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SETTING II



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Family

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us 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 Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Hymn #834, Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise – All four verses

(Pg. 120)

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.

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.**

(Pg. 122)

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

WORD OF GOD

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 2:2-7

Refrain



You are my son; this day have I be - got - ten you.

Psalm 2:7

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¹Why are the nations | in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes | plot together,**

against the LORD and against the | LORD's anointed?

³"Let us break their | yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their | bonds from us."

- ⁴**God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;
the LORD holds them | in derision. R**
- ⁵Then in wrath God | speaks to them,
and in rage fills | them with terror.
- ⁶**“As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king
upon Zion, my | holy mountain.”**
- ⁷Let me announce the decree | of the LORD,
who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.
- ⁸**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for | your possession. R**
- ⁹You shall crush them with an | iron rod
and shatter them like a | piece of pottery.”
- ¹⁰**And now, you | kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers | of the earth.**
- ¹¹Submit to the | LORD with fear,
and with trembling | bow in worship;
- ¹²**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden | blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take ref- | uge in God! R**

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL (Pg. 124)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 is proclaimed, concluding...)

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor Mike

HYMN OF THE DAY: Hymn #316, Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair – All five verses

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

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.

Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats (*locally threatened waters or lands may be named*). Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayor (*name*) and local leaders, our governor (*name*) and state legislators, our president (*name*) and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus' voice in the needs of our neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns. 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of that peace.

OFFERING HYMN: Hymn #313, O Lord, Now Let Your Servant – Both verses

OFFERING

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to stand and to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your heart.

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, that at all times and in all places we give thanks and praise.

(The minister continues with the preface of the day.)

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Pg. 130)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, He took the cup,

gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,

saying: This is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the

forgiveness of sin.

Do this in remembrance of me.

And now we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:
**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, the power, and the glory, forever
and ever.
Amen.**

Come to the banquet for all is ready and all belong and are welcome to
Christ's table.

(We practice open Communion with both bread, gluten free wafer, wine, or
grape juice.)

(LAMB OF GOD WILL BE SUNG, Pg. 135)

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

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

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world;
grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Communion Hymns

HYMN #650, In Christ There is No East or West – All four verses

HYMN #815, I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light – All three verses

HYMN #838, Beautiful Savior – All four verses

HYMN #482, I Come with Joy – All five verses

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community-wide Ash Wednesday services will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

SENDING SONG: Hymn #866, We Are Marching in the Light – Both verses

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

See you next week!

Worship Volunteers

Greeter – Tim Hamilton

Reader – Ruth Fitzgerald

Communion Assistant – Judy McPhail

Ushers – Dave Harrell and Greg Griffith

Counters – Judy McPhail and TBD

Acolytes – Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

Youth Acolyte – TBA

Live-streaming Team – Jay Olshen, Deanna Fine, and Nick Cotsonis

Musician – Dave Lingensjo

Altar Guild: Hope Chowanski and Heidi Jones

Faith L.I.N.K. meets from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

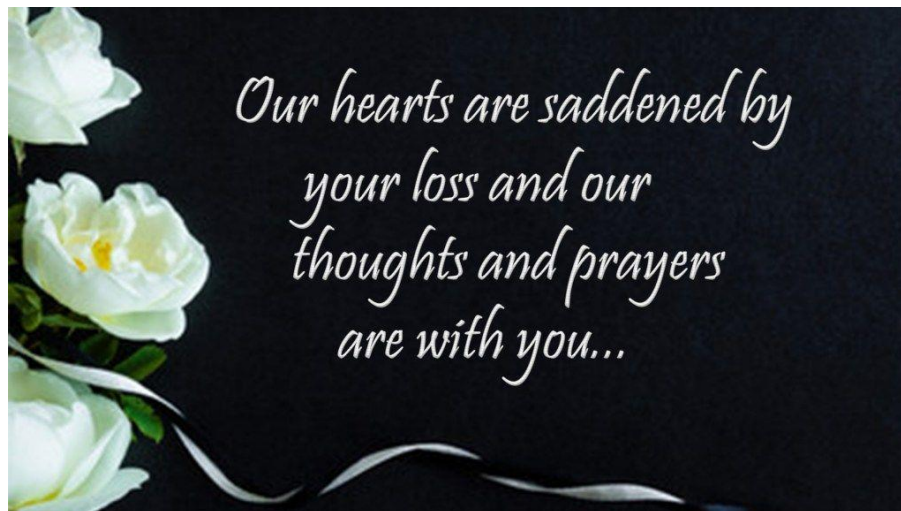
PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Jim Kennett; hospitalized with an infection; Beverly and Grant, friends of Susan Bunker-Niles, Grant suffered a stroke; David Lingensjo, knee surgery; Eric McPhail (Colin McPhail's nephew) in hospice for cancer; Brita

Steyn's granddaughter born prematurely; Vera Logie, Tom, a friend of St. Paul's; Patricia Rickard, mother-in-law of Shirley Rickard, stage-4 lung cancer; Joan Yeskie; Mike Harrell (Dave and Ellen Harrell's son), COVID-19; son-in-law John Samp, a growth on his skull and spine, and daughter Vicki Ranger, early-onset dementia; Glenn Laursen; Edward Yoho; Madelene Yoho; Fern Yoho; Maxine McGregor (Madelene's sister); and a special prayer for all those living with devastating diseases and life-threatening injuries.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Audrey Stroub, rehab from back surgery; Bev Steinert, ongoing vision issues; Bob Stroub; Dick Lowther, recovery from a broken hip; Wayne Opperman; Bill Sandell; Frank and Shirley Bartlett; Bev Gutzman; Sarah Jevne; Carol Kalleres, continued health issues; James Wilson, continued health issues; Mary Ann Adamik, healing; Ellen Harrell, medical issues; Betty Razor, healing; Karen (Hone) Nolte; Hannelore Hanke; and Diana Johns.



We grieve with Mary DeFelice on the loss of her beloved husband and St. Paul's long-time congregant and friend, Angelo.

May his memory be a blessing.