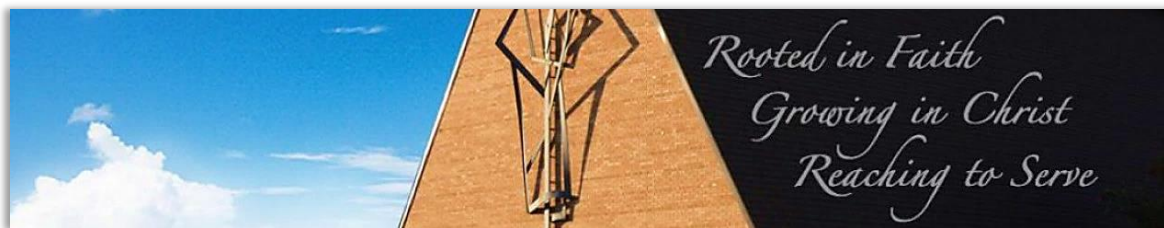




February 11th, 2024
Transfiguration of Our Lord



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Virginia, MN
Pastor Liz Cheney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
 creator of darkness and light,
 word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**
 Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,
we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
 God has spoken:
 The time of grace is now.
 In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
 By the authority of † Jesus Christ,
 your sins are forgiven.
 You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

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and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE Glory to God

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Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Let us pray. **Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING 2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As

the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

PSALM 50:1-6

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God shines forth in glory.**

³Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.**

⁵“Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

⁶**The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,
for it is God who is judge.**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9 The Holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC *Special Music Sung by George Croft and Kristi Ongalo, and accompanied by Mark Ongalo. * The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain:*

On the Wings of a Snow White Dove:

On the wings of a snow white dove, He sends his pure sweet love,
A sign from above, On the wings of a dove.

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

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APOSTLES CREED

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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.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation. *God of grace, **receive our prayer.***

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **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.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.

In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

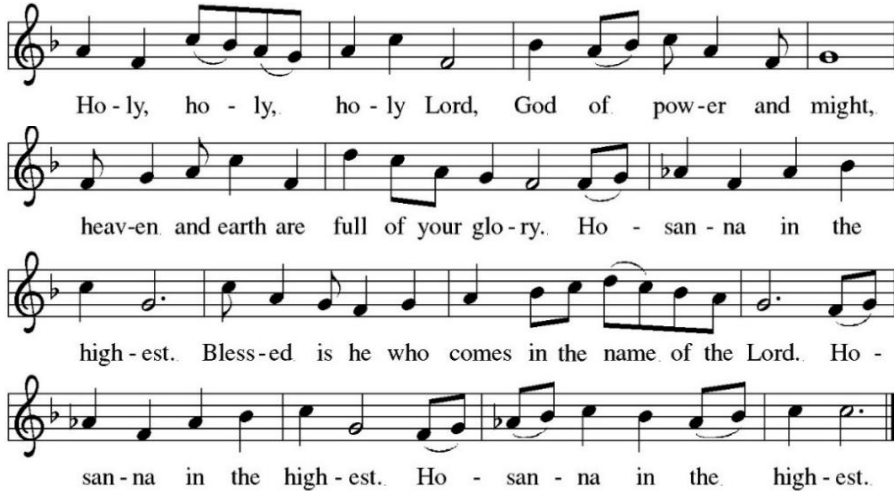
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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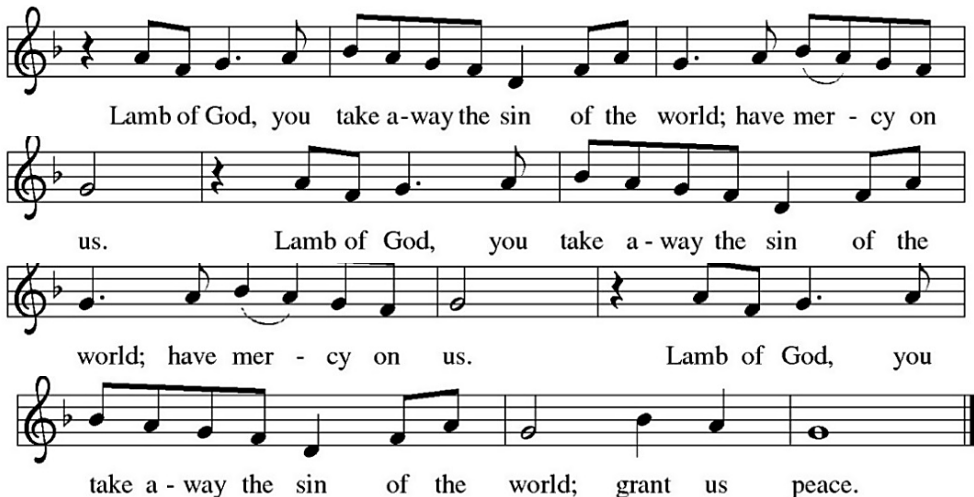
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table. All are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION HYMNS

Oh My Heart Imprint Your Image
Beautiful Savior

ELW 811

ELW 838

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

We Are Marching in the Light

ELW 866

DISMISSAL Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Kris Weikum

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Deb L., Bob, Carol, Steve, Gary, Jeannie, Cliff, Dale, Roya, Larry, Mickey (community), Phyllis S., JoAnne, Barbara, Tom, Mark, Jess, Kate, Joe, Matthew, Russ, Carolyn B., Dan, Adeline, Jesse, Tedd, Ed & Karen, Ralph, Diane, Chuck, Sue, Mike, Kate, Matt, Ken, Ruth T., Hermine, Matt, Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Brandon, Jessica, Breanna, Jeremy, Richard, Shari, Rodney, Lee, Kathy, Mary, Wally C., Marlene, Victoria. Call Janet Heglund prayer leader for this month, at 218-749-6143, for prayer needs.

