
March 3rd, 2019 at 9:30 am

Transfiguration of our Lord
Last Sunday after Epiphany

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by the Spirit of God.

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.
Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

We are delighted to have you.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Time for reflection in silence

Karen Niemeier

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATION**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!” ELW#314

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE**LORD, HAVE MERCY****ELW #155**

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
 1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 Chris - te e - lei - son.
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
 Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: 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.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Saying Good-Bye to???****FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35**

L: 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.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 99 (*Read responsively.*)

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

²**The 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.

⁴**O 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.

⁶**Moses 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.

⁸**O 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

L: A reading from 2 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.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW #172

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two staves (Soprano and Bass) with lyrics: "Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-". The second system has two staves with lyrics: "- le - lu - jah. Hal-le - lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le -". The third system has two staves with lyrics: "lu - jah. Hal-le - lu - jah. Hal-le - lu - jah." The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-43a

P: The holy gospel according to Luke. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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. ³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly 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. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴²While 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. ^{43a}And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY "OH, WONDEROUS IMAGE, VISION FAIR" ELW#316



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
 car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 Ho - ly Spir - it cv - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of 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

After each petition: WA: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

WA: We pray for the church. Open our ears listen to your word, and open our hearts to do your will. Renew us every day in the baptismal promise to care for others and the world you have made.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for the nations. Shine the light of truth into the world where division and intolerance are strong, and relationships are hindered by mistrust or misunderstanding. Guide our leaders to bring freedom and stability to all nations. Shelter those who have been displaced by war, famine, or natural disaster.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for those in need of your loving care. Free those who struggle with shame or guilt. Comfort those who grieve, and let your light shine upon those who need your healing touch, *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Gene Hesselbacher, Sheridan Brinker, Sharon Schlachter, Lois Paulsen, Steve Fahr, Greg Lloyd, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Sylvia, Diane, Darren, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Tim Coleman, Cindy Tessendorf, Larry Larson, Randy, Brian, and Tammy.* Give strength and courage this week to **Fern Harnish.** Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for this assembly. For those who serve in property committee and worship committee. For Hannah Circle members. For Brian, Tammy, Kelsey, and Kyle Albrecht. For Jerry, Beth, Alexis, Andrew, Carly, and Owen Martin. May your endless blessings be upon them. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for those who are stranded in their homes due to snow and ice for the last five weeks. Continue to watch over them as we wait for spring to come. Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their example and bring us with them into the eternal light of your presence.

Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including the care of those in need. Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us.

We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: And also with you.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

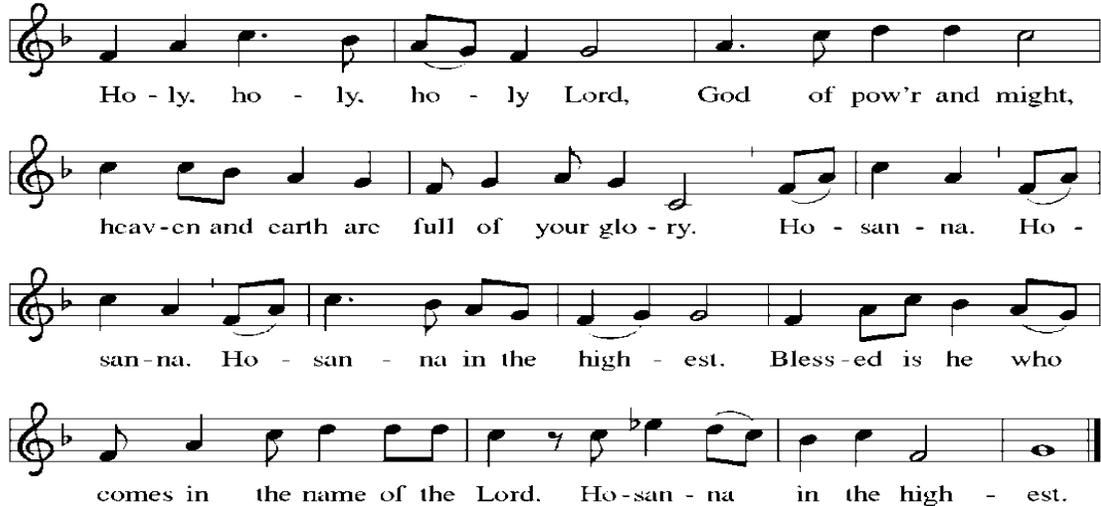
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

ELW p.144



Ho - ly. ho - ly. ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

We practice open Communion —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction (dip the bread into the chalice). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



COMMUNION HYMN

LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

"BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR"

ELW#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!
robed 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!

