



Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 19, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.***

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

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

HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #834

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

GREETING

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.

TRANSFIGURATION PRAYER

Holy One,

We come before you, many of us feeling like we have climbed just a part of the mountain, and there is so much more of a climb left to even get to point to dream that we might be dazzled by what is Divine.

Our loads are heavy, with worry, with regret, with fatigue, with illness, with despair for all in the world that is hurting, in danger, in bondage and more.

We trudge ahead, following you, stumbling, hoping, praying...breathing hard, hearts pounding, and yes, even some of us are nimble and skipping.

Lead us Lord, to the top of that mountain, where we might be dazzled by your Light, lifted by what is Divine, filled by the sheer delight of what is numinous and ethereal and grounded and real.

We pray this, for ourselves, for one another, and for the worlds in which we live in. Amen.

SCRIPTURE 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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE 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.

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GOSPEL INTRODUCTION

Matthew 17:1-9

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 word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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.**

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

**Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,
we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.**

**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.**

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 THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Maker of all things.

As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

Lamb of God

#195

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. *(Repeat)*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #631

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!**

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

**Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.**

**Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!**

**Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Okay we will! Thanks be to God!

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For those participating in the weekly Bible study, next week's scripture will be:

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-13;
Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19;
Matthew 4:1-11;
primary focus on Genesis



Please Pray For...

**Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Jim Marquette (cousin of Marvin and Stan); Ruth Henriksen (Mother of Rebecca Kaiser)

**Those recovering from surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized including LeAnn Maude; Denny Tesch; Josie Weekley; Elizabeth Mertz; LeAnn (Friend of Mikkey T.)

**Those with on-going concerns, including Ken (Brother of Cathy Dahl); Rose Bintliff and Kirt Burt (Friends of the Kaisers); Keith Buchholz (Brother-in-law of Judy Stanley); Abbot (Great-Grandson of Lane) John Sunding; Chuck Baschnagel (Father of Mike); Bob and Peg Tesch; Glenyce (Cousin of Carla Oerter); Reece Ullerich (Friend of Linda Boll); Gary McKean (Nephew of Lane Pine); Marie Kennedy; Iris Brimer; Clay Walberg; Rod Dikoff (Cousin of Roger); Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Barbara (Aunt of Carmen Lakner); David Henriksen (Brother of Rebecca Kaiser)

**For our military members and their families

**For our leaders at all levels

**For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far

**For those who are homeless and those whose homes do not provide warmth and safety



WAMBLI SKAWOYATAN'S MOBILE WARMING STATION

This mobile warming station is the first of its kind in South Dakota. The Warming Bus is a collaboration of Woyatan Lutheran, the South Dakota Synod and Lutheran Disaster Response being Church Together. The mission of the ministry is to help serve those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity this winter. The bus travels throughout Rapid, providing a place people can come in and sit and rest, while receiving something warm to drink and soup to eat. Your financial donations will help pay for the expenses needed to keep the bus running, such as gas and insurance, and the supplies needed to share with others. If you would like to donate items, the ministry is currently in need of hand warmers, hot chocolate packets, disposable cups for hot liquids, Cup O Soup and gas cards. These items can be brought to the church throughout the month or dropped off at Woyatan Lutheran Church.

If you would like to financially support this fund, place your contribution in the Globe offering or in the offering plate. Donations for the Mission of the Month can also be made online through Tithley. Checks can be made out to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for being a blessing in helping others stay warm this winter.



Sunday, February 19th

Transfiguration Sunday

9:30am Worship with Communion @ OSL and live online (FB and YT)

10:30am Church Council Meeting

5:00pm Sunday Night Live

Monday, February 20th

President's Day-Church office closed

9:30-10:30am Bible Study @ OSL and on Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Tuesday, February 21st

AM- Bear Butte Conference Leaders Gathering in Sturgis

Wednesday, February 22nd

Ash Wednesday

6:30-8:00am Ashes to go @ OSL

6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship @ OSL and live online (Facebook and YouTube)

No Bible Study Wednesday evening

Thursday, February 23rd

No Book Study Thursday

Pastor Deb @ Synod Support to Ministry Meeting

Sunday, February 26th

1st Sunday in Lent

9:30am Worship both in the building and live online (Facebook and YouTube)

Potluck following worship

10:45 Choir Practice

5:00 Sunday Night Live

HELP WANTED @ OUTLAW RANCH

Outlaw Ranch is seeking assistant cooks for our summer camp season May 28 - August 4th, 2023. Prior cooking experience is a plus, and we will provide paid training. Convenient shifts are available and can be as little as one, six-hour day, up to 40 hours a week. Pay is \$13 to \$15 per hour depending on experience. Please contact Matt at matt@losd.org or 605-673-1014 if interested.

Lent

PRAY. FAST. SERVE.

At some point in every Christian's life, they discover a question about their faith and what they believe. Questions like, *What really happens when we die? How could God forgive me after what I've done? How do I know what God wants me to do next?* Sometimes one feels isolated when they discover that type of question, as if they are the only ones asking it. Like maybe the question feels forbidden, out-of-bounds.

But what if faith requires us to ask questions? What if questions are an essential part of our personal faith? What if we need questions to survive and grow as a community of faith? What if dialogue with God, *relationship* with God, requires questions. When we read Scripture, we discover questions everywhere.

Join Pastor Deb this Lent on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings and or Wednesday evenings and be part of a worship series for anyone who has ever had a question about faith. Each worship will be slightly different but all will focus on questions asked in Scripture and by Christian's everywhere. Our series begins on Ash Wednesday and continues throughout Lent. All are invited to come to OSL and experience Ask!

Ash Wednesday Worship– February 22nd 6:30pm (No meal)

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30 am

Sunday Evening Worship – 6:00 pm with dinner before

Wednesday Evening Dinner Church – 6:30 pm (Worship and Dinner)

Ashes to Go

Wednesday, February 22

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Parking Lot

**Or inside building if weather is awful*

6:30 – 8:00 am

All are invited to be a part of this sharing of ashes to mark the beginning of Lent outside of the traditional Ash Wednesday service. During this brief encounter with Pastor Deb, a brief prayer will be spoken, one Scripture verse read and the imposition of ashes will be done. You can stay in your car or stand with Pastor Deb outside your vehicle. If you would like Pastor Deb to travel to your home or place of work for *Ashes to Go*, please contact her before February 22 at 605-890-0781 or pastordeb@oslhermosa.com.

This ministry is available to everyone in Hermosa or part of the larger community.