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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
February 23, 2020

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Prayer Before Worship: Prayer Before Worship: 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; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(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.

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 desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

***Visitors**, we are especially glad to have you worshipping with us today.
Please join us in the reception area after worship for coffee and fellowship.*

Worship Information Cards: Everyone is invited to fill out a Worship Information card as you enter so that we know you are here, will be communion today or if you have a prayer request you would like us to include during worship today. Once you have filled out the card, please pass them to the inside aisle for the ushers to pick up. Thanks!

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

✠**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS**✠

Call to Worship

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

Hymn: "Christ Be Our Light"

ELW #715, vv. 1,2,5

***Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross ✠ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

We gather as the baptized people of God in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

***Glory to God**

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***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.

***Prayer of the Day**

Lord of light,
As you were transfigured on the mountain, your followers were given a glimpse of your glory. Transfigure us by your beloved Son; shine your light in our lives and use us to illumine the world with your image; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

‡**GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US**‡

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Pew Bible p. 332-3, Old Testament

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1-4

Read Responsively

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²**When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh — my adversaries and foes — they shall stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

⁴**One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

Second Reading: Mark 8:27-36

Pew Bible p. 43-4, New Testament

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Verse**

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

***Gospel: Mark 9:2-8**

Pew Bible p. 44, New Testament

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

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

Kids' Sermon

Angie Hinze

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡

***Hymn: “How Good, Lord, to Be Here”**

ELW #315, vv. 1-3,5

***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:

God of glory...hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with:

....by the grace and mercy of your Son Jesus Christ. 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: "Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838, vv. 1,3,4

***Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God,
ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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***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**

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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, for the gifts of God are ready for the people of God. **Amen.**

“**Lamb of God**” (sung)

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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.)

Distribution Music

Rhonda Boettcher

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✠WE DEPART TO SERVE✠

***Benediction**

***Hymn: “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”**

ELW #553

***Dismissal**

Go in peace to share the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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FEBRUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: canned fruits and veggies

BACKPACKS: granola bars



**Fighting
Malaria**



WOMEN OF THE ELCA FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT:

The WELCA mission project for February continues to be the ELCA Malaria Campaign. This is a preventable, treatable disease that kills thousands of men, women, and children every year. Make donations in the tan “designated giving” envelopes and mark them for WELCA.

Adult Mission Trip 2020

Saturday, February 29, 8 am

to

Sunday, March 8, 6 pm

Houston, Texas

See the **Tidings** for more details!



H A P P Y
B I R T H D A Y

Marj Nikont, 2/23; Shelly Koehler, 2/23; Bill Michael, 2/25;

Alice Braaten, 2/26; Shirlye Schuldies, 2/28

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



Meals begin on
ASH WEDNESDAY, **February 26.**
That Wednesday, the meal is
@ 5:30 pm with worship to
follow @ 6:30 pm.

The Generosity Project

&

Cross+Generational Ministry Lab

Offered at Calvary on Saturday, March 7, from 9 to 3.

See Pastor Chris for more information.

‡In Our Thoughts and Prayers‡

Prayers for healing: **Linda Spomer** (heart tests), **Mylah Buckley** (RSV—granddaughter of Jim & Sheila Miller), **Jordan Hein** (cancer surgery—former member of Calvary), **Wes Sell** (recovering), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from surgery), **Dee Brady** (recovering from surgery), **Steve Kaufman** (recovering), **Ron Hettinger** (heart & medical conditions—Marcy Miller’s father), **Mabel Dedlow** (healing), **Twila Aschenbrenner** (recovering from surgery), **Candy** (chemo--friend of Susan Martin), **Deanna Zweifel** (recovering), **Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **Julie** (cancer treatment--Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer--Marlene Downer’s sister-in-law), **Joan** (cancer--niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer--Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law), **Kevin Feil** (healing--Melissa Guerrero’s father), **Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont’s mother).



Busy...Reconnecting with an Unhurried God

is our theme for this year’s Wednesday night Lenten services. The season of Lent has often been a time when we think about “giving something up”—a holdover from its penitential flavor in the medieval church and while “giving something up” can be a helpful practice; what if this

year, we thought less about “giving up” and more about “*making room*” for God?

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings during Lent starting on Ash Wednesday, February 26 for worship and a chance to “make room” for God as we journey through this Lenten Season.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – February 23

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub
LAY READER: Maunette Loeks
COMMUNION ASSTS: Jack Martin,
LaDonna Schmidt, Fran Johnson
POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne
ACOLYTE: Jacey Cochran
ALTAR GUILD: Angela Bonow, Andi Dorn,
Carmen Kleager, Shelly Koehler, Jessica
Laughlin
ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher
COFFEE SET UP: Volunteer today!
HOSPITALITY: Gail Bruflat

Next Sunday – March 1

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub
PRAYER ASSISTANTS: Marsha Bueide,
Val Rahrs
LAY READER: Susan Martin
COMMUNION ASSTS: LaDonna Schmidt,
Vicki Howell, Marlene Downer
POWERPOINT: Sydney Hinze
ACOLYTE: Ayden Tompkins
ALTAR GUILD: Barb Jensen, Nannie
Walsh, Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks
PIANIST: Dee Brady
COFFEE SET UP: Volunteer today!
HOSPITALITY: Volunteer today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 23

9 a.m. – Adult Study
10 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, February 25

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study
Noon – Women's Study
1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday

5:30 p.m. – Lenten Meal
6:30 p.m. – Worship
After worship – Choir Practice

Thursday, February 27

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study @ Steeles

Saturday, February 29

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, March 1

9 a.m. – Adult Study
10 a.m. – Worship

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February 23, 2020



Jesus is revealed as the promised Messiah. Jesus is revealed to be the Messiah when he is transfigured on the mountaintop. The three disciples saw Jesus' clothes become dazzling white. A voice spoke from heaven saying that Jesus is God's son, the Beloved and we are to listen to him. The transfiguration is a preview of Jesus' resurrection and his power over life and death.

Daily Bible Readings @ Home

Sunday – Read Mark 9:2-8 Jesus is transfigured on the mountaintop and a voice from the cloud says, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'. How do you best listen to God? Take time today to practice whatever it is that helps you listen to God?

Monday – Read Mark 9:9-13 Following the Transfiguration, Jesus leads the disciples back down the mountain, where things are not as clear as they were up on the mountain. Name a time when you saw God clearly in your life. How can that time strengthen your faith when life gets a little muddled?

Tuesday – Read Mark 9:14-29 Another father approaches Jesus asking for healing for his child in which he utters one of the most honest statements in scripture, "I believe, help my unbelief." If you or someone you know is facing a crisis, pray not simply for healing or resolution but for the strengthening of their faith.

Wednesday – Read Mark 9:30-37 Jesus foretells his death and resurrection. Today is the beginning of Lent. Attend an Ash Wednesday service, if you are able. If not, make the sign of the cross on your forehead and reflect on what Jesus' death and resurrection means for you.

Thursday – Read Mark 9:38-50 Jesus cautions the disciples against putting a stumbling block in the way of someone else's faith. Make a list of things which might cause others to stumble in their faith. Ask for forgiveness for any you might have done.

Friday – Read Mark 10:1-12 The pharisees use the issue of divorce to try and trap Jesus. Jesus responds by lifting up the goodness of marriage, but also recognizing the reality of broken relationships. Pray for those living with the reality of divorce in their lives.

Saturday – Read Mark 10:13-16 Jesus blesses little children. Donate some new or gently used clothes or toys to a local agency that provides services for children.