

Transfiguration of Our Lord



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Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Mission Statement

*As members of Christ Lutheran we - Gather in Worship,
Grow in God's Word, Serve in Jesus' name.*

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Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We are glad that you are here to worship with us today! Please sign the pew booklets in the pews. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself and sign our guest book in the narthex along with the pew booklet.

Masks, hand sanitizer and distance seating are available. Please take every measure to feel safe.

* *Please stand as you are able.*

❖ *Please be seated.*

Prelude: Jeff Iverson

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

* **Gathering Song**

"How Good, Lord, to be Here"

ELW #315

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **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 have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

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.**

Prayer of the Day: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

❖ **Choir Anthem**

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

*Vicky Harris, Guest Director
Twyla Kirkeby, Accompanist*

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2

¹²Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. ¹⁴If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

¹⁶Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” ²⁰and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.”

²¹So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future— all belong to you, ²³and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

⁴Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. ²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.

*Here ends the readings. **Thanks be to God.***

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Gospel: Luke 9:28-43a

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, ‘Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.’ ⁴¹Jesus answered, ‘You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.’ ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of the Lord, we say: Praise to you, O Christ.

❖ **Sermon**

Pastor Elizabeth

* **Hymn of the Day**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

ELW #671

* **Apostles 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, he 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.**

❖ **Prayers of Intercession: God of grace, hear our prayer.**

*** Sharing of the Peace:**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

STEWARDING GOD'S GIFTS

We offer to God what is God's own

Offering

[Please remember to send your much appreciated and needed weekly tithes and offerings.]

[Offering plates will be passed to church members in each pew.]

[Children are invited to come forward to place their offering in "Christ's Well".]

- * Offering Prayer:** Blessed are you, O God, **Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Words of Institution

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, forever and ever. Amen.

❖ Distribution of Communion "Lamb Of God" **ELW # 146**

[As we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, all who believe they receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the form of bread and wine, forgiveness of sin and renewal therein are welcome at this table. It is the meal of all the Baptized. Please follow the direction of the Ushers.]

Communion Hymns: **ELW #'s 631, 867, 528**

- * Prayer after Communion:** We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcement from the Council President

Dennis Davis

Benediction

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Jeff Iverson



A special thank you to all who helped assist with our worship service today:

Organist: Jeff Iverson

Cantor: Nancy Mellesmoen

Greeters: Dr. John and Pat Bergseng

Communion Assistants: Vicar Susan Christianson, Becky Peterson, Marcia Miller and Mary Stoltenburg

Special Music: Choir directed by Vicky Harris and accompanied by Twyla Kirkeby

Lector: Lucia Beste Zehnder

Head Usher: Chad Sauter

Ushers: Jeff Grant and Rob Lemke

Acolyte: Nolan Sundblad

Audio/Video Tech: Scott Kuehn

Projections: Drew Alsleben

Refreshments: Mary Metag and Susan Wedin

Please lift these people up in prayers this week. Is God moving your heart to send a card to a loved one in your own family? Dalluge Family (Dan Becker's sister's family), Edward Van de Streek (brother of Muriel Wavra and uncle of Roxanne Wavra), Kelly Higgins, Joy Macheel (daughter of Jon and Jodi Braband), Lloyd Duenow (father of Brad Duenow), Bill Heuer, Daniel Paron (son of Sandra Brenhaug), Sherry Graf (friend of Joanne Chrast), Theresia E. Becker (grandmother of Jonathan Becker), Errolan Senske, Becky Peterson, Rolland Kristofferson (brother of Gloria Gustafson), Rosie Nelson, Jeanine Wedin, Marilyn Ueland, Kristen Heldt, Matt Guetzkow (cousin of Darlene Hennessey), Richard Dolezal, Lois Tritz, Brent Lindemann (stepfather of Audrey Howell), LaDonna Oberlin, Dennis Pilger (cousin of Donna Senske), Cassandra DeCasas (daughter of Bill and Deb Heuer), Talyn Mellesmoen, daughter of Hannah Mellesmoen and grand-daughter of Dave and Nancy Mellesmoen), Gary Metag, Charlotte Dittmer, Stanley Butcher (brother of Deb Heuer), Mary Entinger, LuAnn Harms, Dennis Dittmer, Marlys Rehmann, Sandra Brenhaug, Dori Swedberg (mother of Katherine Grant), Lisa Style, Brian Mikolichek, Erik Murray (nephew and Godchild of Gloria Gustafson), Carol Carver, and Gary Brown (friend of Joanne Chrast).

