

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 10 am

Messiah Lutheran Church

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Welcome to worship! We are delighted you are here and have chosen to worship today. We believe the Holy Spirit of God gathers us together as one. May you be strengthened through his word and the promise in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The mission statement of Messiah Church is: ***Drawing in to Christ, Building up in Christ, Sending out for Christ.*** Our aim is to love each other as Christ has loved us all. We continue to encourage sensible social distancing. If you wish to wear a mask, please do so. If you are feeling ill, please take precautions and consider worshipping via the livestream ministry of Messiah. Online services can be found at ***MessiahFairview.org***; click "***watch services***" ***online.***

Holy Communion is shared at every worship service. The sacrament of holy communion is central to our worship life. If you are a first-time worshipper here, know that you are invited to receive and partake in the sharing of holy communion.

Introduction to The Day

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

Bel Canto, Lutheran West's select singing ensemble is joining our worship today! The members of Bel Canto lead Chapel Worship at LW, and visit various churches to provide music for Sunday services.

Bel Canto is co-directed by Mrs. Jessica Fischer and Mr. Kenneth Daniels. Mrs. Fischer is a Music Teacher and Worship Leader at LW, a position she has held for 3 years. She has led contemporary worship at many churches since she was a teenager, and served at Bay Presbyterian as Contemporary Worship leader for 11 years.

Please extend a warm welcome to these young musicians and their director.

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*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type*

Prelude

*Dialogue sur les grands jeux
Agincourt Hymn*

Francois Couperin
John Dunstable

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, **✝** one God, creator of darkness and light,
word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for self-examination.

P God, our rock and refuge,
We pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
that we might proclaim your good news to all.

C Amen.

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
God has spoken:
The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of **✝** Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved.

C Amen.

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.

Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray,

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Word

First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.”

¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-6

*Cantor/Choir sings refrain; **All sing refrain**; Cantor/Choir sings verses in alternation with Assembly; **Refrain sung by all***

Out of Zi - on, per - fect in beau - ty,
 God shines forth in glo - ry.
 God shines forth in glo - ry.

¹The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;
 calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,**
God shines | forth in glory. Refrain

³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;
 with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth | from above**
to witness the judgment | of the people.

⁵“Gather before me my | loyal followers,
 those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”

⁶**The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,**
for it is God | who is judge. Refrain

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Cantor/Choir: This is my / Son, my Chosen, lis- / ten to him! (Luke 9:35)*

Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six 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, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then 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.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Rev. Seth Bridger

Silence for Reflection; Stand

Hymn of the Day

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

ELW 315

Apostles Creed

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**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.**

Prayers of Intercession

After each portion of the prayers:

A Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Greet those around you with these or similar words.

Sit

The Lord's Supper

If the Lord so moves you, you can make an offering in support of the mission and ministry of Messiah by text to 855-913-1744 or by visiting our online giving portal at tinyurl.com/giveMLC

Offering is Received

Music at the Offering

Is He Worthy

Andrew Peterson, Ben Shive

Bel Canto

Offertory

Let the Vineyards

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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Stand as the Offerings are brought forward

A Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

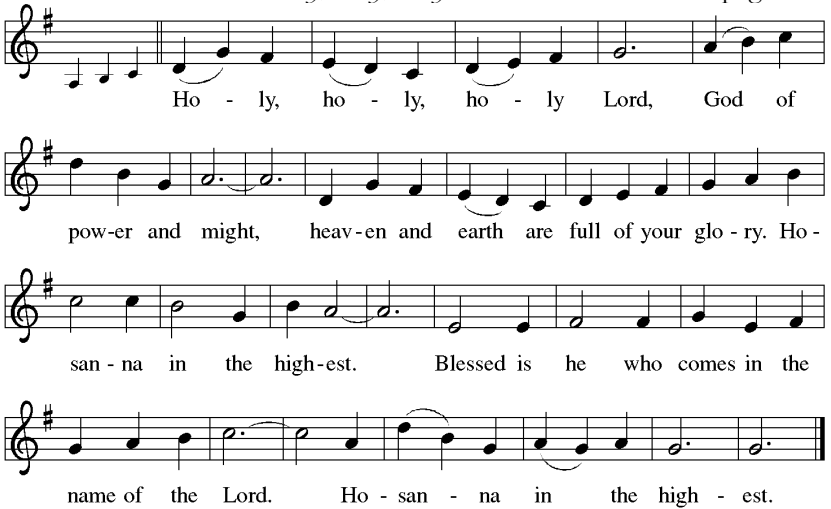
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy ELW page 108



