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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.

Announcements

Prepare Hearts for Worship

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

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!**

Opening Hymn:

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

#315

How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

and our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
we see Your kingdom come;
we long to hold the vision bright
and make this hill our home.

How good, Lord, to be here!
Your beauty to behold
where Moses and Elijah stand,
Your messengers of old.

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.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson; W. Mercer

Fulfiller of the past
and hope of things to be,
we hail Your body glorified

Apostolic Greeting The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**

Kyrie

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

A 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.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast

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.**

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

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.

**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: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from
the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine
the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Youth Message

First Lesson: 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord **All Thanks be to God**

Psalm 50

The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

Second Lesson: 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God.**

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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 **All: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn

Beautiful Savior

#838

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.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the
woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming
spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he
makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

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.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son
of God and Son of Man! Glory and
honor, praise, adoration, now and
forevermore be thine!

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

Apostle's Creed: 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, and 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.

**catholic here meaning "universal"*

Prayers of Intercession:

A Lord, in your mercy.... **C** Hear our prayer

Offertory: (offering plates located at both entrances)

Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer: (inspired by Luke 6:17-26)

Generous God,

you see those who are hungry, poor and marginalized, the grieving, the spiritually blind. You recognize their humanity and their suffering and desire healing and abundant life. Help us be part of the transformation.

Take our gifts to feed the hungry, sustain the poor, lift up the broken-hearted. Multiply our gifts to embrace us all in Your inclusive love. Amen.

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

Communion Hymn

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter,
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me
after thy will,
while I am waiting,
yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Search me and try me,
Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord,
wash me just now,
as in thy presence
humbly I bow.

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary,
help me I pray!
Power, all power,
surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me,
Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit
till all shall see
Christ only, always,
living in me!

United Methodist Hymnal, 1989

Children of the Heavenly Father

#781

Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird or star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958

Post Communion Blessing:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Post Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord and sing his praise, tell everyone what he has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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.

Sending Hymn

For All the Saints

#422

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Current Budget Report: as of 2/4/2024

Last week's giving: \$4,221.00

Needed to meet budget: \$5,425.96

Year to Date: \$27,573.00

Ahead (Behind) Budget: \$443.19

	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25
	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
Asst. Min	Bob S.	Lorna D.	Joan V.
Lay Reader	Bob S.	Lorna D.	Joan V.
Greeter			
Usher	Jerry	Michele	Bob Knight
Media	Prieskorn	Prieskorn	Prieskorn
Fellowship	Friends & Family Breakfast	Birthday Celebration	
Altar Care	Linda G.	Elaine-14 Ash Wednesday Nancy & Sharon 18 th	Joanne

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.

Sunday 2/11	9 AM Traditional Worship 10 AM Friends and Family Breakfast 11AM Contemporary Worship
Monday 2/12	Office Hours 8 AM-1 PM
Tuesday 2/13	Office Hours 11:30 – 2:30 PM; Friendship Circle 9:30AM; 5 PM Shrove Pancake Dinner; 7:30 PM AA
Wednesday 2/14	Office Hours 8 AM-1 PM; 8 AM Men’s Club; Ash Wednesday Service 7 PM
Thursday 2/15	Office Hours 11:30 – 2:30 PM; Bible Study 10 AM; Book Study 11:15 AM; 3:00 Friendship Circle Book Club; 7:00 PM AA
Friday 2/16	Office Hours 8 AM-1 PM; Needleworks 10 AM
Saturday 2/17	



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 Sergant, 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.

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.

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.**