

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**305 Livingston St, Filley, NE**  
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**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**  
**February 14, 2021**

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RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

We gather together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

The mountain top, the shining face, the glowing clothes,  
the voice of God speaking from the cloud, the commandments etched in stone  
**Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot deny, in a place we can go, a light we can see, a voice we can hear, a stone we can touch**  
Sometimes there is the veil, the overshadowing and terrifying cloud, the questions, the appearing and disappearing, the excitement, the wondering, the silence  
**Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot deny.**  
Always God shows up, somehow and in some way.  
**May God give us eyes to see you, Lord, as you show up in our lives.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**Heavenly Father, forgive us our selfish concerns with earthly things and our failure to acknowledge your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us for that blindness to the wonder of your presence that causes us to live our lives from day to day without knowing you. Have mercy on us, give us grace to recognize the suffering servant Lord in the midst of our lives, and to worship and serve you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
The good news is that all who trust in Christ will have their sins forgiven and receive eternal life. 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray...

**C: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Matthew 5:44: <sup>44</sup> But here is what I tell you. Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you.”

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

*(Children are excused to go downstairs for Sunday School.)*

READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In 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. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For 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.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

<sup>2</sup>Six 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, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then 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.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

MESSAGE

Pastor LuRae Hallstrom

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

*(Please hum or sing softly)*

**1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.**

**REFRAIN: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; By the blood I may enter Your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain.**

**3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display Your likeness; Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirror’d here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain.**

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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 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 PEOPLE

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For all who suffer this day, that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our living, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer 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.**

## BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May He look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN: "Love, Love, Love"

(Please hum or sing softly)

**1. Love, love, love! That's what it's all about! 'Cause God loves us, we love each other. Mother, father, sister, brother. Ev'rybody sing and shout. 'Cause that's what it's all about! It's about love, love, love! It's about love, love, love!**

**2. Peace, peace, peace! That's what it's all about! 'Cause God loves us, we love each other. Mother, father, sister, brother. Ev'rybody sing and shout. 'Cause that's what it's all about! It's about peace, peace, peace! It's about peace, peace, peace!**

**3. Joy, joy, joy! That's what it's all about! 'Cause God loves us, we love each other. Mother, father, sister, brother. Ev'rybody sing and shout. 'Cause that's what it's all about! It's about joy, joy, joy! It's about joy, joy, joy!**

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## SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** It's wonderful to gather as the body of Christ to worship and give thanks to God! Thanks be to God for all of you here in person, in the parking lot and on-line!

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Delores Baehr, Dustin Fritch, our shut-ins.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Angeline Johnson, Lenhart (Helen) Fritzen's sister and Jill (Scott) Nelson's grandmother, who passed away February 4. Angeline's funeral was Monday, Feb. 8, at Zion Lutheran, Pickrell. We commend Angeline to God's care and ask His blessings on her family and friends.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Chelsea Antons, Patrisha Dixon, Jeanne Garrels (Feb. 15), Jeremy Hill (Feb. 16), Kanon Dornhoff (Feb. 17), Megan Thomas (Feb. 18), Kinley Crocker, Kelly Harms (Feb. 19), Charlene Hippen (Feb. 20).

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** to: Jeanne Garrels who will celebrate her 85th birthday on February 15. God's richest blessings be with you!

**THE CONFIRMATION CLASS** will be presenting a Bible to Alan Corey this morning. Please keep Alan in your prayers that he might find joy in God's holy word.

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP** will be at American Lutheran at 7:00 p.m. this Wednesday, February 17. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day journey (minus Sundays) toward Easter. Please come and take part in the journey to Resurrection!

**MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP** services will be held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning February 24. Our emphasis this year will be "Bible People: Monologues for Lent". Each Wednesday night, there will be a portrayal of a biblical figure by members of our congregation. It looks like a great series – hope you will be able to make these services part of your Lenten journey!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School begins each Sunday after the Children's Sermon and is held from approximately 9:45-10:30 a.m. Classes will be divided between Preschool-1st grade and Second-Fifth grade. We are looking for two teachers for each Sunday and would prefer to have parents of students. **Please sign the sheet in the narthex for the Sundays that you are willing to help.**

**HELP NEEDED:** We have quilt blocks downstairs on the table in the Fellowship for people who are willing to sew them together. Also, blankets for hemming. Thank you for your ministry!

**SUNMART RECEIPTS:** Thanks to everyone who has been saving their SunMart receipts! SunMart/Spartan Nash Co. supports a fundraising program called "Support Our Schools and Churches." All you have to do is save your SunMart cash register receipt tapes and put them in the box in the Fellowship Hall (or give to a council person). When we have collected \$150,000 in receipt tapes Spartan Nash Company awards us a check for \$1000. We have reached our first goal of \$150,000 and received the first check for \$1000, so now we are starting over again! You can also ask your check-out person if they have any extra receipts. They save the ones that people don't want and give them out – first come, first serve. Thank you to everyone who is helping with this ministry!

## **PREPARE FOR A SEASON OF HOPE: LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KITS IN LENT**

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1-3

Lutheran World Relief has issued a call for help in the form of Personal Care Kits. They are critically short of these in this pandemic time.

This season of Lent, American Lutheran will walk with people around the world afflicted by the pandemic, war, displacement and poverty by collecting and assembling Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. Each week, please bring in the featured kit item to Sunday morning or Wednesday evening worship so that we can reach out as Christ’s healing hand in the world. You can use the following schedule or bring them in any order you wish. There will be a container in the narthex for your donations. These are the items we will be collecting:

**First Week of Lent – February 21/24:** One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20”x 40” & 52” x 27”), dark color recommended.

**Second Week of Lent – February 28/March 3:** Two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap (3-5 ounces each) 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel-size bars.

**Third Week of Lent – March 7/10:** One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging. Multi-packs may be used. Do not provide toothpaste; it will be provided by LWR.

**Fourth Week of Lent – March 14/17:** One **sturdy** comb. Remove packaging.

**Fifth Week of Lent – March 21/24:** One metal nail clippers (attached file optional). Remove packing

**Palm Sunday – March 28:** Any items that we are short of (we’ll let you know through bulletins and email!)

**PLEASE DONATE TO OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY:** American Lutheran Church gathers food donations for the Community Pantry and Emergency Services in Beatrice on an ongoing basis. The Food Pantry serves all of Gage County. If you would like to give to this ministry, please leave your donated items in the shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall at any time. Special items needed at this time are Chunky Soup, Catsup, Mustard, Jelly, Sugar, Flour, Pop Tarts, Popcorn, Fruit snacks, Snack crackers. NO glass jars, please. **THANK YOU for your continued support to this ministry!**

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