

February 11, 2024
Last Sunday after Epiphany

Watchword for the Week – For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake. 2 Corinthians 4:5

Welcome to our service of worship for this Last Sunday in a season of the church year called Epiphany. During Christmas we celebrate Jesus coming as the Light of the World. Epiphany focuses on His Light shining forth in ever widening circles to touch the hearts of people everywhere. As we worship today may the love of God the Father burn warmly in our hearts and may the Holy Spirit rekindle in each of us a passion to light our world with the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life - the only source of salvation.

If you are visiting with us today we are especially glad you are here. Please take a moment to add your name, address and phone number to the blue Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew. We consider you an honored guest and hope that you will return and worship with us in the weeks to come. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to talk with you about joining the Friedberg church family.

Prelude *Day by Day* Ahnfelt

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* (Burg) # 562

Children's Sermon

(Children ages 4-2nd grade may leave for Children's Church)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn *My Jesus, I Love Thee* (Burg) # 79

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Prayer
Offertory *My Soul Longs for Jesus* Arr. Wise
Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Blue) # 817

Holy Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Hymn *What Brought Us Together* (Blue) # 675

Sermon "Love is..."

Hymn *Christian Hearts, in Love United* (Blue) # 673

Benediction

Postlude *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Barnby

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in memory of Margaret H. Foltz by her family, Chris & Julia Hedgecock, Norm, Carrie & Garrett West, and Jordan & Brittany West. Margaret would have been 85 years old today. We miss her but rejoice knowing we will see her again one day. *"but let it be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable jewel of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious."* 1 Peter 3:4

The Discovery Sunday School Class will host a **Shrove Tuesday** pancake and sausage supper in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 13 from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted for various class projects.

Ash Wednesday is February 14. Our pastors will serve Holy Communion every 30 minutes beginning at 6:00 a.m. through 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Please join us for this special time as we begin the season of Lent. We will observe Holy Communion for the First Sunday in Lent next Sunday, February 18.

The Blessing Box requested item of the month is pasta and sauces. Some of the suggested items are pasta noodles, pasta sauces, Knorr pasta pouches and Pasta Roni boxes of pasta. Donation bins are located around the church. Please contact any member of Women's Fellowship Circle 4 if you have any questions.

All parents who have a child in children's church will be required to physically come down to the Children's Center on the first floor of the Family Life Center and sign their child out before they are released at the end of worship.

Sunday, February 11

9:15 a.m. Band Prelude
9:25 a.m. Prayer Partners-Parlor
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship/Livestream in the Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Chosen Bible Study at home of Debbie James
4:30 p.m. C.R.O.S.S. Kids
6:00 p.m. Youth Super Bowl

Monday, February 12

6:00 p.m. Circle 2-Church Library
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, February 13

10:00 a.m. Circle 1-Discovery Classroom
10:00 a.m. Circle 5-Parlor
4:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper until 7:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Circle 3-Willing Workers Class

Wednesday, February 14 (Ash Wednesday)

6:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Communion until 9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Chosen Bible Study at home of Lisa Jackson
11:00 a.m. Day of Prayer Service at Home Moravian
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 15

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball
7:00 p.m. Bethel Bible Study

Friday, February 16

News for March Folio Due

Sunday, February 18 (First Sunday in Lent)

9:15 a.m. Band Prelude
9:25 a.m. Prayer Partners-Parlor
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship/Communion/Livestream in the Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Sweetheart Banquet
2:00 p.m. Day of Prayer Service/Lovefeast at Christ Moravian
4:15 p.m. C.R.O.S.S. Kids
4:30 p.m. Chosen Bible Study at home of Debbie James

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

February 11, 2024

MEMBERS

Phil Carter	Robbie Joyce	Kolton Pennell
Tim Conley	Renee Kimel	Mary Lou Pitts
Mike Ernst	Yvonne Lemons	Martha Plyler
Emily Essick	Jennifer MacLeod	Betty Sink
Jerry Evans	Rebecca Mickey	Clay Sink
Don Faust	Ted Miller	Bob & Judy Smith
Caleigh Hauber	Stamie Moore	Lou Snyder
J.T. Hopkins	Desi Payne	Vicki Stanfield
Pat Johnson	Reba Payne	Jerry & Gail Tolley

Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:
Family of Armin Chapman, John Hauber, Ronnie Lewis, Shelby Miller, Julie Mock, Joan Tesh, and Peggy Ferguson Turner

MEMBERS AND RELATIVES IN MILITARY

Dylan Bundy	Alex Kennedy	Jon Eric Spaar, Jr.
Dylan Coleman	Patrick Mickey	Ryan Spach
Ben Greeson	Daniel Randleman	Brandon Thompson
Jennifer Greenwood	Colton Scott	Aidan Wheeler
Dakota Holtzclaw		

MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM FRIEDBERG

ARMF (Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation)
Safie Braima - Sierra Leone
Charlie & Vicki Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Texas A & M University
Michael and Brenda Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Croatia
Anna Stewart Faircloth – Young Life
Keith Graham - Cookies for Christ
Dusty and Christin Harrison – Intervarsity, Clemson University
Hoof and Paw Therapeutic Riding and Activity Center
Phil III & Eunice Raiford, Commission to Every Nation (CTEN) - Mexico
Michael and Ceci Tesh, Ray of Hope Orphanage – Kenya
Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry
Joey Yokely – Fellowship of Christian Athletes

9. _____: To give strength and hope to; to ease grief or pain; to console or cheer.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4, NIV)

- Learn to recognize times when people have an increased need for comfort.
- Things to avoid: correcting; teaching; giving pep-talks and advice (instead empathize with them).
- Learn the vocabulary of comfort.
- Don't be afraid to touch them (appropriately).
- Engage in acts of comfort.

10. _____: To accept as satisfactory; to give formal or official sanction; to have or express a favorable opinion.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15, ESV)

- Notice when people display admirable character traits.
- Don't just correct wrong doing (commend right doing).

1 Corinthians 13:8-13 (NIV)

Love never fails.

But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

*And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.*



If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

(1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, NIV)

1. _____: To take thought of another and convey appropriate care, interest, concern and support; to enter in to another's world.

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. (Romans 12:10, ESV)

- Spend time with people.
- Spend individual time with people.
- Go where people are (on their turf).
- Listen to people.

2. _____: Deliberate & ready reception with a favorable response; to receive willingly; to regard as good and proper.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. (Romans 15:7, NIV)

- Look beyond people's faults (try to see their needs).
- Quickly forgive others when personally offended.
- Help people to deal with their failures and disappointments in positive and constructive ways.
- Love people with God's unmerited, unconditional, unlimited *agape* love).
- Be sensitive to people who are "different" from you.
- Be sensitive to people entering a new environment.

3. _____: To recognize with gratitude; to communicate with words and feelings personal gratefulness for another person; to praise.

I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding on to the traditions, just as I passed them on to you.
(1 Corinthians 11:2, NIV)

- Praise people verbally and publicly (and privately too).
- Focus on what people do right (not on what they do wrong).
 - Get off the “sin patrol” (quit looking for mistakes and criticizing them).
 - Get on the “praise patrol” (look for virtuous acts and praise them).
- Give cards, trophies, ribbons, plaques, and other special gifts generously.

4. _____ / Burden Bearing: To come alongside and gently carry a problem or struggle; to assist; to provide for.

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
(Galatians 6:2, NIV)

- Anticipate and notice periods of high stress (and be available to help).
- Offer to use personal resources to help support others.

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? (1 John 3:17, NIV)
- Be willing to become personally involved.

5. _____: To urge forward and positively persuade toward a goal; to inspire with courage, spirit or hope; to stimulate.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. (1 Thess. 5:11, NIV)

- Help other people set goals, then help them achieve them.
- Recognize when others are discouraged (and help them).
- Make it a habit to perform several acts of encouragement each day.

- Pray for people and let them know you're doing it.
- When someone is discouraged, treat them to a special meal or night out.

6. _____: To communicate care and closeness through appropriate physical touch and affirming words.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. (Romans 16:16, NIV)

- Become more physical (appropriately) in your relationships.
- Verbalize your love and care (appropriately).

7. _____: To value and regard highly; to convey great worth; to esteem.

Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.
(1 Peter 2:17, NIV)

- Before making any commitment that will impact another person's life - discuss it with them.
- Ask for other's people opinions (give it due consideration).
- Respect other people's property, privacy, and personal preferences.
- Respect other people's time.
- Eliminate your prejudices.

8. _____: Freedom from exposure to danger; to put beyond hazard of losing, want, or deprivation; confidence of harmony in relationships.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure."
(Psalm 122:6, NIV)

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. (Jeremiah 29:7, RSV)

- Give people “relational” security.
- Provide financial security for those for whom you're responsible.
- Show that you are aware of people's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.



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Then a cloud appeared and covered them. A voice came from the cloud. What did it say?