Announcements for this week:

Sunday, Feb. 27th, Worship Service with Holy Communion @ 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School @ 10:10 a.m.; Adult Education @ 10:15 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 28th, Televised Worship Service @ 3:00 p.m. on Channel 10; Quilting @ 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall; Personnel @ 4:00 p.m.; Worship and Music Team @ 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1st, Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.; Pastor Elizabeth has Zoom @ 1:45 p.m.; NA Women's Group @ 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, March 2nd: Communion @ 1:30 p.m.; televised Worship Service on Channel 10 @ 2:00 p.m.; Abundant Table @ 5:00 p.m. – doors open @ 4:30 for

fellowship; Bells @ 5:15 p.m.; no Confirmation; Choir @ 6:00 p.m.; Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Holy Communion @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 3rd, Men's Bible Study @ 9:00 a.m.; Pastor Elizabeth has Interim Synod Zoom from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.; Pastor Elizabeth has Synod Zoom for Congregational Resource Team from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, March 4th,

Saturday, March 5th, Visitation for Dorothy Lindeman Funeral from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. @ Christ Lutheran; Funeral is @ 12:00 p.m. with interment at a later date.

Sunday, March 6th, Worship Service with Holy Communion @ 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School @ 10:10 a.m.; Adult Education @ 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room.

With Deepest Sympathy

A Memorial Service for Dorothy Lindeman, who passed away in Arizona on Monday, Jan. 24th at the age of 94, will be at Christ Lutheran on Saturday, March 5th at 12:00 p.m. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Interment will be at a later date in Oak Grove Cemetery in Brownton. Please keep Dorothy's family in your prayers.



Ash Wednesday is This Week – Lent Begins



Join us this Wednesday for Ash Wednesday Worship Services with Holy Communion at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Lenten Worship Services will follow at 7:00 on Wednesday evenings through April 5th.

During Holy Week, Fourth Graders will celebrate their First Communion on Palm Sunday, April 10th. On April 14th, there will be Maundy Thursday Services with Holy Communion at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m., a Good Friday Tenebrae Service on April 15th at 7:00 p.m., and on April 17th, two Easter Sunday Worship Services with Holy Communion at 6:30 and 9:00 a.m.

Abundant Table Meal on March 2nd

The March 2nd Abundant Table Meal needs volunteers to set up, clean up, and serve. The sign-up sheet can be found in the Narthex.



- When:** March 2nd
Meal: Tater tot hotdish, shamrock salad, buns, and poke cake for dessert
Where: Christ Lutheran Church Basement Fellowship Hall
Serving: We start at 4:30 and serve the meal from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Notification: For information call Christ Lutheran Church at 320-864-4549

All are welcome to join us for wonderful food and fellowship!

Following the March meal, Abundant Table meals will be on hold until further notice.

ABUNDANT TABLE needs more people to step forward and help with planning, shopping, cooking, etc. If interested, contact Chris Davis, Connie Heitz or Jane Larter.



Morning Bible Studies

Lessons for this week: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; and Luke 4:1-13.

Noisy Pail Offering for KIDZ Against Hunger in February!

Missions held a Noisy Pail offering for KIDZ Against Hunger last Sunday. In case you couldn't make it, we will take donations any time in the month of February. Thank you for your continued support of our Missions. **If you write out a check, please make sure to note on the memo line that it is for KIDZ Against Hunger.**



Christ Lutheran Church Lutheran College Scholarship Information



High school seniors planning to attend ELCA colleges next year, or current returning ELCA college students, please notify the church office. Then, watch for letters to be sent to you regarding the Christ Lutheran scholarship program. New or renewal applications are due to the Church office by May 30, 2022.

For our congregation, consider giving to the scholarship fund to support Christ Lutheran students who choose to attend our Church schools. Donations can be made to the account any time during the year, either by placing a check or envelope in the offering plates or delivering to the Church office, labeled "CLC Scholarship Fund."

Colleges of the ELCA exist to provide young people with continuing opportunities to further develop the faith that has been nurtured and sustained in Lutheran congregations such as Christ Lutheran.

If you have questions, please contact a scholarship committee member: Joan Johnson, Kevin Menning or Jeff Grant.

Volunteer Drivers Wanted

Volunteer drivers are needed to take congregation members to and from medical appointments, especially in the Twin Cities/Metro area. If you are able to assist with this ministry, please contact Pastor Elizabeth and/or the church office. Thank you.



Habitat for Humanity Veteran's Build Update



What a great week of painting! Becky's home is coming to life. Also, a shout out to team members at MidCountry Bank for venturing out in last week's storm to keep the project moving forward. Volunteers were even able to get a portion of the siding up. 😊

Please consider providing a meal – casseroles, BBQ's, soups, or sandwiches/ chips. Even a gift card for pizza or a local restaurant would be welcome. The team would appreciate an afternoon lunch! If you are interested in participating in painting or would prefer to make a financial donation to help with the supplies, go to Christ Lutheran's website at www.christluth.com. Any and all contributions are much appreciated.