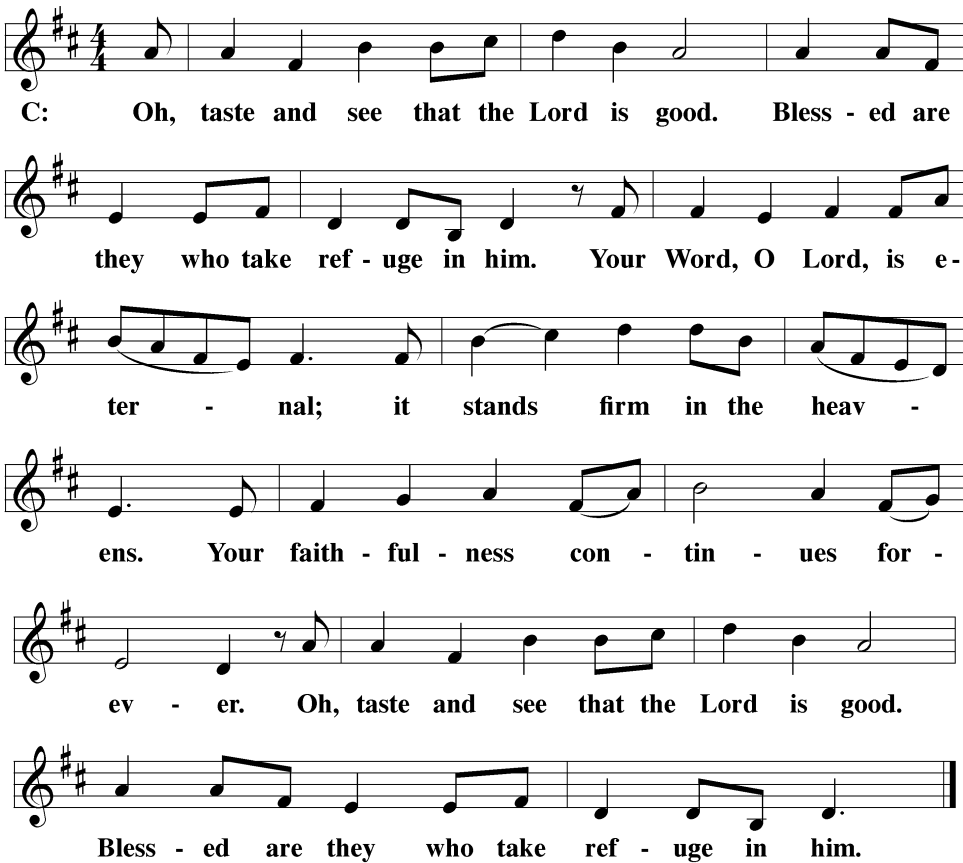
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

SONG OF PRAISE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD*



THE FIRST LESSON: 2 KINGS 2:1-12A

Elijah was the great prophet and preacher of God's Word. He was blessed by the Lord by being taken from this earth without seeing death, and would one day appear with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah 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.

³The 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."

⁴Then 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.

⁵The 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."

⁶Then 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.

⁷Fifty 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. ⁸Elijah 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.

⁹When 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."

¹¹As 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. ¹²Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. (NIV)

*The Word of God

"The reading of the Lessons is a highlight of a service. The spiritually hungry have come to be fed and nurtured and to drink from the waters of life. Knowing that 'faith comes from hearing the message,' God's people listen intently with attention aroused to be blessed by the hearing of God's Word." Christian Worship Manual

PSALM OF THE DAY, *PSALM 146*

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.

Psalm tone



Praise the LORD, O my soul.*

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,*

in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,*

the maker of heaven and earth.

Refrain

The LORD gives food to the hungry,*

the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,*

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast*,

and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.*

He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

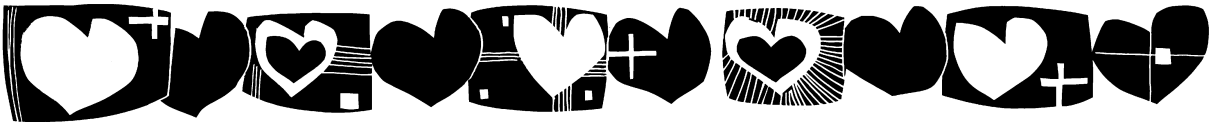
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THE SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2

In the OT, Moses had to cover his face when in the holy presence of God. It is the same "veil of sin" that covers all people, but only in Christ is that veil taken away as we stand before God in his forgiveness.

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³We 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. ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And 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.

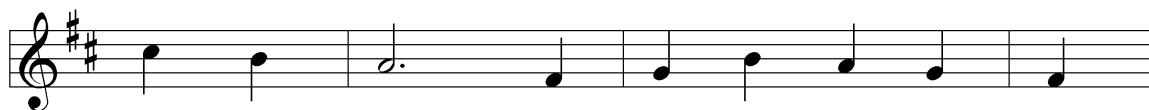
¹Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. (NIV)



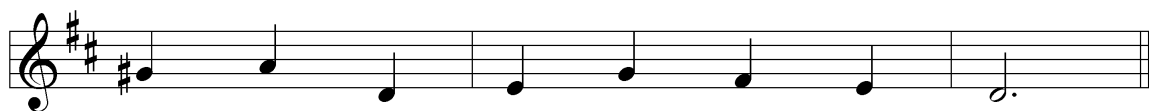
SERMON HYMN, CW #95, "HOW GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE"



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry
 2 How good, Lord, to be here Your beau - ty
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past, Prom - ise of
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, We see your
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may



fills the night; Your face and gar - ments, like
 to be - hold, Where Mo - ses and E - li -
 things to be, We hail your bod - y glo -
 king - dom come; We long to hold the vi -
 not re - main; But since you bid us leave



the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.
 ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
 sion bright And make this hill our home.
 the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.
 Tune: POTSDAM (SM) J. S. Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

PLEASE STAND

SERMON TEXT: MARK 9:2-9

At Jesus' transfiguration, his glory was displayed as the one and eternal God.

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. ³His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵Peter 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.)

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

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

⁹As 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. (NIV)

"Good To Be Here"

1. To hear God's Word

2. To see God's glory

PLEASE STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34) The members of Northdale Lutheran joyfully give our offerings to the LORD in response to His Word and in thanks for the many ways he has blessed us. We have joined together as a congregation to use these offerings to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world through the work of our Synod. Your gifts moved by the Holy Spirit out love for God and his blessings are welcome.

Online giving is now set up and available through our membership software entitled Breeze. You can give through Breeze two ways: 1) You can give by texting "Give" to (813) 652-0408. 2). You can go to <https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online>. You can certainly ask if you have any questions.

If electronic giving isn't for you, you are invited to drop off or mail your offerings to the church.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

BE SEATED

FINAL HYMN, CW #321, "SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THE DEAR NAME"



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to thy dear name we raise
2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home-ward way;
3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise.
With thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day.
Turn thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife.



Once more we bless thee ere our wor - ship cease,
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
From harm and dan - ger keep thy peo - ple free,
Then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait thy word of peace.
That in this house have called up - on thy name.
For dark and light are both a - like to thee.
Call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–93, abr., alt.

Tune: ELLERS (10 10 10 10) Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901.

PLEASE STAND

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Grant us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



BE SEATED

All of our services are live streamed & can be viewed through the live streaming link located on our church website www.NorthdaleLutheran.org. We also email out daily devotions. If you would like to receive these daily devotions, please email the office at office@northdalelutheran.org and let us know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.

Announcements:

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 17th 7:00pm Worship

Come join us as we enter the season of Lent with a special Ash Wednesday service. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather for worship, recalling to mind the love of our Savior as he begins his journey to the cross as the sacrifice for our sins. This evening meditation will focus our hearts and minds on the coming weeks of Lent and on our Savior's dying love for his people.

Moms and Tots is back!

We took a break from Moms and Tots last year, but we are so glad to be able to offer it again. Moms and Tots is a playgroup for parents and children age 18 months- 4 years old. It is an opportunity for your child to play and learn and for you to have other moms to connect with. We will be meeting on Saturday mornings at 10:00AM starting March 6. Registration can be found under 'ministries' on our website, www.northdalelutheran.org. The cost is \$40 for four weeks. For the well-being of all families, we will follow these [health and safety guidelines](#), also found on our website. Please email Joanne Mattes at momsandtots@northdalelutheran.org if you have any questions. We hope to see you soon!

