

## Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 27, 2022

American Lutheran Church, Filley, Nebraska

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PRELUDE: "Change My Heart, O God", "They'll Know We Are Christians"

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Amen.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 99)

P: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**C: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

P: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

**C: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

P: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

**C: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.**

P: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

**C: O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

P: Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

### GATHERING HYMN: "What a Fellowship" WOV 780

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**C: Amen.**

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

*(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray...

**C: 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.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup>Moses 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. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but 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, <sup>35</sup>the 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.

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

<sup>2</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not 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. <sup>14</sup>But 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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And 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.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*Noisy offering is taken at this time.*)

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

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now 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. <sup>33</sup>Just 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. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When 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. [<sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43a</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Jensen

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" WOV 651

*Offering will be received at this time.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God,

**C: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

## 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 PEOPLE:

P: 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.

*A brief silence.*

P: Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: You love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heal those who are in distress. Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: pastors, deacons, musicians, and all who contribute to our worship life. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him. Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## SENDING HYMN: "A Choral Benediction"

**May the light of God shine on us today. May the light of God shine on us today. May it show us where to travel, lead us back if we should stray; May the light of God shine on us today. May the love of God live in us today. May the love of God live in us today. May the warmth we feel within us, show in all we do and say. May the love of God live in us today. May the peace of God be with us today. May the peace of God be with us today. May it guide us and protect us as we go our sep'rate ways, May the peace of God be with us. (Men sing- May the love of God live in us.) May the light of God shine on us today. And every day !!!**

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## SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE: "We Are Marching"

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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! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book and feel welcome to come again. You are invited to come downstairs for refreshments and fellowship following worship.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Dustin Fritch, Helen Fritzen and our shut-ins.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Ethan Bohling, Rick Hofeling (Feb 27), Kailor Fritch, Karen Mortensen (Feb 28), Duane Ideus (Feb 29), Decker Bohling, Kason Virden (Mar 3), Timothy Crocker (Mar 5)

**THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA** will met March 2, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Lesson will be on Rebekah by Carlyne Wolken. Hostess is Arlys Jurgens.

**THANK YOU** so much for your gift of \$317.33 to buy books for the inmates who are expressing a hunger to learn and grow closer to God and mature in their faith. Followers of Christ Prison Ministry.

**THANK YOU** for your gift of \$150.00 towards the memorial of Rev. Don Marshall. What a special gift to celebrate the life of one who has touched your life. Oaks Indian Mission.

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP** will be at American Lutheran at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2. 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 every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at American Lutheran beginning March 9.

**SPRING FLING LUNCHEON & STYLE SHOW** Saturday, April 9, 2022, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. RSVP by March 27, 2022. Email: [alcfilley@hotmail.com](mailto:alcfilley@hotmail.com) or call Pat Jobman 402-239-2476 or Carol Frerichs 402-223-7919. Hosted by the Women of American Lutheran Church. Come and fill your heart with fellowship and laughter.

**COMING UP:**

Every Wednesday – BeLOVED/Confirmation, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

March 2 – Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 p.m.

March 6 – BeLOVED sings at 9:30 worship

March 9 – No BeLOVED/Confirmation class but Confirmation students are encouraged to attend Lenten service.

April 10 – Palm Sunday

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April 17 - Easter

**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 goal of \$150,000 three times so far and are starting over again with a balance of about \$.00. 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!

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** If anyone would like something published in the monthly newsletter email Dave Norton at [norton\\_dan@yahoo.com](mailto:norton_dan@yahoo.com) by the third Sunday of the month.

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH WEBSITE:** You can find our church website at [www.filleylutheranchurch.com](http://www.filleylutheranchurch.com) or by scanning this QR code:



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**BULLETINS EACH WEEK CAN BE FOUND** on our website, [filleylutheranchurch.com](http://filleylutheranchurch.com). Bulletins are also being sent out by email to everyone that we have an email address for. If you are not receiving the bulletin by email and would like it, please email Brenda at [filleylutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:filleylutheranchurch@gmail.com) with your email address.

**SPRING GATHERING MARCH 5 AT ZION LUTHERAN OF PICKRELL** has been cancelled.

**PREPARE FOR A SEASON OF HOPE: LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONL CARE KITS IN LENT.** *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1-3*

This season of Lent, American Lutheran will once again walk with people around the world afflicted by the pandemic, war, displacement and poverty by collecting and assembling Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Personal Care Kits. Each week, please bring the featured item to worship. Thank you for participating in this ministry!

**First Week of Lent** – March 6: One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20”x40” & 52”x27”), dark color recommended.

**Second Week of Lent** – March 13: 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 20: 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 27: One **sturdy** comb. Remove packaging.

**Fifth Week of Lent** – April 3: One metal nail clippers (attached file optional). Remove packaging.

**Palm Sunday** – April 10: Any items that we are short of (we’ll let you know through bulletins and email!)

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