Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 27, 2022

Our Savior's Lutheran Church ~ Rev. Tim Ehling Rooted in Faith, Growing in Christ, Reaching to Serve ~



PRELUDE
WELCOME
OPENING HYMN Beautiful Savior

Kris Weikum, Organist

ELW# 838



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please stand as you are able.

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:

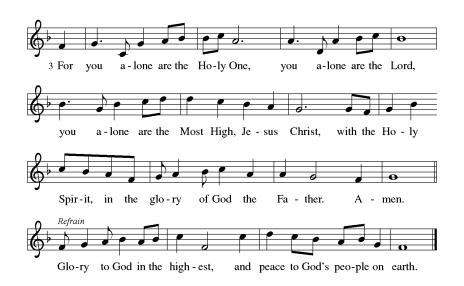
You are descendants of the Most High,

adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE





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

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.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99 *Please read bold print with the lector.

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

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

²The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.

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

⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

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

⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you | answered them,

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

⁸O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE This Little Light Of Mine - Sing Vs.1 before and after the message ELW #677 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

SECOND READING: 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.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please stand as you are able



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

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 convulses him 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. ^{43a}And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Tim Ehling



ELW #315



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.

LITANY OF WELCOME

Leader: A church family is constantly changing. Loved ones come to the end of their lives. Individuals come and go in our church life. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we recognize and affirm the ministry of our interim pastor, Tim Ehling, whose time among us is beginning. In the presence of this congregation will you commit yourself to this trust and responsibility, preach and teach in accordance with the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, and promise to discharge your duties in harmony with the constitutions of our church? If so, say, "I will and I ask God to help me.

Pastor Tim: I will, and I ask God to help me.

L: Will you love, serve, and pray for these people of God, nourishing them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, and lead them forward during this important time of transition?

Pastor Tim: I will, and I ask God to help me.

L: Will you lead this people of God in giving faithful witness to the Word and in making known the love of God through loving service among themselves and in this community?

Pastor Tim: I will, and I ask God to help me.

L: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, give you the power of the Holy Spirit so that you may perform them with strength and compassion. Amen.

The Congregation may stand

L: I now ask all of you, the people of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, will you receive this messenger of Christ, Pastor Tim, who continues the work of bringing the Gospel of hope and salvation in this congregation? Will you regard him as a fellow servant of Christ and work with him in the ministry of this congregation?

C: We will.

L: Will you pray for him and honor him for the sake of his work and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C: We will.

Amen.

L: By your statements of commitment and the affirmation of this congregation, we welcome you, Pastor Tim, as the interim pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

L: Let us pray for this interim journey:

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SHARING OF THE PEACE



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Please stand as you are able.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right....

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

*Take Communion together at this time.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

Grant us peace.

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.**



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDEKris Weikum

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ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY. An offering may be left in the plate as you exit the sanctuary. Then please join us for coffee an' in the social hall to welcome Pastor Tim.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Our Ash Wednesday Service will be here at 6pm.

SOUP SUPPERS & LENTEN SERVICES: We will have a Soup Supper at 5pm each week (not for Ash Wednesday), and a Lenten Service at 6pm every Wednesday through April 6th. Palm Sunday is April 10th, Maundy Thursday is April 14th, and Easter Sunday is April 17th.



TIME & TALENT SHEETS: Time & Talent sheets can be deposited in the basket in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider how God can use your time and talents in OSLC and the community. We are currently looking for volunteers for a technology team as well as various other committees.

<u>WELCA:</u> You may find offering envelopes for the Love campaign in the narthex. Thank you for your generous response.

QUILTING: There are enough quilt tops to keep us busy for a long time, so please plan on coming on Wednesday to help put some together. We break for coffee and at noon for lunch.

CLOTHING SALE: We are now taking donations of clean, gently used clothing for the spring sale. The sale is tentatively set for April 29-30th

<u>USED-A-BIT:</u> Please **DO NOT** bring donations for a used-a-bit (stuff) sale. We don't currently have a sale scheduled and there is no room to store donations until one can be planned.

OSLC MEN'S BREAKFAST & DEVOTIONAL: Please check with Bob R. or Bruce R. to see where they are meeting while Loonie's is being remodeled.

RADIO BROADCAST If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast in honor of a special date or in memory of someone special in your life, contact the church office with the date you have in mind.

<u>OFFICE HOURS</u>: The Church office hours are Mon-Wed from 10am to 4pm. If you need anything call us ahead of time to make sure we are there and able to help you – sometimes we are running errands or at the post office. *The office phone is 218-741-6207, our cell phones are: Colleen @ 218-269-7718 or Judy @ 218-969-2225. *The phone service will now be forwarding messages left at the church office to Colleen's cellphone as well, so she can respond to you more promptly. This should help moving forward – Thank you for your patience as we adjust our schedules to serve you better ~ Colleen & Judy.

FOR THE PRAYER CHAIN: You may call Ginny Ahrlin @ 218-749-4718 for the month of March. We pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Gus, Sharon, Jared, Butch, Colleen, Ross, Arthur, Abi M., Jen, Bonnie, Rodney, Tyler, Wally, Harlow, 7 yo girl, Laura, Kathy, Mary, Piper, Marilee, Faye A., Ed, Helen, Steve, Janet, Kathryn, Gerilyn, Shay, Martha, Bob & Betty C., Bonnie, Victoria, Bob & Wife, Ken & Wife, Bonnie, Jeanette, Carolyn, Dorothy.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY Feb. 27

9:30 am WORSHIP *Sunday school will be released after the children's message

10:30 Coffee An'

1 pm AA West Wing

7 pm NA West Wing

MONDAY Feb 28

10:30 am AA

5:30 pm TOPS West Wing

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

7 pm NA West Wing

TUESDAY MAR. 1

10:30 am AA

1pm WELCA Bible Study

WEDNESDAY MAR. 2

7:30 Men's BREAKFAST, place TBD

9:00 QUILTING

10:30 am AA

3:30PM Finance

6:00 Ash Wednesday Worship

THURSDAY MAR. 3

10:30 am AA West Wing 12PM PEO Fireside

7 pm NA West Wing

FRIDAY MAR. 4

10:30 am AA

8 pm CO-ED NA West Wing

SATURDAY MAR. 5

10:30 am AA

SUNDAY MAR. 6

9:30 am WORSHIP *SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 am Coffee An'

1 pm AA West WING

7 pm NA West Wing

WELCA CINNAMON ROLL SALE

Pre-paid orders will be taken today through March 20th for those mouth-watering huge cinnamon rolls. The cost is \$1.25 each and they will be available for pick-up on Palm Sunday. You may call the church office at (218) 741-6207 or call Judy Peliska at (218) 969-2225 to place your order.

LOVE OFFERING

WELCA's Love Offering runs throughout TODAY. Please look for the special envelope in the narthex on the table to respond to this campaign. Thanks!



Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday service is this week, Mar. 2nd at 6pm (no meal).



Weekly Wednesday Services will begin March 9th with a 5pm Soup Supper, and Worship at 6pm.

We will have a sign-up sheet for soup/help/bread & crackers soon.