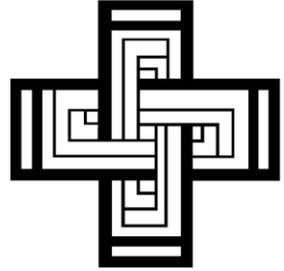


**Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 26, 2017**

*Order of Worship
8:30 & 10:30 A.M.*



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C Amen

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

silence for reflection and self-examination

P Loving God,

C we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways.

Forgive us for the times

we have spoken or acted too quickly;

we have not spoken or acted at all;

we have hurt those closest to us;

we have hurt those we have yet to know;

we have thought more about ourselves

than others; we have thought less of

ourselves than we ought.

Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children.

Amen

P Even when we have done wrong,
God makes us right.
Even when we have messed up,
God puts us together.
God's love never runs out.
God never tires of calling us beloved children.
Hear God say to you now:
Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of, + Jesus
Christ our Savior.

C Amen

Gathering Hymn

'Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies'

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Greeting

P The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy
Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

Be seated.

Opening Litany

A Mighty God, stay with us always,

**C as we worship and as we share the risk
and challenge of living our faith.**

A By your powerful Spirit,

**C turn our fear to courage and our
confusion to confidence.**

A Your glory shines in the face of Christ.

C Shine in our hearts and lives.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you
confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the
witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice
from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your

beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

(10:30) **Children's Message**

First 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia' p.151

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel 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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'How Good, Lord, to Be Here'

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Stand as you are able.

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Peace

The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you."

Be seated.

Offering

(10:30) Offering is placed in plate in center aisle.

Stand as you are able.

Offertory

'Drawn to the Light' vs 1 & 3

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Offering Prayer

A Merciful God,

C receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

pp. 152-153

Lord's Prayer

p. 154

Be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand. Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. If you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.

Hymns at the Distribution

'Lamb of God'

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'Shine, Jesus, Shine'

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'Beautiful Savior'

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Stand as you are able.

Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A O Morning Star, fair and bright,

C you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.

You are our dearest treasure.

Go with us now –

today, tomorrow, every day –

that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen

Benediction

P The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C Amen

Closing Hymn *'Alleluia, Song of Gladness'* **318**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

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Worship Assistants: February 26

Greeters: Mason – Nita Williams
East – Mary & Tom Jensen

Assisting Minister: Mandie Klauer

Lector: Gene Krull

Ushers: Larry Baumbach, Mike Keeney, Phillip
Keeney & Joe Wilharms

Organist/Pianist: Diane Bailey

Hospitality:

Attendance 2/19: 8:30 a.m. 60
10:30 a.m. 24

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch 2/16: 91

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Ruby Niemuth and Gladys Prahl.

For those in Hospice Care especially Earl Breitenfeldt and Adeline Elias.

For Healing for Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Val Sieg; Joyce Asman living at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes.

For those with cancer especially Melissa Heins, Gene and Karen Krull's daughter; Mark Catlin; Robyn Messenger, Deb Baumbach's sister; Roger Schmidt; Bob Blaskowski.

In Thanksgiving for the transforming power of God.

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” Romans 12:12



If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.

Announcements

A warm welcome to **Rev Kathryn Schreitmuller**. She served Resurrection Lutheran in Green Bay as pastor before retiring recently. You may also remember her work in Campus Ministry at UWO. Thank you Kathryn for sharing your gifts today!

The Ash Wednesday service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes will be at 6:30 p.m. on March 1. Pastor Dan Luett, Grace's new pastor, will lead the service with Pastor Brian Bankert from Trinity. The two congregations as well as other friends are welcome to join in this beginning of Lenten reflection and renewal.

Grace will participate in the **Lutheran World Relief** initiative called **Baskets of Promise** for our Lenten focus. *Project Promise Personal Care Kits* are shared with people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. Give hope through a bar of soap. For each of the Sundays of Lent we will focus on one of the needed items to complete the hygiene kit. After week five all needed items will be gathered together to assemble the kits. You may bring an item each week, all at once or whenever it is most convenient for you. If you would rather make a monetary donation the money will be used to purchase items to complete as many kits as possible.

This week for our Basket of Promise (on March 5) please bring and place in the narthex **one NEW light-weight bath-size towel** (between 20"x40" and 52"x27") which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerable less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use. Dark color towels are recommended.

Hospitality Volunteers are needed. Please sign up on the table in the gathering area if you are willing to provide treats between services.

Are you cleaning or reorganizing? Remember that Grace has a **rummage sale** every spring. Please save your gently used goodies for Grace's annual sale.

Women of the ELCA Spring Event will be held on Saturday, April 1 at Gloria Dei in Neenah. Registration materials and flyers can be found on the desk in the gathering area. See Leslie Fens if you have any questions: 915-8983 or fens4usa@att.net.

One Bedroom Apartment for rent at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes. Call Becky at 734-7225. Come for a visit and see for yourself how homey, friendly and spacious the apartments and the whole facility are!

Welcome to Grace

Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today.

Fill out one of the cards in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate to share your contact information and any needs. There is also a guest book to sign in the gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, you are welcome here.

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GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 26.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Christian Education
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)

Monday, Feb. 27.....7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 28.....8:30 a.m. Quilters
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus

Wed., March 1.....9:00 a.m. TLC Bible Study
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship
7:00 p.m. APA Bible Study

Thu., March 2.....10 a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers
7:00 p.m. Trinity Ringers

Friday, March 3.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, March 4.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

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