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

P Holy , mighty, and merciful Lord ... (the prayer continues) ...
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory,
now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Concerning the sacrament — Holy Communion is Christ's gift to his Church, his true body and blood given with bread and wine for us to eat and drink. Here Christ confirms in us the benefits of his death and resurrection. He forgives our sins, refreshes our lives, and promises our salvation. We welcome to the Lord's table all baptized and communing Christians who share this faith.

In receiving, please follow the lead of the people around you. Gluten-free hosts are available for those who need them. Quietly ask the pastor for the Gluten-free host. If coming forward not to commune but to receive a blessing, approach the pastor with your arms crossed. If you are physically unable to come forward, simply let an usher or deacon know you would like to receive communion at your seat.

Lamb of God

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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, grant us peace.

Sit

Communion

Lord, I Need You

Nockles, Carson, Reeves, Maher

Bel Canto

Distribution Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

Stand after all have communed

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen
and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

A Giver of every gift,
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending

P God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
And the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn

Shine, Jesus Shine

ELW 671

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn

Serving Today

Preaching & Presiding Today – Rev. Seth Bridger

Acolyte –Hayden Wolf

Deacon –Terrie Leske

Interim Music Director – Deborah Zudell-Dickey

Bel Canto - Directed by Mrs. Jessica Fischer

Altar Guild –Diane Paton, Martha Trapp

In Our Prayers

- For our immediate neighbors and neighborhood, and the opportunity to share the joy of Christ through the Shrovefest outreach.
- For all in harms way due to violence and warfare, those experiencing economic hardships, and all who serve in areas of public safety.
- For the Senior Pastor Call process, that the Holy Spirit guide the discernment of candidates and those serving on the Pastoral Call Committee: Sam Gmetro, John Hayduk, Jay Machado, Kathy Neumann, Allison Younger-Waugaman, and Karen Wolf.
- For those with health concerns: Rev. Daniel Benuska before surgery, for Marilyn Sheerer, Jodi Hoffman, Deaconess Ruth, Maddie Polenz, Leo McDonald (grandson of Dianne), Sharon Raquet, Priscilla Hinsch, Kristy Younger, Cliff Preuss, Sue Nerlinger, Terri Civittolo, Linda Stoddard, Liz Dimmock, Nina Long, Evelyn and Churchill Ward, Andrew Boraggina, Marc Heidmann, Officer Nickolas, Baby Miles, Carla (friend of Rita-Ann Shaffer), those quietly receiving medical treatments, and those experiencing mental health concerns.

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ShroveFest 2024

Tuesday, February 12 11:30 am – 6:30 pm

We are excited to bring back our ShroveFest Drive-Thru Event on February 13. ShroveFest To Go will be available for sale both as lunch and dinner from 11:30 am – 6:30 pm. KidsShrove, Carry-Out, and ShroveLounge is from 4 – 6 pm. Featured entrees include Messiah's famous Cabbage Roll Meal, Pulled Pork Meal, and Combo Plates – with homemade strudel and packzis for dessert. Cabbage and Noodles will be available beginning at 4pm. Don't forget to look out for frozen cabbage sales after Sunday Church services leading up to the event as well!

For all things Shrove please visit mfp.fyi/Shrove for event details, menu, and volunteering opportunities. We are thrilled to see you again for another amazing event you only get once a year.

So what is ShroveLounge? We heard you when you said you missed the fellowship that this event has brought over many years – this is why we will be offering space to mingle amidst fellow guests while you wait for your carryout order, or while children enjoy the excitement of KidsShrove. Come inside from 4 – 6 pm for Shrove ambiance with standing tables to gather around and connect. We can't wait to see you!



**Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship February 14th
12:00 noon and 7:00 pm.**

This Week's Commemorations

Cyril, monk, died 869; Methodius, bishop, died 885; missionaries to the Slavs

These two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.

God's Word for Next Week First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22,
Mark 1:9-15

We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for worship next week.

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