

**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord / Last Sunday after Epiphany**



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***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

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### INTRODUCTION

*Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by the Spirit of God.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN: “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me” #860 ELW**  
*(Please Stand on the Last Verse)*

### CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

**Amen.**

Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Mighty and loving God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

Hear the voice of Jesus: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.” In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

**Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Radiant God,

**You reveled yourself in your son, Jesus, when he was transfigured on the mountain before his disciples. Reveal yourself to us daily, so that we might enlighten others with the good news of your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:24--17:8**

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

#### **Chapter 16**

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

#### **Chapter 17**

<sup>1</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then 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." <sup>5</sup>While 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!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

Word of the Lord

### **Thanks be to God**

#### **PSALM RESPONSE      Psalm 41:7-10**

<sup>7</sup>All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

<sup>8</sup>**They think that a deadly thing has fastened on me, that I will not rise again from where I lie.**

<sup>9</sup>Even my bosom friend in whom I trusted, who ate of my bread, has lifted the heel against me.

<sup>10</sup>**But you, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them.**

#### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" #667 ELW**

*Please stand if able*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Open us to listen to your word and to do your will. Direct us in paths of faithful service that reflect your love. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the earth, your beloved creation and our fragile home; for mountains and prairies; for cities and wilderness areas. Renew places we have neglected or misused. Where natural disasters have altered the land, help us to honor nature's healing. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the nations. Shine the light of truth into world relationships hindered by mistrust or misunderstanding. Bring freedom and stability to all nations. Shelter those who have been displaced by war, famine, or natural disaster. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For those in need. Free those who struggle with shame or guilt. Bring clarity to those whose judgment is clouded by fear. Comfort those who grieve, and heal the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For this assembly. Deepen our faith and understanding. Guide our ministries of hospitality and outreach. Renew us in the baptismal promise to care for others

and the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died (*especially*). Inspire us by their example and bring us with them into the eternal light of your presence.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## **OFFERING**

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate and Blessing Box.*

*Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **OFFERTORY 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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

All are welcome! (Communion by intinction - red wine; white apple juice)

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We thank you, O God,

**that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another**



**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda (continued) March 4, 2019 – March 10, 2019**

Friday	3/8	10:00 am	Bone builders
Saturday	3/9	4:00-8:00pm	Benefit for White's Garage
Sunday	3/10	9:00 am	Worship
		10:15 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Praise Team practice

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRY** Please sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew. This information is gathered for annual reports to the Synod.

**BLESSING BOX** The first Sunday of every month we pass the “Blessing Box”. If you feel blessed, please contribute to the Blessing Box today to help others. All donations will go to local area benevolences. Thank you! What a Blessing!

**JOIN IN THE FUN!** Support our Centennial activities in 2019. “Leprechaun Madness” will be plentiful in March and decorations can be purchased for \$1.00 to decorate the fellowship hall and have a drawing the last Sunday of the month. The prize for March will be “A Basket of Traveling Happiness” which contains a variety of coffees, teas, travel mugs, electric tea pot and more. All funds raised will be used for our Centennial Celebration on August 11, 2019.

**SAVE THE DATE** April 11, 2019. Heartland Conference NE MN Synod Ladies Spring Gathering at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo. 8:00am-12:00 noon. Guest Speaker, Brunch & Worship. More info to follow.

**BIBLE & BREW at the LAKE:** Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm through Saturday 1:00pm. Faith Conversations with Bishop Tom. Explore Theology and Lutheran identity using the actual process of Brewing Beer as a conversation starter! Bishop Tom, a home brewer leads us in spirited fellowship and personal faith discussions. Camp Onomia Retreat Center. See poster in Narthex for more information.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** On Sunday, March 3rd at 10:15 we are starting classes for kids ages 4-12. Kids who are older are invited to be helpers. If you know of families in the area who would be interested, or if you want to help, contact Laury Nyberg, Sue Samuelson, Darlene Christensen or Pastor James.

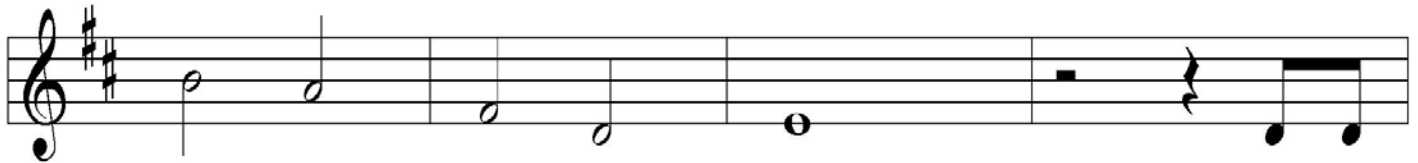
**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY** During the month of March will be collecting small, new stuffed animals to be packed in shoeboxes by VBS kids in June. The collection basket is in the Narthex.

# JOURNEY OF PRAISE

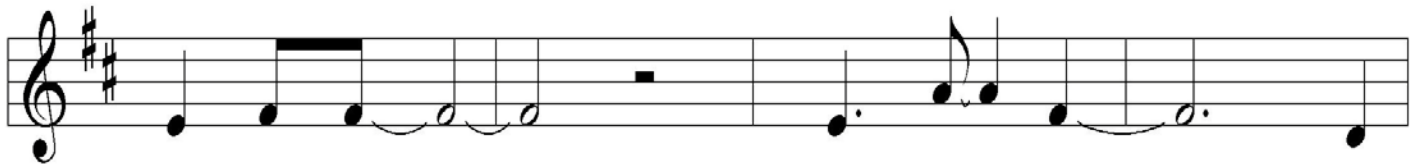
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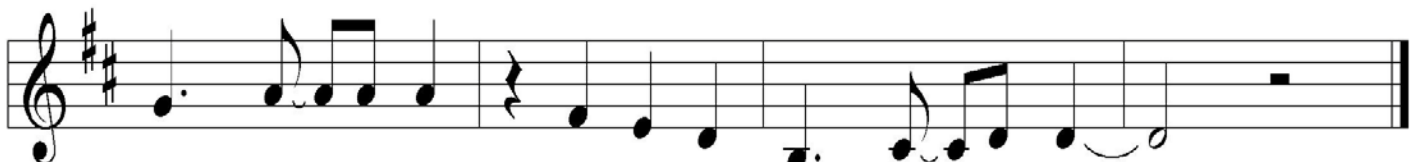
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voices praise the Lord. Oh let our lives praise the Lord.