

Welcome

Transfiguration

February 23, 2020



UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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9:30 a.m. Sunday School ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship

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ORDER OF SERVICE - SETTING ONE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior

arr. Drischner

Please stand as you are able.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore 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**

HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fill the Skies

LBW 265

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green book)

WOV = With One Voice (blue book)

KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy**

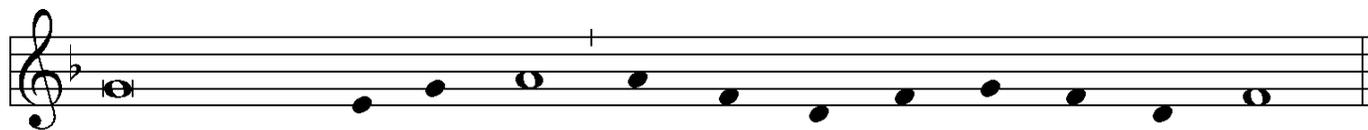
P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B 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.



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.



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

THE SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray, O God, at the glorious transfiguration of your only Son, you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples and by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of his glory. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 24:8-18

⁸Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. ¹²The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.” ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst 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. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Hear ends the reading.

Psalm 2:6-12 (sung in unison)

⁶“I myself have | set my king*
upon my holy | hill of Zion.”

⁷Let me announce the decree | of the Lord:*
He said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I be- | gotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance*
and the ends of the earth for | your possession.

⁹You shall crush them with an | iron rod*
and shatter them like a | piece of pottery.”

¹⁰And now, you | kings, be wise;*
be warned, you rulers | of the earth.

¹¹Submit to the | Lord with fear,*
and with trembling | bow before him;

¹²Lest he be angry | and you perish;*
for his wrath is | quickly kindled.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Here ends the reading.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 17th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, 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 white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Hidden Identities

Pastor Harvey Blume

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior

LBW 518

Please stand as you are able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Let Us Break Bread Together

