

**Transfiguration Sunday**  
**February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Our Savior's Lutheran, ELCA**

**Order of Worship**

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

L: In the beginning when God created

**C: A wind swept over the waters,  
A breath warmed the dark voids,  
A Spirit called forth creation.**

L: God gave in grace:

**C: Let there be light for all to see,  
Let there be water for all to splash in,  
Let there be life in the midst of death**

L: Yes, let there be life beyond death.

And God invited and invites us to respond, rejoicing!

**C: It was good,  
It was awesome and awe-filled,  
It is good.**

Song # 631 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"



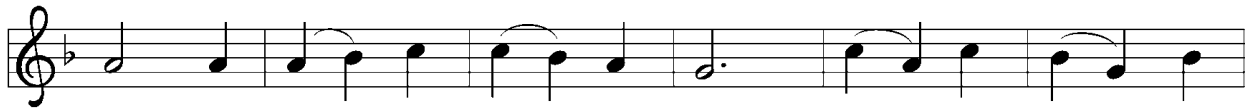
1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry  
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy  
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us  
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-  
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;  
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

## Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

L: Let us draw near to God in humility and confidence, confessing our sin.  
(Silent Reflection and Self-examination)

L: God of truth and light,

C: **We confess our trust and reliance on human wisdom and strength. We acknowledge the things that divide us within the church, among the nations, and in our own relationships. Pour out your great light on us. Through the power and wisdom of the cross, heal our brokenness and forgive our foolish ways, that your light may shine through us and we may give glory to you.**

Amen

L: The boundless riches of Christ are the gift of God's grace to all people. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I 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.

C: Amen

Song of Praise # 856 "How Great Thou Art"

How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*
- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*
- 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859-1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989.

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## Prayer of the Day

First Reading Exodus 24: 12-18

A Gift of Song Sharon Panula

Second Reading 2 Peter 1: 16-21

Gospel Reading Matthew 17: 1-9

Sermon

Sermon Song # 838 "Beautiful Savior"



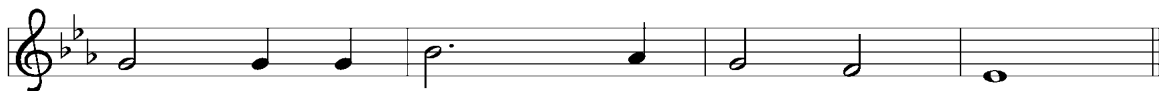
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904  
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Sharing the peace  
 Offering Invitation  
 Offering  
 Offering Prayer  
 God's Giving Continues...  
 Lord's Prayer  
 Sharing the Meal  
 Communion Blessing  
 Communion Prayer  
 Song # 314 "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947  
 Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893  
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Blessing  
 Sending  
 L: Go in peace. Shine the Light of Christ in all you do.  
 C: **Thanks be to God!**  
 Postlude

### An Invitation

**Holy Communion:** All are welcome to this table. Whether you belong to this church, or another church, or no church at all, the gift of this bread and wine, and Christ's real presence are for us all. Your Children are welcome. You do not need to be a certain age to receive the gift of God at this table. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing. Crossing your arms in front of your chest (sign language for love) will let our servers know you would like a blessing. If you prefer grape juice, take the cups from the center of the tray. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, let the server know as you come forward. Please let the usher know if you would like communion brought to you.

We also celebrate the gifts of God's grace and love in **Holy Baptism**. If you have not been Baptized and would like to be, please contact the church office to visit with our pastor.

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all is ready!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS - FEBRUARY 19, 2023

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

**Prayer** You are invited to light the candles on the tables in the back of the sanctuary any time before, during, or after worship for yourself, or in memory/honor of a loved one as a symbol of the promised light of Christ shining in the darkest, gloomiest, most uncertain times of our life – to give us hope.

**Ash Wednesday** Join us this week – Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall ~ Soup Supper will be served at 5pm, and Worship will begin at 6pm.

**Prayer Meeting** You are welcome to join us this Thursday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10am for our Prayer Meeting.

**Lent** Sign-up to help provide soup & serve for the season of Lent- the sheet is in the narthex (*each Wednesday during Lent the Soup Supper will begin at 5pm, and worship at 6pm. - March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29*).

