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Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 19, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

We welcome children to be a part of worship. A nursery is also provided for those attending to the needs of infants and small children.

*(Please stand when indicated by *)*

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal
With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Agincourt Hymn* based on LBW hymn p. 80 (Callahan)

GATHERING

- * Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness LBW p. 77
- * HYMN: *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!* LBW# 89
- * Greeting & Kyrie LBW p. 78-79
- * Hymn of Praise (*"This is the Feast..."*) LBW p. 81-82
- * Salutation LBW p. 82
- * Prayer of the Day

P 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.**

WORD

Children's Message

Old Testament 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.”¹³ So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.¹⁴ And 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.”¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.¹⁶ The 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.¹⁷ Now 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.¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Reader Here 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.

Epistle 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.

Reader Here ends the reading.

* Gospel Acclamation (“*Alleluia...*”)

LBW p. 83

* Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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

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

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.**

Sermon: *Christ, Our Sure Transformation*

Pastor Heidi Punt

* HYMN: *The Church's One Foundation*

LBW# 369

* Apostles' Creed

LBW p. 85

* Prayer of the Church & Sharing of the Peace

LBW p. 85-86

Offering *The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Building & Repair Fund. During the month of February, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on the Battered Women's Shelter. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Organ Offertory: *Jesus on the Mountain Peak* (Sedio)

MEAL

* Offertory ("*Let the Vineyards...*") & Offertory Prayer

LBW p. 86-87

* Great Thanksgiving & Sanctus

LBW p. 88-89

* Words of Institution

LBW p 89

* Lord's Prayer

LBW p. 91

Lamb of God & Distribution of Communion

LBW p. 92

At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. For those who prefer individually sealed units please indicate. Gluten Free wafers and grape juice are also available upon request. Please fill out a communion card located in the pew and hand to the Usher while following their directions to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

* Post-Communion Canticle ("*Thank the Lord...*")

LBW p. 92-93

* Post-Communion Prayer

LBW p. 94

SENDING

* Benediction

LBW p. 95

* HYMN: *Beautiful Savior*

LBW# 518

* Sending

P You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament now go therefore and make disciples of all nations

C **Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

P Union Lutheran Church you are sent!

C **Amen, amen, amen**

Postlude: *How Good, Lord, to Be Here* (arr. Sedio)

*The **ALTAR GREENERY** is given to the glory of God.*

Sunday School Attendance 2/5	40
Sunday School Attendance 2/12	39
Worship Attendance 2/5	90
Worship Attendance 2/12	103

Current Fund Financial Information:

Offering received Sunday, February 12 \$2,725.50

Weekly offering needed to meet our Ministry Support plan \$6,482.37

Those Serving in February

Guest Organist: Nancy Sloop

Acolyte, Altar Guild, Lay Reader, & Communion Assistant: Robyn Arey

Communion Assistants: Janice Goodman & Kevin Huffman

Ushers: Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble (HU), Lisa Graczyk & Addison Queen

Offering Counters: Jennifer Curlee, Doris Shepherd, & Wayne Vellines

Join us for a pancake supper sponsored by our youth, as we celebrate **Shrove Tuesday, February 21**, before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. From **5:00 PM – 7:00 PM** dinner will be served, so feel free to stop in any time during that time frame to enjoy dinner in the Old Pine Center.

Youth will prepare and serve. Funds go to Youth/Mission Fund.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the forty-day season of Lent. Its name is taken from the ancient biblical tradition of using ashes as a sign of repentance and human mortality. We come together in humble and honest reflection of our own sinfulness, trusting in the forgiveness of our merciful Lord and in the promise that he has won for us in the cross.

*Union will be observing **Ash Wednesday, February 22**, in the Sanctuary at **10:30 a.m.** & at **6:30 p.m.** with the Imposition of Ashes.*

Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 2 (p. 77-97)

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Union News

Sunday's Activities, February 19:

Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Children & Youth: The Faith-Full Family ~ Ruth 1:1-2:13; 4:13-17

Adult Sunday School Class: Responsibility of Those Called ~ James 2:1-12

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion ~ LBW Setting 2

We thank Nancy Sloop for sharing her musical talents with us today!