Faith Works!

In a world where people view faith in anything as ultimately a lost cause, the faith that God works in us is never failing. Come and see how the faith of the Ephesians allowed them to live at peace with God in such a chaotic time. Faith works, not because it is our faith, but because faith is a gift from God! Join us for Sunday morning Bible Study in the sanctuary at 9:25am. Come and see! Come and learn!

It's Time To Meet!

I would like to set up an every member visit, to introduce myself and my wife and get to know your family personally. There is a master sign up sheet in the school office during the week and in the church entryway on Sunday mornings. You can also call the church/school office 813-961-9195 to set up a time that works best for you. Families do have the option of meeting with me at your homes or at church, just specify your preference. We look forward to a wonderful ministry together!

In Christ,
Pastor Guse

Call News

February 7 Miss Hardman received a divine call to serve as 1st & 2nd grade teacher at Carlsbad Christian Academy in Carlsbad, CA. This call comes not because Miss Hardman requested it, but because she was considered among other candidates as a match for the needs of their ministry. Your comments and prayers are welcome as Miss Hardman considers where the Lord would have her serve next year.

Preferred Enrollment Period for Northdale Families

New for the 2021-2022 school year, NCA will be implementing a preferred enrollment period for current NCA families and members of Northdale Lutheran Church through February 28. Current

families with siblings new to NCA need to complete the online application for enrollment prior to February 28 to qualify for preferred enrollment. The \$75 application fee will appear as a credit on your first tuition payment. The re-enrollment fee (K-8 only) will be \$400 per child through February 28. The fee will increase to \$500 March 1 and \$600 April 1. New family applications to NCA will be given enrollment opportunity starting March 1. 2021-2022 applications from families new to NCA are already being received. Current NCA families received an email from TADS with re-enrollment directions. The application for enrollment can be found on our website: NorthdaleChristianAcademy.org. Please speak with Mr. Mattes if you have any NCA enrollment questions.

We need ushers!!

If you are interested in serving our congregation as an usher, please contact David Mosakowski (davidmosakowski@yahoo.com; 813/340-1960). Ushers typically serve on a rotational schedule, so if you're interested please include your preference for serving at the 8:00 or 10:30 worship service. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve.

Sunday School Teachers

Thanks be to God that He has brought many young children to our congregation! We paused our Sunday School and Youth Group classes in March but would like to resume in the near future. If you are willing to serve as a teacher (or teacher's assistant), please contact David Mosakowski (DavidMosakowski@yahoo.com; 813/340-1960). This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the young children of our congregation with God's Word. There are easy-to-follow lesson plans and training opportunities for those who haven't served in this role before, so please reach out if you're interested.

Face Coverings for Worship

Last month the Ministry Leadership Team decided face coverings are required for the 8:00 AM service and Bible class at 9:25 AM. This requirement went into effect August 9. Children 7 years old and under are not required to wear face coverings. Face coverings will continue to be encouraged, but not required, for the 10:30 AM service. NLC will have disposable masks available for those who do not have their own. It is the intent of the MLT that this change would remove barriers which may exist for those who feel strongly about wearing masks while also presenting options for those who feel differently. We want our people to feel comfortable and safe while worshipping online or in-person.

Called Staff

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This Week:

Wednesday (2/17): 7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Worship

Sunday (2/21): 8:00 & 10:30 AM - Worship
9:25 AM - Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

Music: 8:00 - Nick Koren
10:30 -Aidan Berg
Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:00 -
10:30 -
Elder: David Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.— 12

10:30 a.m.— 63

Total: 75

2020-2021 Year to Date Offerings Through December 31, 2020

General Offering Received: \$98,818.62

General Offering Budgeted: \$120,000

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$21,181.38)