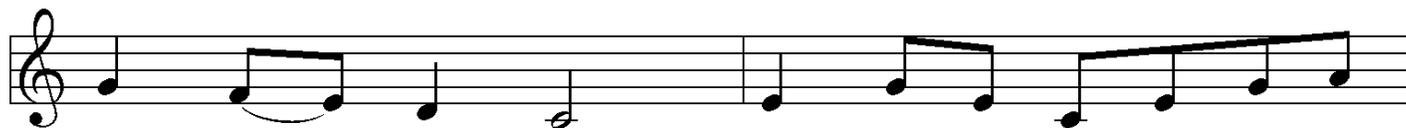
arr. Lopez

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



☞ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

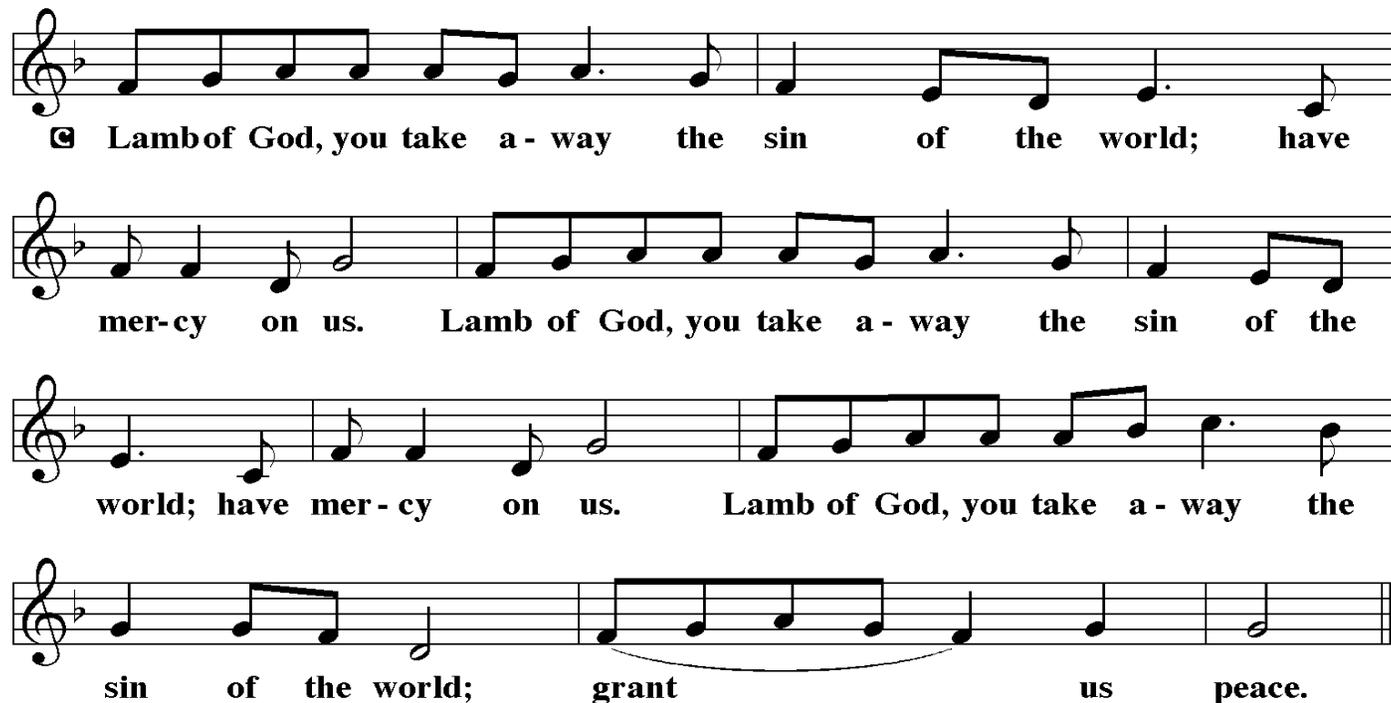
**C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine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

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized and believe Christ is truly present within the elements of the bread and wine are welcome to God's table. Today we receive the sacrament by way of "intinction." After receiving the wafer, dip it into the wine. Grape juice is provided for anyone who is not able to receive the wine.

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.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

O Jesus, I Have Promised

LBW 503

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P Let us pray

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LBW 315

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe, Jane Peeler, and Zarah Plyler (Autumn Care), Betty Herion and Jean Ray (Brookdale), Bob Wilhelm (The Meadows-Rockwell), Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B)

Homebound Members - Mary Brady, Sue Chambers, Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Gladys Morgan, Frances Norris, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery - Bill Broadway, Rev. Tom Corbell, Kiki Deaton, Glenn Eagle, Josh Eagle, Bob Goodwin, Linda Hartley, Tommy Kerns, Teressa Kesler, Pat Kluttz, Eric Miller, Donnie Miller, Harold Miller, Grace Morgan, Ruth Myers, Karen Plyler, Larry Shepherd, Effie Vellines, and Ronald Vellines

Continual Prayer - Vonnie Agner, Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Yvette Bates (coworker of Karen Barringer), Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Donna Collins (friend of Sharon Leazer), Robert Cook (uncle of Lisa Morgan), Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (Niece of Grace Morgan), June Fraley, Teresa Frank (Pam Vellines cousin), Marie Gorapic (sister of Linda Spencer), Tamara Honeycutt, Edna & John McCollough (friends of Jennifer & Scott Curlee), Pat Miller (friend of Jan Huffman), Shelia Mulkey, Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Hong Nguyen (Pete Nguyen's mother), John Oddie, Jr. (brother of Ruby Leazer and Ruth Myers), Robert Parker (brother of Jimmy Parker), Jamie Troutman (son of Joan Troutman), Justin West and David Mitchell (friends of Pete Nguyen)

Remember in Prayer List Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. Please let us know if a correction is needed or you would like a name added/or returned to the list. If there is a name that can be removed, please contact the church office with that information as well. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known prolonged/ongoing issues. Thank you!