Lessons for February 19: Exodus 24:8-18; Psalm 2:6-12;

2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon: *Christ, Our Sure Transformation*

In addition to the monthly Benevolence focus, two opportunities are available to assist financially 1) noisy offering to purchase Bibles for the Carolinas Mission Region (CMR) retreat attendees (envelopes mark "Bibles") and 2) new choir robes (envelopes mark "robes")

New: 12 noon brief called meeting of Property, Cemetery, & Columbarium

2:00 p.m. Church Council

New: 2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginners Bells (B 'n B)

Deadline for Newsletter articles and donated items for CMR event.

The congregation is invited to attend **Rev. Dr. Judson F. Merrell, STS** installation service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1130 St. Peter's Road, Lexington, SC 29072 today at **4:00 p.m.**

This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, Feb. 21	5:00 p.m. Pancake Supper & Rededication of Palms
Wednesday, Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. services in Sanctuary 12:30 p.m. Facebook Bible Study on Reigniting the Joy of Motherhood (5 week series)
Saturday, Feb. 25	11:00 a.m. CMR Mission Event (St. Peters, Chapin)

Next Sunday's Activities, February 26:

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

Children & Youth: The Chosen King ~ 1 Samuel 8:4-9:2; 10:17-27; 11:12-15

Adult Sunday School Class: Results of the Call ~ 1 Peter 2:1-10

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Lessons for February 26: Genesis 3:1-21; Psalm 32:1-7;

Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon: *Temptations!*

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Luther League Middle/High School Youth at Organ

*During the season of Lent,
branches will be used in the place of Altar Flowers.*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, and Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care), and Jean Ray (Brookdale)

Homebound Members – Arnold Cauble, Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Frances Norris, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Nancy Kesler, John Knight, Doug Peeler, Sylvia Peeler

Continual Prayer – Evonne Batten, Nancy Ballew (Kat Clifton's mother), Pastor George Bradshaw (Pineridge Baptist Church), Bill Broadway, Janet Dunning (Doris Shepherd's sister), Glenn Eagle, Tommy and Joan Kerns, Pat Kluttz, Glenn & Betty Sue Lowder, Della Morgan (Pam Vellines' mother), Dusty Morgan, Sr. Family (Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, and Dusty, Jr.), Danny "Chocolate" Myers (Frank Merrell's friend), William Page, Effie Vellines, Union Fire Department #76, Haiti (gangs), Nigerian Christians, and those affected by natural or political disasters

Confirmation Students: Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Bailey Wilhelm, and Lucas Wilhelm

February Service Projects

- Please donate by **today** 2.5 gallon plastic storage bags and individually packaged soft toothbrushes (must be unopened) for CMR event on February 25.
- During the months of February & March, please donate **Rowan Helping Ministries Child Friendly Foods** (when children are out of school): individual Mac 'n Cheese, Fruit Cups, granola bars, anything that a child can open and heat in the microwave by themselves.

PART SEVEN: Holy Communion

The Means of Communion

How can bodily eating and drinking produce such great benefits? It is not the eating and drinking alone, but also the words that accompany it, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, together with the eating and drinking, are the chief thing in the Sacrament, and those who believe them have what they say and declare, namely, the forgiveness of sins.

(Martin Luther's Small Catechism 2010 Edition Sola Publishing-Pocket Version, page 29)

More information will be coming soon on how we can connect with each other, our community, and our world!

OUR MISSION:

*Christ Centered ~ Mission Driven ~ Traditionally-Grounded ~
Congregationally Focused (Matthew 28:18-20)*

OUR VISION:

One Relationship at a Time

BE OUR GUEST

Can't wait to see what God can do!