Average Weekly Offerings Received (26 weeks): \$3,800

Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (26 weeks): \$4,615

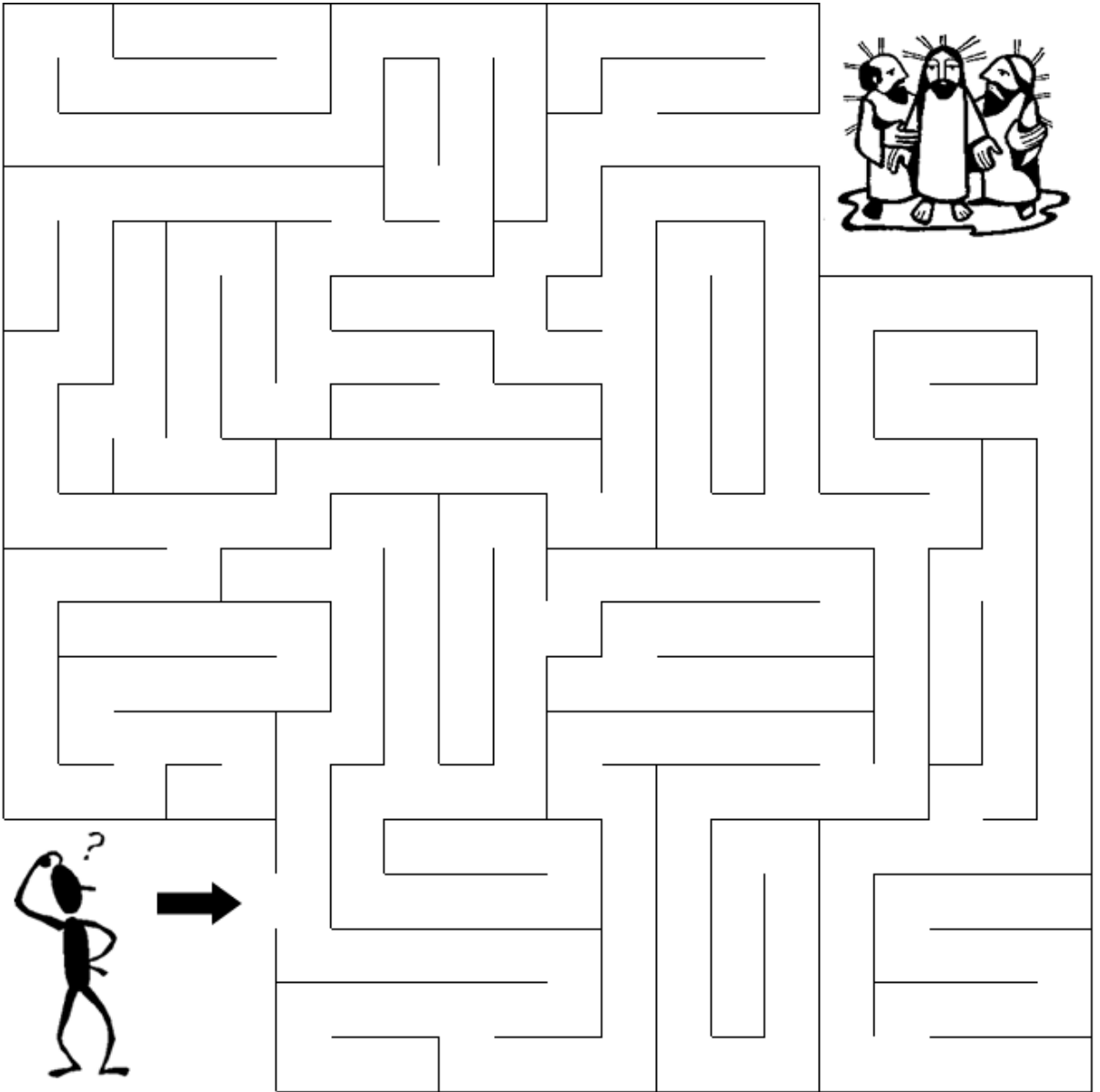
Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

Total Gifts Pledged to the Project: \$370,000.00

Received Last Week: \$350.00

Total received to date: \$377,554.42

Kids Pages



On the Mountain Top

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. Mark 9:2

Based on Mark 9:2-9



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 B P S Q Q R A B B I L A Y P Z
 Q Q A H E L J E P J T I V H R
 G M G N W F G G K V K G J O L
 S I O G O Z N J O O J O M A X
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DAYS	JOHN	APPEARED	CLOTHES	BLEACH
HIGH	RABBI	MOSES	GOOD	VOICE
PETER	WHITE	LOVE	SIX	ALONE
ELIJAH	WORLD	DAZZLING	MOUNTAIN	JAMES