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+Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 19, 2023

Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.

(*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

Prelude

"Three Meditations

Theodore Ripper

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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.**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, 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. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#631 (ELW)

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation; true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

***Greeting**

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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.

***Kyrie**

p. 147 (ELW)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

Amen.

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

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. [Refrain]

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

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***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.

Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

A reading from 2 Peter.

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.**

Anthem *Praise the Lord, Alleluia* Boyce/Wagner Temple Choir

Children's Message Pastor Kevin Olson

Alleluia, Song of Gladness #318 (vs. 1,3) (ELW)

1. Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.
2. Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions make us for a while for-go;
For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.

***Gospel Acclamation** p.151a

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

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

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *A Day No One Wanted to End* Pastor Kevin Olson

***Hymn of the Day**

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

#315 (ELW)

1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.
2. How good, Lord, to be here, Your beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,
We hail your body glorified and our redemption see
4. Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.
5. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

***Apostles' Creed**

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

**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 Intercession

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Reception of Offering

In Heaven Above G. Winston Cassler

*Offertory Response

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #815 vs. 2 (ELW)

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,

and show me the way to the Father.

*Offering Prayer

God of all creation, **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving

p. 152

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.

*Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

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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 peace, grant us peace.

Communion

All who believe that God is present in this meal are invited to share in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Grape juice is available upon request. With their parents permission, all children are also invited to commune. Come forward with your hands cupped to receive. Children not communing are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. Communion will be brought to those unable to come to the chancel in the front pew and handicap row.

Communion Hymns

Shine, Jesus, Shine

#671 (ELW)

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light!

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me [Refrain]
2. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me [Refrain]

Beautiful Savior

#838 (ELW)

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.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration now and forevermore be thine!

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

#815 (ELW)

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
- Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]
 3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]

***Prayer after Communion**

God of abundance, **with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #834 (ELW)

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light in accessible hidden from our eyes,
most blessed glorious the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting , nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, al veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Make a Joyful Noise

Franklin Riter

NEWS & NOTES

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Kevin Olson

Acolyte: Aubry Kengas, Spencer Ruzich

Lector: Patty Rediske

Cantor: Kara Ronning

Choir Director: Roy Berg

Organist: Nadine Berg

Ushers: Greg Hoag, Jim Christian, Steve Stunkard, Tim Rasch

Tellers: Kathy Anderson, Dick Hemmersbaugh

Videographer: Dustin Davidson, John Law

Altar Guild: Sharon Cook

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Roy Hobbs celebrates his birthday on February 19th

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Peggy & Joe Arthur for the passing of Peggy's sister, Lona Evenson, on February 7th.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Ann Mastell. Ann passed away February 11th.

RADIO BROADCAST

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Spencer and Sarah Garness in celebration of their son, Galen's first birthday. Party on, little dude!

Radio broadcast sponsorships are needed.

If you would like to sponsor a broadcast in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an event, please call the office at 218-263-7422.

Weekly broadcasts are \$50 each

Ash packets are available in the narthex for those worshipping virtually for the Ash Wednesday Service on February 22nd. We invite you to impose the ash on your forehead at home. Ashes may also be used from other burnt substances such as a spent piece of wood or candle.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today, 19th

9:00 Worship & Communion
10:30 Radio Broadcast
1240 AM WMFG

Monday, 20th

CLOSED for President's Day

Tuesday, 21st

9:00 Quilting
1:00 Staff meeting
1:00 Mission Action Working Meeting
6:00 TV Broadcast
Chanel 805

Wednesday, 22nd

8:00 TV Broadcast
Chanel 805
8:30 Bible Study
5:30 Potato Bake
6:30 Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, 26th

9:00 Camp Sunday Worship & Sunday School
10:00 Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 OSLCW meeting
10:30 Radio Broadcast
1240AM WMFG

Lenten Services

All are welcome to attend upcoming Lenten services at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 and the service will begin at 6:30

February 22	Potato Bake	Ash Wednesday
March 1	Soup Supper	Lent Service
March 8	Soup Supper	Lent Service
March 15	Soup Supper	Lent Service
March 22	Soup Supper	Lent Service
March 29	Soup Supper	Lent Service

Lenten Soup Invitational

Do you have a family recipe for chicken noodle soup? Do you know a secret ingredient for white chicken chili? Does simmering split pea and ham bring you joy?? Volunteer chefs are needed to prepare a secondary soup option for each Wednesday of Lent. We look forward to one weekly selection graciously offered by Lisa Pastika. Contact the church office at 218-263-7422 for more information, to select a date and add your soup to the menu!

Lenten Soup Servers

Volunteers are needed to serve soups each Wednesday. Please contact Sue Stanisich at 218-262-3644 or email suestanisich@yahoo.com if you or a group are able to serve.

EASTER LILLIES As is the tradition at Our Savior's, we will be decorating the chancel with lilies for Easter. Lilies are \$20 each and envelopes may be found in the office or narthex. This year's Lenten Mission Action project is collecting funds for wells and you may contribute to either/or both projects in the same envelope or by noting your wishes on the memo line of your check. If you wish to place a lily in honor or memory of someone and wish to have it listed in the Easter bulletin please have your donation to the office by March 31. Thanking you in advance for thinking of others during Lent.

BABY SHOWER 2023

Join us in showering the newborns of Fairview Range Medical Center in Hibbing! Handmade hats, sweaters, afghans, and blankets are especially appreciated for this initiative. Gifts of sleepers and outfits in *preemie and newborn sizes* are the greatest need. Clothing and other items should be new and the smallest sizes are preferred. Disposable diapers in *newborn and size 1* are also welcome. Monetary donations can be made through the church office and will be used to purchase additional items. Gifts may be left in the pack n' play located in the narthex through February 28th.
-Pam Rundell for OSLCW



Register for Camp Vermilion & Camp Hiawatha this summer

OSLC will pay for your camp experience!

Register online using transfer code: **OSLC501**

Go to: VLMcamps.org

Register by March 15th to get the "Early Bird" rate

