



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday Feb. 19, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Welcome

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Remember the mission of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer by

Making God Know Through Word and Deed.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and 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.

Amen.

Opening Song

“By His Wounds”

(Chorus) He was pierced for our transgressions He was crushed for our sins
The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him
And by His wounds by His wounds We are healed **x2**

We are healed by Your sacrifice In the life that You gave
We are healed for You paid the price
By Your grace we are saved We are saved (Chorus x2)

And by His wounds by His wounds We are healed

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Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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

Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from Exodus.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out 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. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Psalm

Psalm 2

¹Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**

³"Let us break their yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their bonds from us."

⁴**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.**

⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶**"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

⁷Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸**Ask 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."

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

¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

¹²**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

A reading from 2 Peter.

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John 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 dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

Sermon

Pastor Overbo

Song of the Day

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

(Chorus) Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul

Worship His holy name Sing like never before

O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore
(Chorus x2)

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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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.

Prayer Song

“O Lord You’re Beautiful”

Oh Lord You're beautiful Your face is all I seek

For when Your eyes are on this child Your grace abounds to me

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Prayers of Intercession

Following each prayer... Leader: Lord in your mercy; Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: *Mara Lukonen, Ardell Johnson,*

Mavis Schroeder- Mother of Rich (Melanie) Schroeder

Doug Triplett- Father of Julianne (Todd) Decker

Joan Zarro- Sister of Joyce (Marv) McGillivary

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Offering and Announcements

Text to Give: 605-250-6765

Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month: Lutheran Outdoors

Communion

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.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

Glory to God in the highest! All are welcome to come to the table of peace.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

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

Amen.

Sending Song

“Glory to the Love”

(Chorus) Glory to the Love Glory to the Life Glory to the child of Light

From heaven to earth across the universe glory to the peace of Christ

Moving reaching into our lives seeds of promise stirring inside (Chorus)

Teaching healing seeking the lost turning tables bearing the cross (Chorus)

Guiding Spirit Open us wide to see Christ in each others' eyes (Chorus x3)

Glory to the Love Larry Oldon, Hans Peterson 2006 Dakota Road Music Dakota Road Music

Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Greet one another with a word of Peace as well as your name.

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Serving This Weekend

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Worship Team;** **Sound & Projection:** Pete Juba and Kent Anderson;

Greeters: Barb Frentz and Deb Ernst; **Ushers:** Darwin Brinkman; **Lector:** Todd Hodenfield;

Communion Assistants: Bret, Gwen, Addy, Haydn and Graysn McGillivray and Codi Martin; **Coffee**

Servers: Kevin & Bernie Luoma

L.C.O.O.R. CONGREGATION

IT HAS BEEN A GREAT HONOR AND
JOY TO WORK WITH THIS CONGREGATION
YOU HAVE BEEN SO WELCOMING AND
GRACIOUS. THANKS ALSO FOR THE
INCREDIBLY GENEROUS GIFT. WHAT
A SURPRISE. I LOOK FORWARD TO
OUR YEARS AHEAD SHARING A FEW
LISTENING TO OUR NEW PASTORS

PASTOR DAVE

Sundays in Lent

Unfinished: Discovering God's call in the not yet

Overview: We are not left alone to navigate this unfinished life by ourselves. God is here – present-tense, each and every day – calling to us, accompanying us, renewing and recreating us – over and over again.

Lent 1 Called to Values (Temptation)

Lent 2 Called to Openness (Nicodemus)

Lent 3 Called by God (Woman at the Well)

Lent 4 Called to Attentiveness (The Man born without Sight)

Lent 5 Called to Regret (Lazarus)

Lenten Services

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd with worship at **12:15** and **6:30 p.m.** Ash Wednesday worship will include communion and imposition of ashes. Subsequent Lenten services will be held at 6:30pm each Wednesday throughout Lent. The Lenten Youth Music Team will lead at 6:30 p.m. services.

Ash Wednesday: Cross Examine

Week 1: Cross Out

Week 2: Cross Road

Week 3: Cross Walk

Week 4: Cross Word

Week 5: Cross Reference



MS Merge & Route 56

For the month of February, we will meet on Sunday, February 26th. We will gather at the church at 3:00 pm and be done at 4:30 pm. It's time for camp! We will be doing some super fun camp activities, games and wonderful treats will be on deck for the afternoon. Wear your camping gear! As always, friends are welcome.

February Mission of the Month

Lutherans Outdoors of South Dakota provides opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to connect with one another, which leads to a stronger faith foundation and much more! Wear your 'camp' swag on February 26 & March 1.

Cookies for Sandwich Ministry

Sandwich ministry is in need of cookies. We have cookie kits available for pick up at the welcome center or church office. You are also welcome to bake your own and bring them in.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who have helped with the Strategic Plan. Team members Todd Decker, Codi Martin, Gary Grewing, Dana Stimson, Dan Albertsen, Kerry Stager and Justin Hanson have been and continue to work diligently in forming and shaping our core values and priorities.

Children's Church

This special ministry is provided on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at both services & is geared toward children ages 3-2nd grade. Please contact Robbyn in the church office at 886-2696 or robbyn@lcoorwatertown.org if you would like more information or to volunteer.

