

Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church



Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 23, 2020

Mission Statement

*To gather people together to hear the story of God's love in Jesus Christ,
to be nurtured in faith and knowledge, and
to share the Good News through word and deed.*

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9:30 a.m.

ELW Setting 9

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.

Serving in Worship this Morning

Altar Guild: LouWanna Osterman

Organist: Tim Rand

Assisting Minister: Jo Ann French

Ushers: Joyce & Peter Solberg

Lector: Terry O'Keefe

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Regular - **Liturgist**

Bold - Congregation

+ Stand as able

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Song of Triumph

George Blake

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

+ GATHERING SONG

Beautiful Savior

Hymn #838

+ GREETING

Response: **And also with you.**

+ KYRIE

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+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

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+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty night. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

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.**

PSALM 2

(Spoken, alternating verses by each side of congregation)

Organ side:

¹ The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Pulpit side:

²**The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.**

³Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!

⁴**Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵Extol the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

⁶**Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.**

⁷He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees,
and the statutes that he gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

⁹Extol the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

+ GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the seventeenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

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

SERMON

(A time of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

#315

+ NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS RON PETERSON AND TERRY O'KEEFE

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

+ PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to greet one another with a gesture of peace using the words "Peace be with you" and then be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

Afterlight

Matthew McConnell

(Children are invited to come to the altar with their offering for global missions.)

+ OFFERING PRAYER Together we pray, **God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven

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COMMUNION (by line)

Lamb of God

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COMMUNION MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Bethany Smith

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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SENDING

+ BLESSING

+ SENDING SONG

In Thee Is Gladness

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ DISMISSAL

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Lord of Hosts Extolled on High

Lani Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME Welcome to all guests and visitors. We are glad that we can worship together this morning. We invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. If you would like to sign up for an event, you can do so in the kiosk notebook. The Voice of Galilee, our monthly newsletter, is also available in the kiosk.

HOLY COMMUNION Everyone of all ages is invited to celebrate Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is celebrated in this sacrament. Communion today is served in a line, by intinction. The chalice with the white ribbon is grape juice.

QUILTING GROUP We have a quilting group at Galilee. Welcome all! We meet the first and third Monday of each month at 1 p.m. Please join us!

REFRESHMENTS Thank you to LouWanna Osterman for providing treats today. Thank you! Next week, no one has signed up. Please sign up in the kiosk notebook.

HOLY HOOPS Our game today vs St. Stephen's Lutheran is at 1 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Brighton!! Let Pastor Dana know if you need a ride. We hope all players will show up and spectators join in to support us! Next week, March 1, 1 p.m., we play again at Christ the King (all games at Christ the King) vs. Mount Olivet #2!

2020 CENSUS OPERATIONS is recruiting for Census jobs, the bulk of which is for Census Takers. The following pay rates for Census Takers is effective 12/1/2019. Please contact Greg Hupert if you or someone you know is interested. Washington County-\$22/hr. Ramsey County-\$22/hr. Hennepin County-\$27.50/hr. Mileage-\$.58/mile. Questions: Contact Gregory.l.huppert@2020census.gov, or 651-470-7609, or 855-562-2020. Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs

PRIMARY ELECTION IS MARCH 3 AT GALILEE! Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Galilee is a polling place. Doors are open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please get out and vote!

ADULT FORUM TODAY: Anne Rykken, Galilee's office administrator, and her husband took a few weeks last summer and walked 200 miles along the Pembrokeshire Coast, 200 miles along the coast of Wales. While she won't be able to pronounce any of the places they visited, she has some wonderful photos and some good stories. Don't miss it!

GALI-LADIES The Gali-Ladies are looking for new ladies to join their group. They meet the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The ladies take turns providing lunch and share great conversation, then they play Bunco for prizes. Throughout the year they do projects sharing with the community (ie veterans, schools, retirement homes, etc). If you are interested in joining the group, talk to Ardis Haslach or Sandy Altendorfer, or just stop by!

BELLFEST All are welcome to the Bellfest Concert, including Galilee's bell choir. It is at 3 p.m., at North Heights in Arden Hills.

AGORA On March 7, Galilee will be hosting an all-day Agora Meeting, beginning at 10 a.m. with coffee. The Agora Program focuses on equipping lay people from ethnic-specific and multicultural congregations for Christian mission and ministry. The day includes lunch, a worship service, and a meeting, all ending about 2 p.m. All are welcome!

BIRTHDAYS February 22 - February 29

22 Judy Hogan
28 Taylor Altendorfer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today! - Holy Hoops GAME!!, 1 p.m. at Christ the King

Today! - Adult Forum: "Hiking the Pembrokeshire Coast" by Anne Rykken

March 22 - New Member Sunday

March 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY Worship 7 p.m.

March 4 through April 1 - Soup Suppers/Holden Evening Prayer

PRAYER REQUESTS

The prayers of the congregation are requested for:

Shawn Altendorfer
Terry Clasen (Karen Groebner's brother)
Family & friends of Dale "Beaver" Cornar
Nelson (Darla's nephew)
Richard Eagan (Dawn Babin's s/o)
Mitchell Erickson
Roger Ettel
Family & Friends of Al Hartman (friend of James Hart)
Ardis Haslach
Family & friends of Fred Hayes (Judy Hogan's husband)
Martrel Jaco
Joe Juneau

Family & friends of Bruce Leonard
Judy McLean
Brenda Meyer
Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church
Darrin Mitchell (Dazhanea and Dazhion's father)
Ray Petschel (North Emanuel)
Peter Solberg
St. Paul Friends Nepali Church
Uhominyi Parish, Tanzania
Abe Watson
Eldre Westegaard

All prayer requests are also supported through Galilee's Prayer Circle.

We are delighted to pray for anyone and include their name on our prayer list, as well as mention them in the intercessions during Sunday worship. Please keep the church office informed about their status. We will keep these names on our prayer list for one month. If, on the other hand, you would like us to keep them on the prayer list for longer than a month, please call the church office.

THIS WEEK AT GALILEE

Sunday, February 23

Galilee Worship.....	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:30 a.m.
Adult Forum: Anne Rykken: Hiking the Pembrokeshire Coast of Wales.....	11 a.m.
Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church Worship Service	11 a.m.
St. Paul Friends Church	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Holy Hoops GAME at Christ the King Lutheran Church, New Brighton	3:30 p.m.
Vacuuming Duty: Joe Juneau	Evening

Tuesday, February 25

Donut Group	9:30 a.m.
Young at Heart.....	11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 26

Practice Your Spanish	12 p.m.
ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP.....	7 p.m.

Thursday, February 27

Bible Study.....	11 a.m.
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Saturday, February 29

Chinese Prayer	6 a.m.
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Sunday, March 1

Galilee Worship.....	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:30 a.m.
Adult Forum: 60th Anniversary Planning.....	11 a.m.
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