

February 19, 2023 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

Gathering **Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness **pg. 211**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #631

Greeting & Kyrie **pg. 213**

Prayer of the Day

Word

Exodus 24:12-18 *(page 65 OT in pew Bible)*

Psalms 2 *(on screen)*

2 Peter 1:16-21 *(page 209 NT in pew Bible)*

Special Music: *"Jesus is the Light!"* by Patti Drennan

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 216**

* Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 *(page 16 NT in pew Bible)*

(after announcement of Gospel: Glory to you, O Lord)

(response after reading of Gospel: Praise to you, O Christ)

Message

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #834

Statement of Faith: Apostles Creed **pg. 217**

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Thanksgiving

* Offering/Offertory

* Cantic of Thanksgiving **pg. 219**

* Thanksgiving for the Word **pg. 220**

* Lord's Prayer

Sending

Blessing

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #815

Dismissal and Bell

Remember in your prayers

Braxton Beyer, Carol Voorhees, Steve Van Kempen, Carol Day, Anita Stoker, Marla Miller, Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support, Reverend Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson serving in South Africa.

upcoming events and announcements

TODAY! Caring for Caregivers Forum at 10:45am in the Gathering Room.

This open dialog will be facilitated by Diane Kittelson, who has a Master's Degree in Health and Human Services Administration, and has been working with the aging population for over 20 years. Through personal experience Diane can relate to the challenges caregivers face on a daily basis and offers a person-centered approach to assisting caregivers.

First Lutheran Women (WELCA) will hold a planning meeting on Saturday, March 4 at 8:00am at Common Cup. All are welcome as we look forward to the year ahead. **Please note change in date and time!**

Visits at Common Cup! Pastor Dan will be at Common Cup on Friday, February 24 from Noon to 2:00pm for anyone that wants to stop by for coffee and conversation!

Snacks Needed! Once again, we will be collecting snacks for the elementary students at MAES. 100-120 boxes will be needed by March 31. If you can help out, please place your donation in the tote located in the Narthex. A list of suggested items is on the tote and will be in our March newsletter.

Reminder! If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Dan at 320.894.3577 or the church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the Pastor or church office without permission.

Volunteers Needed! Looking for an opportunity to serve at church outside of Sunday mornings? We are looking for assistance with changing the altar paraments and baking communion bread. Paraments are changed reflecting the changing seasons of the church year. Homemade communion bread is served on the first and second Sundays of each month, plus special occasions. Training will be provided with both positions! For more information, please contact Sharon Ehlers at 320-808-4500 or the church office at 320-589-3242.

In Today's Service: February 19

Ushers: Bob Heck, Linda Holland, Dennis Feuchtenberger

Lector: Laurie Feuchtenberger **Nursery:** Pam Wiese

Acolytes: Aaden Schultz & Brayden Carlson

Video: Kyle Dougherty **TV slides:** Jennie Odello

Next Week's Service: February 26

Ushers: Dick Smith, Doug Ehlers, Michael Bjorklund, Scott Staples

Lector: Sharon Ehlers **Nursery:** Lindy Ekola

Acolytes: Giana Feuchtenberger & Dane Dybdahl

Communion: Judy Buro (wafers)

Communion Servers: Sharon Ehlers, Linda Holland, Ray Bowman

Video: Mike Odello & Kye Suess **TV slides:** Chance Buro

welcome

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TODAY	8:30am	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., Feb 19	8:30am	Sunday school
	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Coffee/Fellowship
	3:00-4:00pm	Cub Scouts
	6:30-8:00pm	Sr. Fusion at First
Mon., Feb 20	—	Office Closed for President's Day
Tues., Feb 21	11:00am	Pastor's Text Study
	12:00pm	Newsletter Articles Due
	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wed., Feb 22	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
Thurs., Feb 23	8:30am	Share & Care (quilting group)
	6:00pm	Fusion Board Meeting (at First)
Fri., Feb 24	10:00am	Pastor at Legacy Living (worship)
	Noon to 2pm	Pastor at Common Cup
Sat., Feb 25	8:00am	Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
Sun., Feb 26	8:30am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30am	Coffee/Fellowship
	3:00-4:00pm	Cub Scouts
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