Add and subtract letters to find out.
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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M+7 K-3 B+7 Y-6 L-3 V-3

D+9 Q+8 O+4 M+2 T-6

Z-3 A+7 Q-2 A+12 L-5+2

Z-14 N+1 S+3 J-5

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V-2 Q-2 B+6 T-11 N-1
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Ages 7+

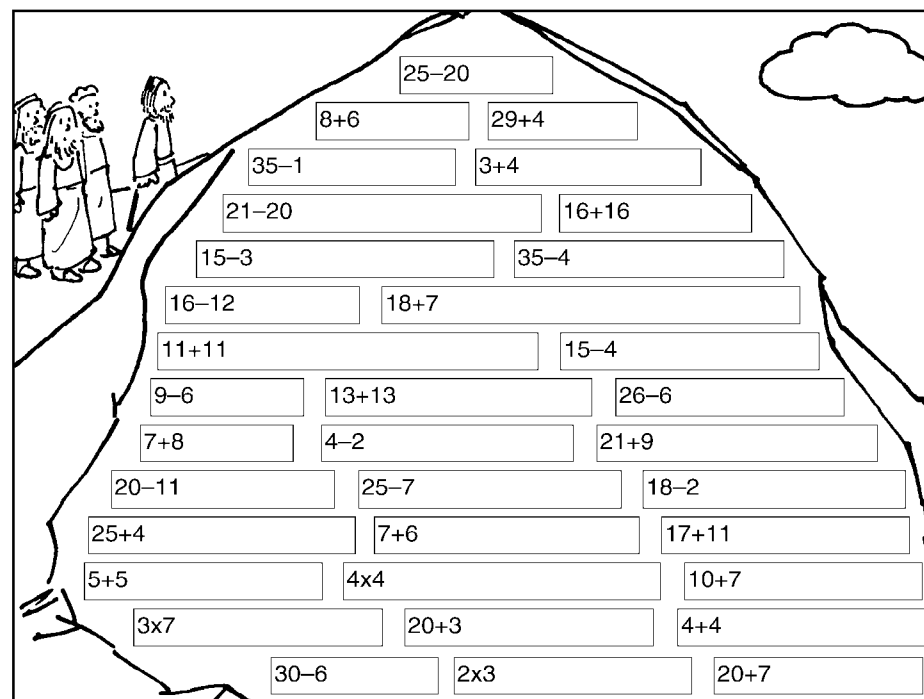
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The Transfiguration

Jesus took some of the disciples on a special trip. What happened?

Figure out the answer to each problem. Find the words below that fit some of the answers. Write those words in the boxes. Read from bottom to top.

1 = they	9 = and	4 = high	12 = mountain	7 = were
8 = led	3 = up	11 = a	6 = Jesus	14 = all
2 = John	10 = Peter	5 = alone	13 = James	

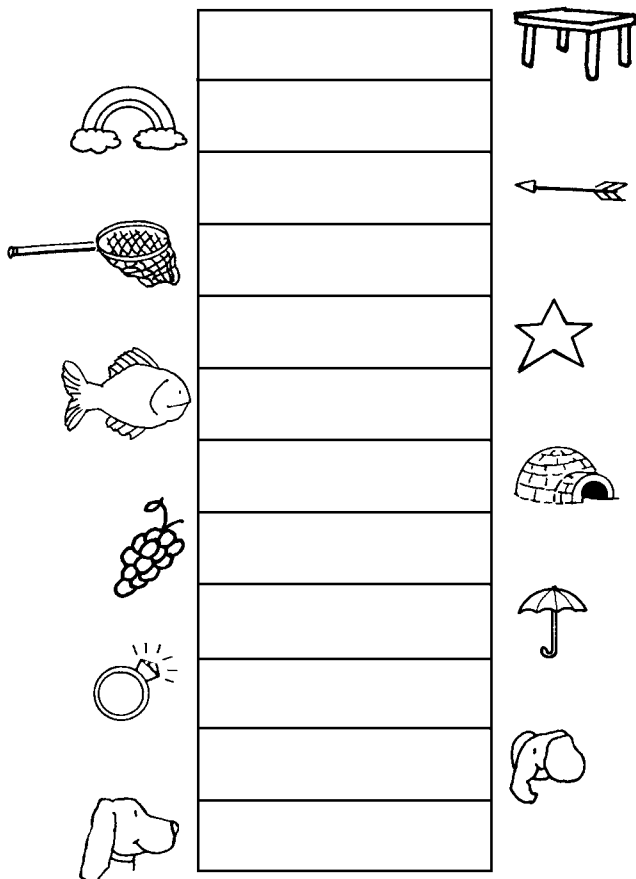


The Rev. Jim Newsome-Senior Pastor
The Rev. Dan Nelson-Assoc. Pastor
Karen Hill-Director of Youth Ministry
Heidi Everhart-Director of Children's Ministry
Debbie Foltz-Music Director
Jimmie Snyder-Band Director

Something happened to
Jesus on the mountain! His
clothes became dazzling white.
He was

before them.

Write the 1st letter of each picture to find out the missing word.



2 persons appeared before them.
They talked with Jesus.

Make their names appear below. Color the boxes that have a •.

