

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

Imagine what it was like for the disciples when Jesus suddenly shone in glory! With eyes of faith, may we see and worship him here. Welcome pads are at the end of each pew; please sign your name and pass it along.

Sunday, March 3, 2019, 8:30am

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Welcome

Mission Opportunities and Sharing of the Peace

Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.**

Opening Song

“Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)”

All these pieces Broken and scattered In mercy gathered Mended and whole
Empty handed But not forsaken I've been set free I've been set free

(Pre-Chorus) Amazing grace How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
Oh I once was lost But now I am found Was blind but now I see

(Chorus) Oh I can see You now Oh I can see the love in Your eyes
Laying Yourself down Raising up the broken to life

You take our failure You take our weakness You set Your treasure In jars of clay

So take this heart Lord I'll be Your vessel The world to see Your life in me *(Pre-Chorus and Chorus)*

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.

First Lesson

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 Lesson

2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Special Music

“My Spirit's Gonna Shine” arr. by Dan Edwards Handbell Choir
Directed by Bev Splinter

Children's Church

in the Chapel with Tammy DeLange

Gospel

Luke 9:28-43a

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now 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. ³³ Just 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. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When 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.

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹ Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴² While 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. ^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Dan Ofstehage

Song

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

(Chorus) Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes *(Chorus)*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find *(Chorus)*

I'll worship Your holy name I'll worship Your holy name

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.

Offering

Prayer Song

“Mercy”

(Chorus) Mercy, Oh, mercy, ever-loving kindness that sees beyond our blindness.

Mercy, Oh, mercy we're calling on you Lord for us to be restored, Oh, mercy.

I know I hurt you with things I do and say.

I want to love you but I lose my way.

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/III: Jill Schmig, Cal Wiesner, Karla Stimson, Drake Rounds,

Kathy Hibbert, Renee Hoover, Eric Meyer, Stan Peterson

Carmen Bakken, Carol Hinderaker, Christine Walraven,

Nancy Hauck, *mother of Jesse (Rachel) Hauck and Rachele (Brandon) Johnson*

Sheri Bowersox, *daughter of Phyllis Bowersox*

Josh Anderson, *grandson of Terri Bruner*

John Lahey-Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) Lechner*

Jim Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) Lechner*

Death: Nova Nelson

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Holy Communion

Words of Institution – The Lord’s Prayer – Distribution

Extended Altar – Holy Communion delivered to shut-ins by lay people.

“Round the Table”

(Chorus) Come together 'round the table Come and taste the wonder
A healing touch and a deep connection From the living center of it all

Seeking meaning on the run You try and save the day.
But all is ready will you come? Love invites the way. *(Chorus)*

Bring a friend or enemy Or one you hold or blame
With each other we are one, Here in Jesus' name. *(Chorus)*

Hear creation groan for life. Will hate and hunger cease?
In the roar of violence The world cries for peace. *(Chorus)*

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“Take Up Your Cross”

In a world of many voices calling at me, It’s hard to hear the one that’s true.
Even when I hear it, when my heart discerns it, I lack the will to see it through.

(Chorus) Though I’m falling, falling, the voice is always calling, Take up your cross. Take up your cross.
Take up your cross and follow me and follow me. And follow me

The call is hard to swallow. Take up your cross and follow The words reach deep inside of me.
I find myself so troubled, to lose my life, be humble, The sins within refuse to see. *(Chorus 2 times)*

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Post Communion Blessing

Benediction

Sending Song

“Send Us Out”

We have been called by the Lord. We have been saved by the Word.
Now let the Word be restored. Now let the Gospel be heard.

(Chorus) Send us out to teach what God has done.
Send us out to reach ev’ry single one.
Send us out. Send us out.

We who were bound by our shame, ruled by our fears within.
Stand and declare by the name, freedom from all of our sin. *(Chorus)*

Teach what God has done. Reach ev’ry single one.
Teach what God has done. Reach ev’ry single one. *(Chorus 2 times)*

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Call to Service

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

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Serving This Morning

Presiding: Pastor Kent Stillson; **Preaching:** Dan Ofstehage; **Worship Team:** directed by Jim Miller

Head Ushers: Darwin Brinkman, Carl Bevers; **Acolytes:** Brooke Hlavacek, Griffyn Muller

Greeters: Gregg & Barb Struwe; **Sound & Projection:** Lisa Carrico, Pete Juba

Lector: Barb Struwe; **Ushers:** Denise Schmahl; **Communion Assistants:** Gregg & Barb Struwe

Sunday Morning Helpers: Kevin & Bernie Luoma; **Welcome Center:** Lynn Langner, Darlene Bailey



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