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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
February 19, 2023

Transfiguration of Our Lord

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and increase your desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

***Visitors**, if you are worshipping with us today,
we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!*

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

Opening Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ELW #834
vv. 1&4

**1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**

**4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

***Confession of Sins and Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Time for reflection and self-examination)

Holy One, source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***This is the Feast of Victory**

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*Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain.**

**3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain.**

***Prayer of the Day**

O God,

in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 99

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

**²The LORD, great in Zion,
is high above all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.

**⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;
God is the Holy One.

⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,

⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

**⁸O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids Sermon

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Brett

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn of the Day:**

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838

vv. 1&4

**1. Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**4. Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

***Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

***Prayers of the Church:**

Each petition ends with:

Merciful God...**receive our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

....In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

Offering

***Offertory Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts, let us pray...Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy.....**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The 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, and the power, and the glory,
forever, and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Come and taste the joy of God!

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

“Lamb of God”

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Distribution Music:

Rhonda Boettcher

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.

Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod

‡ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen.

***Sending Hymn:**

“O God beyond All Praising”

ELW #880

vv. 1&3

**1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

**3. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Virginia Hilbers, 2/20; Mike Moravec, 2/20; Marj Nikont, 2/23;
Shelly Koehler, 2/23; Bill Michael, 2/25

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers+

Prayers for healing: **Linda Spomer** (healing/pain from broken back), **Lee Saip** (hospitalized due to an infection—Wes & Elnora’s son-in-law), **Marsha Bueide** (recovering), **Perry Crom** (health issues-nephew of Shirlye Schuldies), **Hollie** (recovering from surgery—friend of Nannie Walsh), **Willard Rusch** (injuries from a fall—Becca Pierce’s father), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from heart surgery), **Kaitlyn Carr** (shoulder surgery—Dee Brady’s daughter), **Catherine Rahrs** (blood clots—Val Rahrs’ mother), **Joy Arnold** (cancer— friend of Deb Brown), **Paul Bueide** (recovering), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Kevin Feil** (Lindsey Singer & Melissa Guerrero’s father).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit’s son and Jim & Sheila Miller’s grandson).



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Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.



FEBRUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Canned Meat

BACKPACKS: Granola Bars

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT: Bake-less Bake Sale



Instead of spending the money to make baked items and asking people to purchase them, the women are asking for cash donations in the amount that you might normally spend to make or buy items at a bake sale. Money raised goes to our mission projects for the world, our nation, and our local community. Donations may be placed in the tan "Designated Giving" envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark on them CLCW Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.



Meals begin on
ASH WEDNESDAY, **February 22**, the
meal is @ 5:30 pm with worship to
follow @ 6:30 pm. This week is
Baked Potato Bar sponsored by
JAM & EPIC.



"Healing Mercy" is the theme for our Wednesday evening Lenten services this year. Throughout the Gospels, we see Jesus willing to reach out and heal those who are hurting and desperate. This series will give us an opportunity to reflect on the stories of Jesus and his power to heal. What in us is hurting and in need of healing this season? Whether it is in body, mind, relationships, or our faith -- we all carry wounds. Join us at 6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings starting February 22, Ash Wednesday. Come in faith, as together we trust that Jesus desires to extend "Healing Mercy" to us all.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Brett Vander Berg

This Sunday – February 19

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Marti Wegelin

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle

COMMUNION ASSTS: Abby Newsom & Marissa Wright

POWERPOINT: Angela Bonow

ACOLYTES: Micaela Hess & Max Judy

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

AUDIO: Jack Martin

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Kent & Dawn Holub

Next Sunday – February 26

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Chris Jensen

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Vicki Howell

COMMUNION ASSTS: Deb Brown & Marlene Downer

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

ACOLYTES: Brynlee Payne & Jacey Cochran

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Trea Hess

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 19

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 20

President's Day

5 p.m. – Elders

6 p.m. – Worship & Music

6:30 p.m. – Stewards

Tuesday, February 21

12 p.m. – Sarah's Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

5:30 p.m. – Lenten Meal

6:30 p.m. – Lenten Worship

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, February 25

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, February 26

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



Jesus gives comfort and strength.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 17:1-19	Transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	Exodus 24:12-18	Moses goes up to Mt. Sinai
Tuesday	2 Peter 1:16-21	Eye witnesses of Christ's glory
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 31:1-8	Joshua becomes Moses' successor
Thursday	Matthew 17:10-21	Jesus cures a boy with a demon
Friday	Psalms 99	Celebrating the rule of God
Saturday	Psalms 2	The Lord's chosen king
Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."
And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.
Matthew 17:7-8 (NRSV)*

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of glory, just as you shined brightly on Jesus in his transfiguration, may your presence in our lives give us comfort and strength for each day. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you fed your people in the wilderness and revealed your glory from a mountain; we thank you for feeding us and guiding us in your ways. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of glory give you comfort and strength.



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FEBRUARY 19, 2023 HYMN OF THE WEEK *Shine, Jesus, Shine*



WEEKLY MILESTONES
Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What gets in the way of taking action and trying something new?
- Jesus tells his followers to "get up and do not be afraid." What gives you courage to be bold and live your faith in daily life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 17:1-9.

In the midst of the challenges and fears of everyday life, it can be a gift and a source of comfort and strength to have a "God moment" experience. It happened to Peter, James, and John. It can also happen to us, that sense that God is near and all is well. Our comfort is not in any god or spiritual experience, but one that is grounded in Jesus, the Son of God, the one who came to die for our sins on another mountain, Golgotha. The Mount of Transfiguration brings together Jesus, Moses, Elijah, and unprepared disciples. What makes this moment a valued God moment is that the disciples are comforted and encouraged "Get up and do not be afraid" (v. 7). Their focus becomes exclusively on Jesus alone. What a gift and what a moment to see Jesus and have the assurance of God's presence! At Jesus' transfiguration we see the Savior we want in comfort and strength. On Golgotha we see the Savior we need through the forgiveness of sins. In Jesus we get both.

Discuss: What are concerns in your life that need God's comfort and strength?

Pray: Dear God, help us to see Jesus in our mountaintop highs and in our valley lows, and may that vision give us comfort and strength to be his faithful followers. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you help those who live in fear?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Transfiguration means to be changed. The transfiguration brings together both the human and divine nature of Jesus Christ. Jesus' "face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light" (Matthew 17:2). It must have been an amazing experience for Peter, James, and John to see Jesus in that way! Draw or write a list of ways you experience God's presence in your life. Take time to think or talk about what you have drawn or written. Then light two candles to represent the totally human and totally divine nature of Jesus and pray: Dear God, thank you for shining your light through Jesus. We ask to receive that light and share it with others. In Jesus' name, amen.



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