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Masks must be worn at all times within the Messiah building

Worship for Sunday, February 27, 2022

Transfiguration of our Lord, Year C

Service of Word and Prayer

In person services (livestreamed on the Messiah YouTube channel and posted on the Messiah website following the service) begin at 10:30am each Sunday. The wearing of masks at all times is mandatory. Covid vaccinations, social distancing, and hand sanitizing are encouraged. Please do not attend if you aren't feeling well, and make use of Covid testing if necessary.

Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:

We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their time of need.



Today, February 27:

- We welcome Camp Kinasao Executive Director, Darin Felstrom, to share about camp ministry and give Kinasao updates. Welcome, Darin!
- Sunday School continues today at 11:45am right after worship service. Please note: NEXT SUNDAY we begin at 10am prior to worship, in-person as well as on Zoom.
- Confirmation Class resumes tonight at 7pm.

This Week: March 2nd @ 7pm, Ash Wednesday Service, both on Messiah youtube livestream as well as in person.

With Covid numbers declining, Pastor Fran is able to extend pastoral visitation in people's homes or care facilities. If you, or someone you know, is in need of pastoral support, prayer or a visit, please call the Messiah office or Pastor Fran directly.

UPCOMING

Mid-Week Lenten Services will be at 7pm, both in-person as well as on Zoom, beginning March 9 through to April 6, using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89247766302?pwd=VHRwT1czZGITYUNYUDJhd1ptdVFsQT09>.

Meeting ID: 892 4776 6302, Passcode: 665871. The theme is "Turning Toward God's Abundance".

Stephen Ministries: Giving Back: Many of us have been cared for by another person during a difficult time, or blessed by the compassion of others when we needed it the most. You may have been wondering about how to give back. One significant way is by serving as a Stephen Minister to offer care and compassion to someone else going through a difficult time. A new training class is starting soon. Contact Pastor Fran or Linda Moriarty today to find out more about this ministry, or plan to attend our Stephen Minister Information Event on Sunday, March 20 @ 3pm.

Save the Date: Sunday, April 3 @ 3pm Youth & Family Bowling, \$5/participant. Let Pastor Fran or Shannon Pettem know if you plan to attend, so we are sure to have enough lanes!



Mark your Calendars for upcoming Kinasao Retreats:

- Men's Retreat will be April 1 - 3 with guest speaker Rick Istifo.
- Women's Retreat will be April 29 - May 1 with Pastor Fran on the topic: "Sacred Journeys".

Worship assistants (readers, ushers, power point operation) are needed to help on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, or call/email the Messiah office to volunteer!!

"Lutheran Women Connecting" book discussion:

Thursday, March 3, at 1:00 pm via Zoom.

If any ladies would like to participate contact Angie Hesje for the Zoom link. A SURPRISE is in the works for this event. Get your book, cup of hot chocolate with marshmallows, whipped cream, a candy cane or whatever treat you like, and join us.

"Peace by Chocolate"

by [Jon Tattrie](#), the Haddad family's remarkable journey from Syria to Antigonish, Nova Scotia. The story will now be made into a movie, too.



Ecumenical Stewardship Seminars:

Think about the use of sacred buildings and properties in new ways. All are welcome on Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, and 24, at 3pm. The seminars are planned in the spirit of the LAURC Covenant by the Ecumenical Stewardship Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle, the Saskatchewan Synod of the ELCIC, and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina.

For further information, contact Archdeacon Cheryl Toth at stewardship@sasktel.net Registration required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpduiurjluHdE69wl-4LG15vIH00mGqViK>

Doctrine of Discovery: As part of your Lenten Spiritual Practice, please join the BC Synod for an in depth look at the Doctrine of Discovery, a document that has shaped western attitudes towards indigenous people for the past five centuries. Beginning Thursday, March 3, at 9pm for six weeks. To register, go to: <https://bit.ly/3IQ3peD> or for more information: [Doctrine of Discovery Lenten Series | BC Synod](#)

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK: Darin Felstrom, Camp Kinasao Executive Director

GATHERING HYMN: WOV#748 "Bind Us, Together, Lord"

GREETING and OPENING DIALOGUE: WOV, p. 46

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.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

(John 1)

SCRIPTURE SONG: WOV #798 "Bless the Lord" 2X

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray, Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

A reading from Exodus.

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

PSALM 99

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.

³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,

⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

A reading from Second Corinthians.

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. ^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW#172 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" 2X

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

The Holy Gospel according to Luke in the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared

in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and, in those days, told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Camping Out"

CHILDREN'S SONG: "Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children" vs. 1 & 2

SERMON: "Glimpses of Glory"

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#315 "How Good Lord to be Here" vs. 1, 3 & 5

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION: WOV p. 49

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

(Ephesians 1:13-14)

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit. (Jude 20)

Keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 21)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self examination.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen

PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. (2 Corinthians 13:11)

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you.

(We share a sign of that peace.)

PRAYER

God blesses us through prayer.

OFFERING HYMN: WOV#732 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. Merciful God, in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness, we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made, praying God of grace, and responding, hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Three-Fold Sung Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW#543 "Go My Children, with My Blessing"

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.