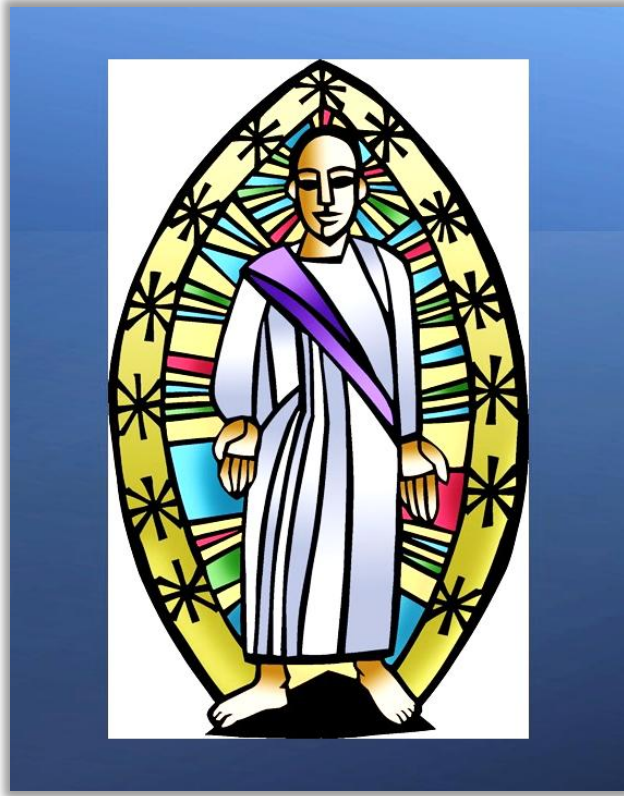


**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

*Transfiguration of Our Lord*



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

*Beautiful Savior*

ELW 707

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.  
***Silence is kept for reflection.***

Merciful God,  
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act  
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice;  
we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*When a Star is Shining*

ACS 915



1 When a star is shin-ing o - ver east - ern hills,  
2 Where the world is wait-ing for an un - known day,  
3 Lead us on, O Day - star, in the qui - et night;



when the air is si - lent, and the clam - or stills,  
where a voice for - got - ten cries, “Pre - pare the way!”  
guide us through the shad - ow with your gen - tle light;



when the night is wait - ing, and the old hopes rise,  
Where an earth - ly pow - er makes the heart turn cold,  
show us in a man - ger our re - demp - tion's sign;



then the time has rip - ened and the heart grows wise.  
there the gifts are of - fered— in - cense, myrrh, and gold.  
bring us to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.



Lead us on, lead us on, to a morn - ing where the



prom - ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on,



to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993  
Music: WHERE THE PROMISE SHINES, Bob Moore, b. 1962  
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**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 READING: Exodus 34:29-35**

<sup>29</sup> Moses 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. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but 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, <sup>35</sup> the 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.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 99

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

<sup>4</sup>**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;  
God is the Holy One.

<sup>6</sup>**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD,  
they called upon you, and you answered them,**

<sup>7</sup>you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

<sup>8</sup>**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not 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. <sup>14</sup>But 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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And 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.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We 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.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Refrain*



Lead us on, lead us on, to a morn-ing where the  
prom-ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on,  
to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

**GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a].** The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>37</sup> On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup> Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” <sup>41</sup> Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43a</sup> And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

ELW 315

### APOSTLES' CREED

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. We begin with the refrain from *Let Justice Roll Like a River*. The refrain will be sung after each petition ending with *Let Justice Roll*. Let us sing and pray...



Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, and wash all op -  
pres - sion a - way. Come, O God, and take us,  
move and shake us; come now, and make us a - new,  
that we might live just - ly like you.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

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

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

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**OFFERTORY-SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Shout to The Lord*

*Ginny Ahrlin, Piano, Kris Weikum, Piano*

**OFFERING PRAYER** God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**LORD'S PRAYER** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

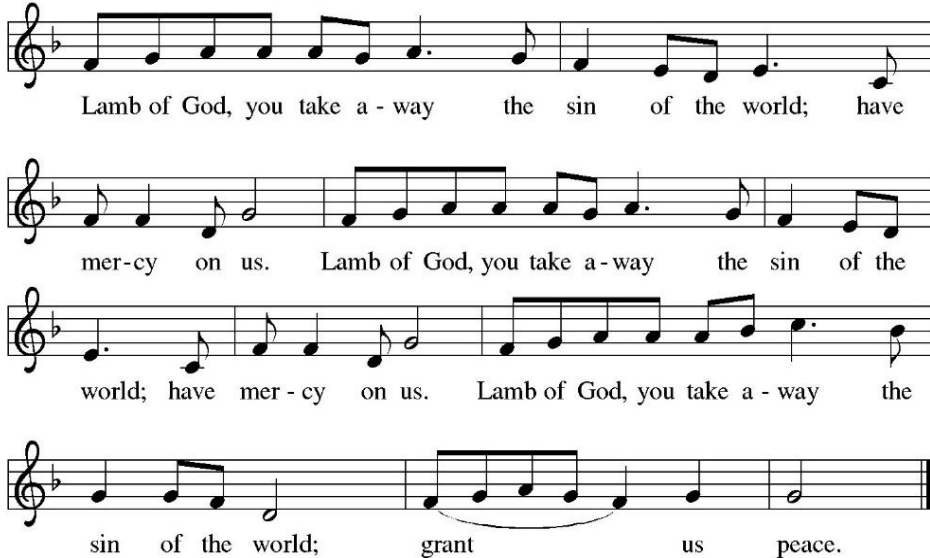
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**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

ELW 815

## TABLE BLESSING

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

## BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

ELW 671

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Kristen Weikum

## **WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Debbie (community, cancer), Leanne, Addy, Sharon P., Deb, Cliff, Lorraine M., Eric, Kyle, Pr. Art, Bob D, Mark O., Janet, John W., Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Joy T., Shannon P., Luddy, Gerilyn, Archer, Jarie, Phyllis, Wally, Tedd, Ed & Karen, Ralph, Chuck, Sue. ***Call Janet Heglund @ 218-749-6143 for prayer needs- the prayer chain leader January through June.***

***If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.***

### **CONTACT US**

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

Office Admin hours are 9am - 5pm, Tuesday - Friday.

