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Transfiguration of our Lord

Holy Communion

Welcome! We are glad you're here! A warm welcome is extended to all!

Your presence enriches us at this time of celebration together.

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Centering Prayer

God of dazzling beauty, yours is the radiance that transfigured Christ Jesus. Please grant us, his 21st century disciples, a glimpse of your glory.

Within this house of praise, within our prayers and music, within our speaking and listening, within the holy Bread and Wine, may the radiance of Christ enthrall our minds and hearts once more.

We may not need a massive burst of your glory; maybe we are yet able to cope with too much. Please give enough light to bring us back again to that heart of things where wonder and praise begins and loving service never ceases.

Through Christ Jesus our most enlightened Brother.

(Silent prayer)

Youth Message

Opening

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You

Our God

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None like You

Our God is greater

Our God is stronger

God You are higher than any other

Our God is healer

Awesome in power our God our God

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us

Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
(Then) what could stand against

Salvation is Here

God above all the world in motion
God above all my hopes and fears
And I don't care
What the world throws at me now
I'm gonna be alright

'Cause I know my God saved the day
And I know His word never fails
And I know my God made a way for me
(Salvation is here)
(It's gonna be alright)

Hear the sound of the generations
Making loud their freedom song
All in all that the world
Would know Your name
We're gonna be alright

'Cause I know my God saved the day
And I know His word never fails

And I know my God made a way for me
(Salvation is here)
(It's gonna be alright)

Salvation is here
Salvation is here and He lives in me
Salvation is here
Salvation that died just to set me free
Salvation is here
Salvation is here and He lives in me
Salvation is here
'Cause You are alive and You live in me

Salvation is here
Salvation is here and He lives in me
Salvation is here
'Cause You are alive and You live in me
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Confession and Forgiveness

~ written by Chip Hardwick, on Thinking, Praying, Living. <http://www.pcusa.org/blogs/faith/2012/3/30/prayer-confession-march-madness/>

**Lord Jesus Christ,
We call you Lord,
Yet it is too easy for us to worship other things.
Other activities, other relationships, other gods.**

**You tell us we cannot serve two masters,
Yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere,
Diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you.**

**Forgive us, gracious Savior,
When our hearts are led astray
When we serve other gods and worship them.**

**We turn away from our distractions and sin.
Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem,
To take up our cross and follow you.**

We pray this, counting on your grace. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Fellow Christians, Jesus says to us: “Your sins are forgiven.”

My friends, permit God’s mercy to transfigure your lives. Be no longer ruled by doubt and worry but by light and love. Walk as children of the light whose ultimate glory is assured. **Amen!**

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’s sake. For it is the God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Song

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

King of all days

Here I am to Worship

Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Call upon the Name of the Lord
And be saved
Call upon the Name of the Lord
And be saved

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Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lamb of God: 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.

Holy Communion

Benediction

Go on your way with quiet confidence in the transfiguring light of Christ.

It is the same God who at the beginning said: “Let there be light,” who has shone in our hearts with an understanding of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The love of God encircle you, the grace of Christ enthrall you, the friendship of the Spirit enliven you, **now and evermore. Amen.**

Song: *Salvation is Here (See Page 2)*

Go in peace, serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

Announcements

Love Inc, Buckets of Blessings: We are asking for dish soap this month.

Adult Sunday School: Today at 10 AM.

Bible Study: Thursdays at 10:00 at the Parish House and via Zoom.

Book Study: Thursday, at 11:15 AM.

Friends and Family Breakfast: February 11th at 10 AM.

Friendship Circle: Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 9:30 AM in the Parish House.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: Tuesday, February 13th at 5:00 PM.

Friendship Circle Book Club: Thursday, February 15 at 3:00 PM. Our book will be *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter.

Needleworks: Friday, February 16th at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!

Birthday Celebration: Sunday, February 18th at 10:00 AM.

New Creations: Thursday, March 7th at 4:15 PM at Grace Lutheran Church.



For Our Church Members, especially:

The Foster family, after William's passing.

Mary Lou Davis, and family after the passing of her husband, Charlie.

Carrie Weiland, with health concerns.

Kathie Wilhelm, for healing after kidney surgery.

Kathy Schenk, for healing after a broken wrist.

Cindy, John, and Jon Brach, with health concerns.

Kathy Boyes with health challenges.

Barb Gienapp with health concerns.

Theo Evans being treated for leukemia.

Joan Richardson, dealing with health concerns.

For Friends and Family of our Church Members:

Family of Lei Olsen, following her passing.

Wyatt, Gail's student who broke his wrist.

Karla Shaffer, best friend of the Petersburg's daughter, diagnosed with stage 4 lung and brain cancer.

Patsy McIntyre Costin's family, niece of Elaine McIntyre, following her passing.

Keegan, 18-year-old with recurring cancer.

Karin, heart valve replacement surgery.

Juanita Fox, George's mom, for healing.

Hudson Bennett, George Fox's nephew, for healing.

Kimberlie Gilbertson, Jeanie Petersburg's cousin, dealing with eye damage/temporary blindness from an interocular lens removal.

Carl Loerwald, friend of Joanne Bellmard, recovering from back surgery and other medical issues.

Dian Kolis, friend of Linda Fox, with Parkinson's and scheduled for brain surgery.

Nick Hodgin, Jim Hartman's friend's 12-year-old son, following brain cancer surgery.

Chris Petersburg, son of Brian and Jeanie, who had a mini-stroke.

Matt B., Linda Walton's son's best friend, diagnosed with stage 4 liver disease.

Nathan, friend of the Petersburg's, paralyzed in a diving accident.

Stacy Scott's stepdad, friend of Michele Hirschman, with lung cancer.

Lydia, Gail's adult piano student, recovering from brain surgery.
Norma Topp, Michele Hirschman's friend, going through radiation and chemotherapy.
Victor, Gail's 82-year-old student's wife, in hospice.
Isabella, Gail's 9-year-old student, who broke her ankle.
Alicia Gardner, Linda Walton's niece, awaiting a liver transplant.
Trey Martin, cousin of Bryan Rush, in Europe in the military. Pray for his safety.
John D, friend of Bryan Rush, suffering from Diabetes Type II.
Melissa Aloffalter, Angela Martin's friend, battling an unknown medical issue.
Margaret Doane, Kristiina H.'s friend, with breast cancer.
Micah, Alia's nephew, with a chronic infection and declining health.
Ethan and his mom, Marianne, friends of Linda Walton, as they are dealing with major physical and emotional struggles.
Jackie, Gail's piano student, diagnosed with throat cancer.
Theresa Knight, spouse of Michael Knight, for her battle with breast cancer.
Terry Pitt, Collene Hedden's brother-in-law, with auto-immune disease.
Vicki, Kristiina Herbst's neighbor, with health concerns.
Beulah & Mark who are having health and life difficulties.

For Our Community and Beyond:

Cats and dogs that do not have a home.
Prayers for peace in Ukraine.
Prayers for peace in the Middle East.



St. George is a warm, friendly, spirit-filled congregation that has been blessed throughout many years. Most Christian denominations develop a distinct emphasis of the Christian faith and practice, and this is also true for Lutherans.

The Lutheran emphasis, in a word, is God's grace.

We emphasize the grace of God which forgives us, makes us God's children, and empowers us to serve others. **We welcome, include, and value all people.**