**Help Ukraine** 🏠 You can support the people of Ukraine by sending donations to: *Lutheran World Relief, P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061*. You may also call LWR @ 800-638-3522. **Please continue to pray for peace, protection, and provisions.**

**Car-Pool Team** We have a few congregants who love being at church in person on Sundays, but it can be difficult for them to get here for various reasons. A new team is going to assist with this and you are invited to sign up if you are able to help! See the narthex/entry table.

**WELCA Love Offering** WELCA has begun their February love offering for various ministries they support: VLM Camp scholarships for kids, Project CareFee Clinic, Quad Cities Food Shelf, ERDAC, Youth Foyer, Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran World Relief...If you would like to partner with them, their special offering envelopes will be available in the narthex (white, stamped "WELCA" in pink. **FEB. 16<sup>TH</sup>** *We'll be sewing baby blankets & packing Baby kits for LWR, 10am-12pm, join us!*

**Free Little Pantry** We are asking for donations of boxed/dry pasta goods for the remainder of February for the outside *Free Little Pantry*. Food items like spaghetti, shell or elbow macaroni, mac & cheese boxes, ramen noodles will be collected. You can bring your donated food item to the metal shopping cart in the Social Hall. Thank you! Every month we will announce a new food item.

**Clothing Sale Donations** You may bring in donated clothing for next spring's clothing sale and leave in the back left side of the social hall or the west wing of the church on **MONDAYS**. Call Gloria if you have questions @ 218-750-7362. *Our Annual Clothing Sale will be Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.*

**Prayer Chain** You may call Janet Heglund @ 218-749-6143, prayer chain leader through April. Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Nancy, Diane, Janet H. (pneumonia & heart), Matt(heart), Avery(heart), Ethan(community), Adam (community), Brandon, Maryilee, Deb, Jessica, Breanna, Jeremy, Richard, Shari, Rodney, Matt P., Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Marlene K., Dave C., Lee, Kathy, Mary, Wally C., Carolyn, Raymon(vascular disease/legs), Marlene S., Cliff, Gerilyn & family, Bonnie M.(MS), Victoria, Bob & Wife (ALS).

**IF YOU'RE VISITING:** *Thank you for being here today. If you would like to know more about OSLC, call the church office at 218-741-6207 or Pastor Tim @ 320-226-7074 (voice messages are routed to our email, so leave us a message). Office hours are Mon-Wed from 10am to 4pm, and Fri. 10am to 4pm (except during holidays). Join us for coffee & treats in our Fellowship Hall across from the sanctuary after worship. Bathrooms are located to the left and down the hall as you exit the sanctuary. **Parents:** As you enter the Sanctuary, to the left, there is an activity tree holding canvas bags with toys & books for your children to use during worship, and coloring pages/books with crayons in the basket beside it - feel free to use them! You are also welcome to utilize the "Youth Room" down the hall (past the bathrooms) with your little ones if needed (Sunday School also takes place here after worship). We're glad you're here~*

**Radio Sponsorship:** Thank you for supporting this important ministry. If you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday worship broadcast 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 in full for \$90 or in partial at \$45. **Last week's broadcast is sponsored by Kevin & Tamera Brown, in memory of Kevin's father, James Brown, for his birthday.** Just call the +church office, and/or sign up on the sheet provided on the blue bulletin board by the fountain. Those in nursing homes, assisted living communities or at home and unable to attend in person thank you for considering. Our live worship can be heard on KRBT 1340AM & 104.9FM.

### **Upcoming Meetings & misc.**

- Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Ash Wednesday, meal @ 5pm,  
Worship @ 6pm
- Feb 21: Church Council Meeting @ 5:30pm
- Feb 23: Prayer Meeting @ 10am
- Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>: Due date for entries in the newsletter
- Adult Forums in March: Robin Harkonen, ERDAC,  
Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>, Nina Kampf "The Broken Contract" Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>.



Another easy way to give to the church instead of worrying about a check Sunday mornings... You can either hop on to our website and look for the green on the right side of the page, or you can scan **our new QR code** that takes you directly to the source on your phone. The BEST PART IS, you have total control of your electronic giving this way. You do not have to wait on someone from church to change/undo your e-giving! You can hop on to the site and change your desired giving yourself. It is secure and easy to do. If you want a demo, stop in at the office and we will show you how this works.



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