There will be times we're away from the office doing errands, for this reason, please call ahead if you plan on coming to the church or need assistance!

### **PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor Liz will be here Tues. - Thurs. & off Fridays.

Call @ 218-780-8907

or email at [lizcheney44@gmail.com](mailto:lizcheney44@gmail.com)

### **STAFF**

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**Bookkeeper:** Carole Rutka

**Custodian:** Steve Gagnon

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Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Transfiguration of Our Lord*

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

**ADULT FORUM TODAY AFTER WORSHIP** Join us in the Sanctuary after grabbing a coffee! Topic: *How is Creation Calling You?* Discovering Your Role in our Synod's Movement to be Stewards of the Earth in a Time of Crisis. God's first commandment to human beings in the Bible is to serve and preserve the earth. *How are we doing with that?* Discuss what we are seeing as the Earth cries out to us in many ways. *Discover* how the Easter hymn, "Now the Green Blade Rises," is awakening a movement to care for Creation in and beyond the congregations of our synod, including the Pollinator Plot, the spring EcoFaith Summit, and a micro-grant program for congregations and camps. \*Pastor Kristin Foster, who will host this forum, is the co-chair of the NE MN Synod EcoFaith Network and retired pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, Mt. Iron.

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP** Join us for the beginning of our Lenten Journey, **Wed., Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS** Next Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, is the time change. Saturday night, as you go to bed, set your clocks forward an hour (so you don't show up to church at 10:30am and wonder what happened)!

**LENTEN WORSHIP** Lenten Soup Suppers & Wednesday Worship dates: **MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>, MAR. 19<sup>TH</sup>, MAR. 26<sup>TH</sup>, APR. 2<sup>ND</sup>, APR. 9<sup>TH</sup>.** The sign-up sheet to bring soup & serve is on the kiosk to help with Soup Supper.

**MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP EXPERIENCE:** This year's mid-week worship is intended to center our five senses as a way of exploring the significance of Christ's incarnation throughout our Lenten journey. We



We all are made in the image of God, who chose to share our humanity by joining in our embodied experience. God's image in us is beautifully diverse. We'll gather around tables in the fellowship hall & engage in worship as both a large group as well as our small table groups. The experiences will be for all ages. We hope you'll join us!

**PARENTS** Text/Call Pastor for **First Communion Classes by this Wed., Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>.** See the back for more info!

**CLOTHING SALE** We're collecting clothes & gently used household items for our Clothing Sale **April 25<sup>th</sup>** (8:30am – 2:30pm) & **April 26<sup>th</sup>** (8:30am – 12pm). Please bring items to the back of the Fellowship Hall and leave them on a table on the left. **Important:** *label your donated items for the "Clothing Sale" or "Community Closet," or leave your donated Community Closet items on a pew by the office.* \* If you're good at organizing, come help us sort clothes if you're available-**Mondays at noon - Contact Marcia 218-780-6882.**

**WELCA LOVE OFFERING** The Pink WELCA letter & donation envelopes are under the monitor in the narthex.

**WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP** If you're interested in sponsoring a Sunday Worship in honor of someone, or a special event (wedding anniversary, birth of children, baptism date) or in memory of a loved one who has passed, you may do so any amount you choose from \$25 - \$100. The funds will be used to keep our new sound system and electronic equipment up to date and functioning. **THE SIGN-UP SHEET WILL NOW BE LOCATED ON THE KIOSK – NEW LOCATION!**

## THIS WEEK AT OLSC:

- 3/03 BOY SCOUTS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL 6PM
- 3/04 WELCA BIBLE STUDY 1PM
- 3/05 QUILTING 9AM – 2PM, COMMUNITY CLOSET 12-3PM
- 3/05 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 6PM
- 3/06 FINANCE MTG 11AM
- 3/08 FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST & COMM.CLOSET 9AM-12PM

## SOUP SUPPER & LENT WORSHIP

\* Supper starts at 5:15pm & Worship begins at 6pm

Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>



## First Communion Classes

CLASSES WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY'S DURING LENT, IN 4-WEEK, 1-HOUR SESSIONS. IN THE LAST SESSION WE'LL MAKE COMMUNION BREAD & OUR OWN COMMUNION CUPS. WE'LL TAKE FIRST COMMUNION DURING WORSHIP THURS. **APRIL 17.**

### HERE IS THE SCHEDULE, 4-5PM:

WED. MARCH 26    WED. APRIL 2    WED. APRIL 9    WED. APRIL 16  
THURS. APRIL 17 6:00 PM, TAKING OUR FIRST COMMUNION IN WORSHIP

**PLEASE SEND PASTOR LIZ AN EMAIL OR TEXT BY MARCH 5** SO SHE CAN ORDER ENOUGH MATERIALS/SUPPLIES. INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. CHILD'S NAME
2. AGE/GRADE
3. IF THEY'RE CURRENTLY TAKING COMMUNION.

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