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**February 19, 2023; Transfiguration Sunday**



Mike Moyers Fine Art

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Prelude:

“Joy in God”

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are from Lenis & Nadonne Buseman in honor of their 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Linda Klemesrud in memory of loved ones.

Thank you, Julie DeBower, for providing treats for After Worship Social in the Parish Hall.

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, 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.

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: 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.**

P: 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.**

Gathering Hymn:

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

# 834

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

*Apostolic Greeting:*

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

Response: **And also with you.**

*Hymn of Praise*

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!”

#875

Musical score for the hymn "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!". The score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!" (repeated in each system).

*Prayer of the Day*

**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.**

*Music:*

“Shine Jesus Shine” with “Shine Down”  
*Trinity Choir/Cherie Schafer, piano*



The Creed

The 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.**

*The Prayers (P):* Lord in your mercy,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

***Please keep the following in prayer:***

- Sue Ayers      Shirley Hall      Leon Mulford      Beverly Hinders Trost
- Joyce Boehmer      Linda Hoy      Noa Mulholland      Ron Venz
- Linda Girken      Jerry Meader      Calvin Schultz      Marilu Wohlers
- Helen Hagen      Kathy Michael      Lorna Scrimger      Bill Wohlers Jr.

***Family of David Hagen***

***Family of Richard Selvig***

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Kaleb Bilharz, Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Tanner Evans, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland

*The Offering Hymn*

“Beautiful Savior”

#838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robbed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,  
 light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

\*Response

“Feed Us Now”

Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal;  
 Let us know your love a-new; We hunger for you.  
 Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live with-in.  
 Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

*The Communion*

The Words of Institution  
 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.**

*The Distribution*

“In the Singing”

#466

1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
 2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,  
 in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
 in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,  
*Refrain*  
 Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;  
 Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

“Here is Bread”

#483

Here is bread, here is wine,  
Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine,  
Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace,  
Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Know his grace, find his peace,  
Feast on Jesus here.

Here we are, joined in one,  
Christ is with us, he is with us.  
We'll proclaim till he comes  
Jesus crucified.

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

#623

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us sec thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

*P:* Go in peace and share the Good News!  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude:*

“Rigaudon”





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**February 19 - February 26**

**Sunday Prayer Shawl Sunday**  
**9:00 a.m. Worship/Comm**  
**10:05 a.m. Education Hour**  
 10:00 a.m. 5th Grade students  
                   bake communion bread  
 11:00 a.m. Family board

**Tuesday** 2:00 p.m. Stewardship board  
 5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry  
 6:30 p.m. Preschool board  
 6:30 p.m. Grief Share Orientation  
 7:00 p.m. Council

**Wednesday Ash Wednesday**  
**Newsletter Deadline**  
 4:30 p.m. Supper  
 5:30 p.m. **Worship/Comm**  
**5th grade 1st Communion**  
 6:00 p.m. Trinity Choir

**Saturday** 3:30 p.m. Van Hauen/Maloy wedding

**Sunday** **9:00 a.m. Worship**  
**10:05 a.m. Education Hour**  
 10:00 a.m. Lent Event in Parish Hall  
 5:00 p.m. Guy's Night at St. John



**Family Board's Lent Event is Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** All are welcome to come to the Parish Hall to make clay prayer pots! Refreshments provided!

**After Worship Social Time!** Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall each Sunday! If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, there is a signup on the treat table!

**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 22, 2023**

**5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion & 5<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> Communion**



Wednesday Night suppers during Lent will be from **4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Menu for February 22<sup>th</sup>:** Chicago style roast beef sandwiches, vegetable soup & fruit bars.  
 Cost: \$5.00 for adults, children through 12<sup>th</sup> grade free thanks to Kans for Kids

**Mid-Week Lenten Services 2023**  
**“The Last Words of Christ”**  
**Worship service is at 5:30 p.m.**

We will focus on Jesus’ last words on the cross, woven together with encounters Jesus had with others in His ministry. Each week we’ll read scripture, sing, watch a short video drama, and hear a devotion on that week’s theme.

*March 1 – “First Word from the Cross: The Paralytic” Matthew 9:1-8; Luke 23:34*

Prayer shawl ministry will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room. There will be coffee and conversation at the prayer shawl group, all are welcome, and any level of proficiency is OK. We can help you if you need it.

Today we will re-dedicate the ministry with some items on display. A closet in the chapel has been reorganized into the place to bring or distribute shawls, cloths, and blankets from the ministry. There is also yarn, needles and knitting accessories on the shelves. More yarn is on shelves in the basement near the kitchen. We have gotten some shawls in recently, but could use some more knit, crocheted, quilted or fleece shawls and lab robes. Please work on some at home if you cannot attend the group. Feel free to come and get one to deliver to a person in need. All we ask is that you log in any that you bring in or to put the name of the *recipient* in the logbook when checking one out (so several don't go to the same person). Contact [petefishj@mchsi.com](mailto:petefishj@mchsi.com) for questions.

### **GriefShare Begins at St. John**

GriefShare provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. Sessions will be led by St. John members in a warm, caring environment. **A GriefShare orientation will be held Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 PM in the chapel at St. John. The program itself will begin February 28 at 6:30 PM and run every Tuesday for 13 weeks. There is no cost to attend.**

Weekly topics include: Is This Normal?, Challenges of Grief, The Journey of Grief – Part 1, The Journey of Grief – Part 2, Grief and Your Relationships, Why?, Guilt and Anger, Complicating Factors, Stuck, Lessons of Grief – Part 1, Lessons of Grief – Part 2, Heaven, and What Do I Live for Now? There are three key parts to the weekly GriefShare experience: video seminar, group discussion, and personal study exercises in a workbook.

You are welcome to begin attending our GriefShare group at any point. Each session is self-contained, so you don't have to attend in sequence. You will be able to pick up any sessions you missed in our next 13-week cycle. You can learn more about GriefShare at **[www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)**.

### **Guy's Night at St. John!**

Guys come to St. John on **February 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

to eat supper & play cards/board games! Bring your sons, fathers, uncles, friends to enjoy an evening of fellowship & fun. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for boys ages 6-18, & under 6 is free. Tickets may be purchased in the church office until February 24<sup>th</sup>!

*Ladies Luncheon will be Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>!*

**REMINDER:** Those students attending a Lutheran college who would like to receive an EPIC grant must notify the church by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

St. John scholarship applications for non-Lutheran colleges can be emailed to you and should be emailed to the office by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.