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 11th, 2024

TODAY IS “Be the Light” SUNDAY! Join in the fun after grabbing a coffee & treat in the Fellowship Hall. Children will have projects to do at the Kid’s Table.

CREW NEEDED! We need a crew of volunteers to help us move things in the basement Wednesday morning at 10am, Feb. 14th. It won’t take too long! This is in prep for the work being done.

WELCA LOVE OFFERING Love Offering envelopes are in a basket in the narthex under the tv monitor. You can use the envelope to make a donation to WELCA for the many ministries they contribute to: Children’s Bibles, Faith Formation needs, VLM Camperships, Salvation Army, Food Shelf, Recycled Lives, special church projects, the new changing table, kitchen supplies, quilting supplies for LWR quilts, School Backpack Kits, Nursery Kits, and serving for funerals. **Thank you for considering!**

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE BOXES are in the narthex (unnumbered) if you use them - they are by the tv/monitor.

CLOTHING SALE It will be held **Friday, Apr. 19th & Sat., Apr. 20th**. *Times will be posted soon.* You may bring donated clothing and leave them bagged on a back table, left side of the Fellowship Hall – we need more donated clothes! If you have gently used household items, kitchen gadgets & cookware, even tools, bring them as well – we will have a table or two set up for used-a-bit items. *Thank you! If you can help with the sale, let Marcia Aluni or Gloria Gagnon know!*

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ANNUAL DINNER- This is a fundraiser/auction for North St. Louis. Doors open at 5pm, and dinner is served at 6pm, by RSVP, at the Mt. Iron Community Center, Thurs., Feb. 29th. Go to www.nslchfh.org to reserve your spot.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS We are in need of people to sign up to help **serve communion, be a lector, usher, greet**, etc...in order for worship on Sunday mornings to run smoothly. The sign-up sheets are located on the kiosk in the narthex. This work belongs to all of us, the ministers of the congregation. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to sign up to help. Not sure how to do something, just ask!

LITTLE PANTRY Heart Health focus this month: peanut butter, tuna fish & salmon in peelpacks/cans, nuts, sunflower seeds, oatmeal & hot cereals, dry beans, brown rice, multigrain bread, applesauce & fruit cups (no added sugar).

TECH TEAM FORMATION It’s exciting to see what we will be able to do in the very near future! Shortly, Our Savior’s will have the equipment and ability to live stream our worship services, funerals, weddings, concerts, etc... LIVE! People will be able to tune in at 9:30 on Sunday mornings and watch our worship in the moment on both our FB page & YouTube. This is very exciting! Pastor is looking to

put together a *Tech Team* that would be able to help on Sunday mornings get mics on, camera on, radio on, easy tasks. Please talk with Pastor Liz if you are interested in helping out in this way.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP If you are 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, and/or the tech equipment, you may do so in full for \$90 or shared/partial at \$45. Just call the church office, **and/or sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board by the fountain.**

EVENTS & MEETINGS:

- 2/13 WELCA Board Meeting at 9:30am
- 2/14 Cleaning of basement to prep for basement repairs starting at 10am
- 2/14 Quilting, 9am – 2-3pm
- 2/14 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE WILL BE AT 6PM**

** 2/13 COMMUNITY: Gethsemane Lutheran is hosting their infamous “Schokolade” Chocolate Buffet Tues., 5-7pm. \$12 in person or take out. Great Valentine’s Day event idea! Please call & reserve, tickets run out early - 218-741-4961*



ASH WEDNESDAY

WORSHIP WILL BE AT 6 PM, FEB. 14TH



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WEDNESDAYS LENTEN SEASON
5PM SUPPER & 6PM WORSHIP
FEB. 21ST & 28TH - MAR. 6TH, 13TH & 20TH
WE WILL BEGIN WITH A MEAL TOGETHER,
THEN WORSHIP. THE THEME IS
ALTERED BY THE SPIRIT
JOIN US ON THIS JOURNEY
OF REFLECTION & DISCOVERY.



Holy Week

OUR LAST WEDNESDAY LENT SUPPER & WORSHIP
WILL TAKE PLACE MARCH 20TH
PALM SUNDAY IS MARCH 24TH
MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP, 6PM, MAR. 28TH
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, 6PM, MAR. 29TH
EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP WILL BE AT 9:30AM



Be the Light

FEBRUARY 11, 2024



Love

THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH **ALL**

Your Heart

& WITH ALL YOUR SOUL

AND WITH ALL

Your Mind.

MATTHEW 22:37