OUR LOVE and **SYMPATHY** is extended to Malynda Peeler and Family on the death of her Father, Donald "Butch" Wilhelm.

***OUR LOVE** and **SYMPATHY** is extended to Sue Chambers and Family on the death of Ray Chambers, Jr., on February 18.*

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Those Serving in March:

Acolytes: Felisaty and Dusty Morgan

Altar Guild:

Vivian Sprinkle and Patsy Lyerly

Communion Assistants:

Tara Davis and Vivian Sprinkle

Lay Readers: Dusty Morgan Family

Ushers: Mike Cauble, Phil Cauble (HU), Elbert Kluttz, and Ronald Vellines

*During the month of February the **loose offering** will be given to the Social Ministry Fund (2/2), Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund (2/9), Building and Repair Fund (2/16), and Lutheridge Scholarship Fund (2/23).*



The weekly *Messenger*

Today's Activities (February 23):

9:30 a.m. Sunday School ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Little Lutherans and Quest Youth at Union

March Newsletter articles deadline to the church office is next Sunday.

We welcome Pastor Harvey Blume, Supply Pastor,
sharing the Word with us today!

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dalton Thompson February 14 and Karen Barringer February 22 on their birthdays by Ruby Leazer.

This Week's Activities:

- Tues, Feb. 25 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held in the Old Pine Center sponsored by Union Youth
- Wed, Feb. 26 **7:00 p.m.** (time change) Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 p.m. Scouts
- Thurs, Feb. 27 11:00 a.m. Messenger Crew

Next Sunday's Activities (March 1):

Rev. Heidi Punt's first day at Union!

9:30 a.m. Confirmation ~ 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Lessons for Next Week:

Genesis 3:1-21; Psalm 32:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Those Serving in February:

Acolytes: Ellie, Ethan, Bailey, and Lucas Wilhelm

Lay Readers: Pam Vellines ~ Ellie Wilhelm ~ Ethan Wilhelm

Communion Assistants: Brad Huffman ~ Kevin Huffman ~ Elbert Kluttz

Ushers:

Larry Barringer ~ Phil Cauble (HU) ~ John Kesler ~ Wayne Vellines

LENT 2020 “BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED”

March 4-April 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The innocent Son of God had no sins of his own for which he deserved to die, yet his enemies falsely accused him of violating every commandment of God. In each service in this series we will see that it was our sin, our disobedience, that Jesus bore in his body on the cross. The Lord laid on him “the iniquity of us all.” Jesus suffered the penalty of death in our place, and “by his wounds we are healed.”

WEEK 1: THE WOUNDS OF VIOLATING THE SABBATH (March 4)

In this service for Week 1 of Lent, we remember that the wounds of violating the Sabbath we committed against our Lord were laid on Christ on the cross. Our Lenten observance reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.

WEEK 2: THE WOUNDS OF DISHONORING AUTHORITY (March 11)

In this service for Week 2 of Lent, we remember that the wounds of dishonoring authority we committed against our Lord were laid on Christ on the cross. Our Lenten observance reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.

WEEK 3: THE WOUNDS OF MURDER (March 18)

In this service for Week 3 of Lent, we remember that the wounds of murder and violence we committed against our Lord were laid on Christ on the cross. Our Lenten observance reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.

WEEK 4: THE WOUNDS OF ADULTERY (March 25)

In this service for Week 4 of Lent, we remember that the wounds of adultery and unfaithfulness we committed against our Lord were laid on Christ on the cross. Our Lenten observance reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.

WEEK 5: THE WOUNDS OF STEALING (April 1)

In this service for Week 5 of Lent, we remember that the wounds of stealing and dishonesty we committed against our Lord were laid on Christ on the cross. Our Lenten observance reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.

Please note the following change: there will be no Mid-Week Lenten Suppers prior to Vespers.

If you are interested in joining a Safety & Security Team, please contact Pete Nguyen (704) 223-2270.