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the \dagger Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN**“SHINE, JESUS SHINE”****ELW#671**

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
 blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
 send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -
 dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
 Shine on me, shine on me:

DISMISSAL (from the back)

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE**Karen Niemeier**

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Today	Worship Service – Transfiguration Sunday	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School/Confirmation	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Good Shepherd at Lena Living Center	2:30pm
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
Tuesday	Property Committee Meeting	5:30pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
	Lenten Luncheon at Lena United Methodist Church	12:00pm
	Ash Wednesday Service, Lena United Methodist Church	12:45pm
	Ash Wednesday Service, Good Shepherd	7:00pm
Thursday	Hannah Circle at Rene Johnson’s house	9:00am
Saturday	<i>TURN YOUR CLOCK AHEAD!</i>	
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Attendance February 24th – 40 + 

Total Offering 02/24/2019 - \$1124.00 amount needed - \$2577.66

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

Lenten Devotion Books

There are two Lenten devotion books this year. One is Lasting Hope: Devotion for Lent 2019 which contains daily readings which is accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, a reflection, and a prayer. This accessible and colorful format makes it easy to incorporate a simple Christian observance into your Lenten journey. The other is Lenten Study Guide: ELCA World Hunger's 40 days of Giving which contains short weekly readings with questions for reflection of conversation. Each sessions draw on stories from projects supported by ELCA World Hunger and each questions help deepen our Lenten journey by reflecting on what the Lenten practice of repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works love means for us today. Both are available at the rack.

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon TODAY

McConnell United Methodist Church at 211 N. Hulbert Rd., will be hosting a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on today, March 3rd from Noon-1:30pm. Menu includes chili and veggie beef soup, cheese sandwiches, relishes, desserts and beverage. Price of the meal is \$5.00 for adults, children 5-12 yrs \$2.00, children under 5 eat free.

Chili & Filled Noodle Supper TODAY

Trinity Lutheran Church, 8393 South Derinda Road, Elizabeth, IL will be hosting a Chili and Filled Noodle Supper, on Sunday, March 3rd, 2019 from 4:00pm-7:30pm. Menu includes; chili, filled noodles, ham sandwiches, salad, dessert and beverage. Price for the meal is \$8.00 for adults, children 5-12 \$5.00, children 4 and under eat free. This years proceeds will go to the church improvement fund and project funds. Cake Walk provided, all evening proceeds going to support the Trinity Lutheran Sunday School.

Confirmation Class Reunion Sunday

To celebrate Good Shepherd's 162nd anniversary, we are having Confirmation Reunion for the class of 1996, 1998, and 1999 on Sunday, March 17th. Pastor David Raben will come and preach on that Sunday. Spread the word! Invite friends for our special day!

Congregational Resourcing Event

Saturday, March 9th the Northern Illinois Synod will be presenting the 2019 Congregational Resourcing Event from 9:15am-3:15pm at Kishwaukee Community College in Malta, IL. Workshops will include; Communication/Technology, Congregation Leadership, Evangelism/Outreach/Hospitality, Faith Formation & Growth, Global Ministry, Social Justice, Spirituality/Prayer/Health & Wellness, Stewardship, Worship, and Youth/Family/Children. Reverend Dave Daubert will have a presentation, "Being Disciples Comes First". Childcare is available with pre-registration. See the flyer on the bulletin board for detail.

Stephen Ministry – Learning about active listening skills.

Stephen Ministry is a lay led ministry for caring for God's children through listening and praying. There will be an introductory workshop at **Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rockford on Saturday, March 23rd from 9am-1pm**. We would like to go as a group (We need at least 4 people.). If you are interested, please contact the church office by Monday, March 18th so that you will be registered.

New Address

Jim Swain has moved into a new home. His new address is 1108 Baxter Lane, Freeport, IL 61032. He would be happy to see you, visitors welcome.

Children's Worship Bulletin is Available

The Children's bulletin follows the Sunday lessons. They are available at both entrances.

Ash Wednesday Services

We will have Ash Wednesday services with Lena UMC. Afternoon service with imposition of ashes will be at UMC, 12:45pm, and the evening service with imposition of ashes and communion will be at Good Shepherd, 7pm.

Mid-week Lenten Evening Supper and Service

This year's mid-week Lenten service will be on Psalms. We will use Lenten devotion book, Lasting Hope to deepen our prayers and faith journeys. No preparation is required. Come and center our hearts in God together. Supper starts at 5:30pm, and the service starts at 6:30pm.