

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2024

Service of the Word (WOV pg. 46-53)

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

LBW #89 "How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Congregation: And also with you.**

L: In the beginning was the Word,

C: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

L: In the Word was life,

C: and the life was the light of all people.

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

CANTICLE (pg. 47 WOV)

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations. Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

For you alone are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and worship before you, for your just and holy works have been revealed.

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

SALUTATION

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.** *L: Let us pray.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the king in all his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 34:29-35

Pew Bible pg. 96

After the reading: *Lector says: The word of the Lord.* **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 50:1-6

L: The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken;

C: he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

L: Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,

C: God reveals himself in glory.

L: Our God will come and will not keep silence;

C: before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

L: He calls the heavens and the earth from above

C: to witness the judgment of his people.

L: "Gather before me my loyal followers,

C: those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

L: Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;

C: for God himself is judge.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6

Pew Bible pg. 1209

After the reading: *Lector says: The word of the Lord.* **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg. 48 WOV)

(Please rise as you are able)

C: Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures. Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:2-9

(Spoken before reading) *L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.*

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(Spoken after reading) *L: The Gospel of the Lord.* **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #80 "Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair"

(Please rise as you are able)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (Please rise) Congregation Sings: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Merciful God, **C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

SENDING HYMN

LBW #518 "Beautiful Savior"

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Mildred Flessner	Ruth Lutz
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MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):

Kelly Williamson	Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod
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TABLE GUILD	Sally Bauer, Sondra Sipes
ACOLYTES	Ivie Albers, Owen Schluter
BULLETIN GREETERS	Jackie Roelfs, Linda Kirk
GREETERS	Char Sons, Shirley Barnes
LECTOR	Sean O'Donnell
PRAYER LEADER	Shirley Friemel
WORSHIP STEWARD	Ron Howe
USHERS	Wendy Watkins, Tom & Mary Edwards

WELCOME TO WORSHIP on this Transfiguration Sunday. May we always follow God's call to listen to his beloved Son.

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Earl Smith* in loving memory of his wife, Bert, who passed away on February 12th, 2012.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. The Nominating Committee will present the following nominees for office on the Church Council: Elder - Mitch Suits; Trustees - Joyce Holland, Ron Howe, & Lois Sjoken.

CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST will be held today immediately following the Annual Congregational Meeting in the ALC Youth Hall. This breakfast will be provided and served by the youth of our church. A freewill offering will be taken and designated for VBS 2024. Please plan to attend and support our youth!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held this Wednesday, February 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the main Sanctuary. Pastor Lehmann will be presiding over the service, the imposition of ashes and communion.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE will not be held during Lent.

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER There will be a weekday morning prayer service in the chapel at 6:30 a.m. during Lent beginning this Thursday, February 15th. The service is based on the LBW Morning Prayer, runs about a half hour, and allows for those employed or with other obligations to arrive at their destinations in a timely manner. If desired again this year, coffee will be offered for those who can stay for fellowship.

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES will look different this year. We are offering a light meal followed by a Bible Study, "Why Did Jesus Have to Die", to be held entirely in the Youth Hall. The first evening will be next Wednesday, February 21st. The light meal/fellowship time will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the Bible Study following at 6:00 p.m. (The Wednesday evening prayers will be incorporated into this gathering.) A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex to help provide soup, sandwiches and desserts for these meals. The entire evening of fellowship and study will be approximately 1-1/2 hours. If you have questions or are interested in attending, please contact Sally Bauer at 217-778-5232 by phone or text, or contact the church office by this Wednesday, February 14th, so that books can be ordered, and meal planning can be done.

GRMD YOUTH GREATER CALLING RETREAT scheduled to be held here at ALC on February 23rd-25th has been cancelled. There will be NO communion on February 25th.

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 132

CANTEEN RUN Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART If you would like to sponsor the weekly radio broadcast on WPXN, the cost is \$50. To provide flowers for Sunday, the cost is \$25. Please sign up on the appropriate chart outside the Narthex then notify the church office the details to print in the bulletin prior to that date.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT FORMS are located on the bulletin board outside the Narthex. Please call the preschool office at 217-893-8773 with any questions.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES The remainder of the 2024 offering envelopes are available to pick-up in the church office. If you would like envelopes and none were provided, please contact Judy Peck in the church office.

STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS (gently used clothing, new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade -size 5T to Men's & Women's size small) for Northview Grade School are to be placed in the tub located in the Narthex.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 25:1-10; James 1:12-18; Mark 1:9-15

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 11

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting followed by Breakfast in the Youth Hall served by our youth

Monday, February 12

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, February 13

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 14

5:30 p.m. NO Confirmation

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 15

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Friday, February 16

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

Sunday, February 18

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM

Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Festival of the Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 11, 2023 – February 17, 2024

Prayer: Almighty God, Heavenly Father, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the King in all his glory, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Exodus 28:31-29:30	Psalm 71	Matthew 26:36-46
Monday	Exodus 29:31-46	Psalm 72	Matthew 26:47-56
Tuesday	Exodus 30:1-38	Psalm 73	Matthew 26:57-68
Wednesday	Exodus 31:1-18	Psalm 74	Matthew 26:69-75
Thursday	Exodus 32:1-35	Psalm 75	Matthew 27:1-10
Friday	Exodus 33:1-34:16	Psalm 76	Matthew 27:11-31
Saturday	Exodus 34:17-35:19	Psalm 77	Matthew 27:32-4

Morning Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

Mid-Day Prayer Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

Evening Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen