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February 19, 2023; Transfiguration Sunday



Mike Moyers Fine Art

Matthew 17:1-9

Prelude:

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are from Lenis & Nadonne Buseman in honor of their 59th 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.



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.**



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.

"Shine Jesus Shine" with "Shine Down" Trinity Choir/Cherie Schafer, piano

Music:

Read by Rachel Page

Exodus 24:12-18

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.

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere, I go, I'm goin'a let it shine Ev'rywhere, I go, I'm goin'a let it shine Ev'rywhere, I go, I'm goin'a let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Children's Sermon

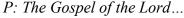
Gospel Song:

"Alleluia" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 17:1-9



17Six days later, Jesus 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."





Reading

Sermon

Song of the Day

"Fix My Eyes"

(King & Country) Video

Pastor Russ Leeper

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:

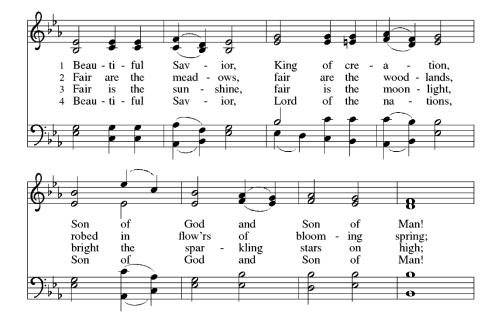
Sue Ayers	Shirley Hall	Leon Mulford	Beverly Hinders Trost	
Joyce Boehmer	Linda Hoy	Noa Mulholland	Ron Venz	
Linda Girken	Jerry Meader	Calvin Schultz	Marilu Wohlers	
Helen Hagen	Kathy Michael	Lorna Scrimger	Bill Wohlers Jr.	
Family of David Hagen				
Family of Richard Selvig				

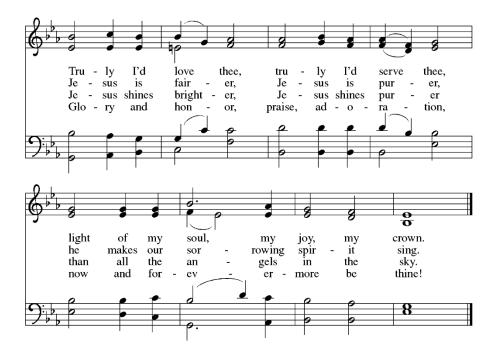
Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Kaleb Bilharz, Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Tanner Evans, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland

The Offering Hymn

"Beautiful Savior"

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*Response

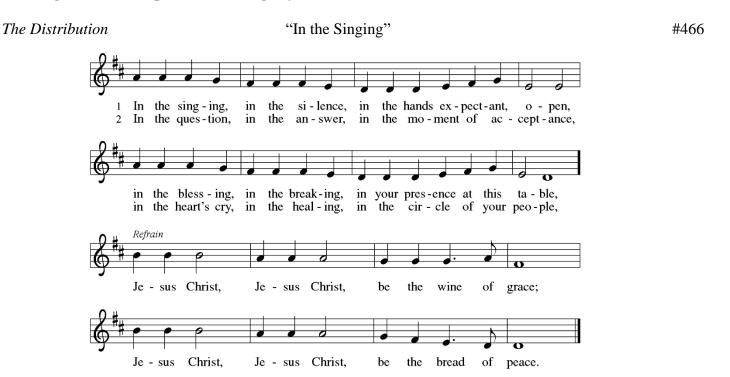
"Feed Us Now" Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal; Let us know your love a-new; We hunger for you. Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live with-in. Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

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.



"Here is Bread" 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"



Communion Blessing & Benediction

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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 26th 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 & 5th grade 1st Communion



Wednesday Night suppers during Lent will be from **4:30** – **5:30 p.m.** *Menu for February 22th:* Chicago style roast beef sandwiches, vegetable soup & fruit bars.

Cost: \$5.00 for adults, children through 12th 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 <u>petefishj@mchsi.com</u> 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.**

Guy's Night at St. John! Guys come to St. John on **February 26th 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 24th!

Ladies Luncheon will be Sunday, March 26th!

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

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