January Mission of the Month Results

Nicaragua Partner Ministry (Missionary) and Nicaragua Youth Retreat were lifted up in January for our Mission of the Month. \$877 was brought in through offering and Noisy Can. THANK YOU for your support of these Nicaraguan missions.

Pre-Kindergarten Enrolling Now!

Now enrolling for the 2023-2024 School Year. Our preschool offers a Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 Pre-Kindergarten (4/5 year old) program, which is open to anyone not just church members. Enrollment forms are at the Welcome Center, the Pre-K classroom, or online.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Join Pastors Dan & Laura and experience the land of the Bible (July 6-16, 2023). Travel on a unique Holy Land experience and journey to Israel and Petra in Jordan on a spiritual combination tour of a lifetime. Visit with Pastor Dan or Pastor Laura for more information.

Mission Project for February-LWR Fabric Kits

- 2 spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each
- 2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester).

Each piece should match one of the sizes below:

- 2 1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

Wrap one piece of fabric and spools of thread inside the other piece of fabric, ensuring nothing will fall out. Secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands. Fabric Kit Instructions can be picked up at the Welcome Center & church office or you can go to <https://lwr.org/kits> for the instruction sheet.

THIS WEEK: Feb. 19 to Feb. 26

SUNDAY Feb. 19

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion

MONDAY Feb. 20

March Newsletter Deadline

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

6:45 p.m. Al-Anon (Assembly B)

TUESDAY Feb. 21

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

11:00 a.m. Text Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY Feb. 22

Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

12:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship

4:45 p.m. Community Meal

5:30 p.m. Church School

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship

7:15 p.m. 7/8 Confirmation Workshop

7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY Feb. 23

10:00 a.m. Book Club

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon (Assembly B)

FRIDAY Feb. 24

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Church Office Closes at Noon

SATURDAY Feb. 25

5:30 p.m. Worship (Lay Led)

SUNDAY Feb. 26

*Camp Sunday- **Wear your camp gear/swag!***

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

3:00 p.m. MS Merge/Rt. 56

5:00 p.m. HS Youth Music Team Practice

6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group

Attendance & Offering

Feb. 5 Live Stream— 212

Saturday, Feb. 11 – 59

Sunday, Feb. 12— (8:30) 222; (10:30) 101

Wednesday, Feb. 8— 178

Offering (2/12):

General Fund: \$12,302; **Church School:** \$13;

Mission of the Month: \$49.31; **Debt Reduction:**

\$170; **Other:** \$300; **SD Synod Rural Ministry**

Liaison Program: \$222;

Simply Giving Offering (2/6-2/10)

General Fund: \$5,163.22; **Debt Reduction:** \$130;

Mission of the Month: \$34.78; **Other:** \$134.14;



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FEBRUARY 19, 2023
TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD



Jesus gives comfort and strength.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 17:1-19	Transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	Exodus 24:12-18	Moses goes up to Mt. Sinai
Tuesday	2 Peter 1:16-21	Eye witnesses of Christ's glory
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 31:1-8	Joshua becomes Moses' successor
Thursday	Matthew 17:10-21	Jesus cures a boy with a demon
Friday	Psalms 99	Celebrating the rule of God
Saturday	Psalms 2	The Lord's chosen king
Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."
And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.*
Matthew 17:7-8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of glory, just as you shined brightly on Jesus in his transfiguration, may your presence in our lives give us comfort and strength for each day. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you fed your people in the wilderness and revealed your glory from a mountain; we thank you for feeding us and guiding us in your ways. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of glory give you comfort and strength.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Shine, Jesus, Shine



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What gets in the way of taking action and trying something new?
- Jesus tells his followers to "get up and do not be afraid." What gives you courage to be bold and live your faith in daily life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 17:1-9.

In the midst of the challenges and fears of everyday life, it can be a gift and a source of comfort and strength to have a "God moment" experience. It happened to Peter, James, and John. It can also happen to us, that sense that God is near and all is well. Our comfort is not in any god or spiritual experience, but one that is grounded in Jesus, the Son of God, the one who came to die for our sins on another mountain, Golgotha. The Mount of Transfiguration brings together Jesus, Moses, Elijah, and unprepared disciples. What makes this moment a valued God moment is that the disciples are comforted and encouraged "*Get up and do not be afraid*" (v. 7). Their focus becomes exclusively on Jesus alone. What a gift and what a moment to see Jesus and have the assurance of God's presence! At Jesus' transfiguration we see the Savior we want in comfort and strength. On Golgotha we see the Savior we need through the forgiveness of sins. In Jesus we get both.

Discuss: What are concerns in your life that need God's comfort and strength?

Pray: **Dear God, help us to see Jesus in our mountaintop highs and in our valley lows, and may that vision give us comfort and strength to be his faithful followers. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you help those who live in fear?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Transfiguration means to be changed. The transfiguration brings together both the human and divine nature of Jesus Christ. Jesus' "*face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light*" (Matthew 17:2). It must have been an amazing experience for Peter, James, and John to see Jesus in that way! Draw or write a list of ways you experience God's presence in your life. Take time to think or talk about what you have drawn or written. Then light two candles to represent the totally human and totally divine nature of Jesus and pray: **Dear God, thank you for shining your light through Jesus. We ask to receive that light and share it with others. In Jesus' name, amen.**



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