A Mountain Top Experience

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son you once confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the ancient fathers, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud you wondrously foreshadowed our adoption by grace. Therefore mercifully make us coheirs of our King of his glory; and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Grace to you and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ--

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. {Psalm 50:2}

MOUNTAINS--how majestic God has created them! How little and insecure we feel, when we drive or travel the valleys and view the mountain tops. We cannot help but be at awe to God of the vastness of size and beauty provided for us.

SEVERAL YEARS ago I was vacationing in the Rockies with my family we had a memorable experience. As we were traveling near dusk one evening to visit one of our grandsons at a church camp, we met a herdsmen shepherding hundreds of sheep as they drove them down the road to greener pastures to nourish their bodies. My thoughts turned to Our Shepherd from the fullness of His heart feeds us with saving knowledge and understanding.

TWO THOUSAND YEARS ago Jesus invited three of his friends: Peter, James and John to accompany him up the mountain. They would have a life-time mountain experience.

SIX DAYS EARLIER, Jesus went on with the disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked the disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” {Mark 8:27} And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” {Mark 8:29}

JESUS EARTHLY MINISTRY is now changing. He will soon go to Jerusalem to die on the cross. But first, He and his three friends must ascend the mountain top to confirm His mission and ministry.

Let us encourage one another. ~ Hebrews 10:25
ON THAT MOUNTAIN top they will witness display of God’s glory in the person of His Son, JESUS CHRIST. Peter cites the transfiguration as historical proof of the true gospel of Christ.

FOR WE DID NOT follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received Honor and Glory from God the Father. {2 Peter 1:16-17}

YOU KNOW TWO other men appeared with Jesus--one was Moses, who delivered the Law to the people of God; and Elijah, the greatest of all prophets.

AND A CLOUD overshadowed them, and a voice came from then, “This is my Son, whom, I LOVE. LISTEN TO HIM!” {Mark 9:7}

TODAY WE VIEW that mountain top in spirit! We are commanded by Jesus, that after he has risen from the dead, to tell people of his LOVE, his GRACE, his POWER.

SIXTY-NINE YEARS AGO a group of Christians with the guidance and blessings of Christ founded Mount Calvary Lutheran Church for the fellowship and the proclamation of the Gospel. Our Pastors, our earthly shepherds uphold, “shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not with compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you . . . {1 Peter 5:23}

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, neighbors or relatives to your mountain top at Mount Calvary to meet our SAVIOR who LOVES them. Go now in Peace. Amen