



# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 \* 9 AM \* INPERSON and ONLINE



## **TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

### **Introduction**

*TODAY'S THEME:* Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.

*Announcements are televised or found on our website*

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

*Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.  
We hope all people find it easy to follow along.*

**GOD GATHERS US**

*Announcements are found on our website*

**PRELUDE**

**El Shaddai**

*We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**All: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.**

**All: Amen.**

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior. **All: Amen.**



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.

Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

## GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**All: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray... O God,

**C: 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.**

## SHARING OF PEACE

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

C: **And you also.**

Share the peace with each other either by a wave or a bow.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18**

*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the LORD" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.*

<sup>12</sup>The 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." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To 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."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The 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. <sup>17</sup>Now 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. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L: Word of God; Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

## I Will Praise You

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

**All: Glory to you O Lord**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

### Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then 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." <sup>5</sup>While 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!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As 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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You O Christ!**

## MESSAGE FOR ALL

Vicar Sharai Jacob

### SONG OF DAY

### How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

ELW 315



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 power of 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.**

## **OFFERING IS WELCOMED**

**P:** Liberating God,

**C:** you break the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving**

**for all your works of merciful power,**

**and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

**You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,**

**All: Amen.**

*(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)*

**Offertory Music**

**Take a Look at the Mountain**

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.*



*Please respond accordingly*

P: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats. Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayor and local leaders, our governor and state legislators, our president and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus' voice in the needs of our neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross.

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**C: Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

**P:** Come and taste the joy of God!

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**ALL:** We lift them in the Spirit's love.

**P:** Let us give thanks to our Triune God.

**ALL:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P:** It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his Holy Supper.

### P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**ALL:** 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

**P:** These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God

### TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*Communion hymns:*

Lord, Be Glorified  
Beautiful Savior

ELW 744

ELW 838



## Lord, Be Glorified ELW 744



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
 in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
 in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
 in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952

Music: BE GLORIFIED, Bob Kilpatrick

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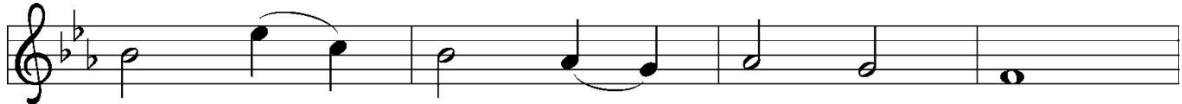
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## Beautiful Savior ELW 838



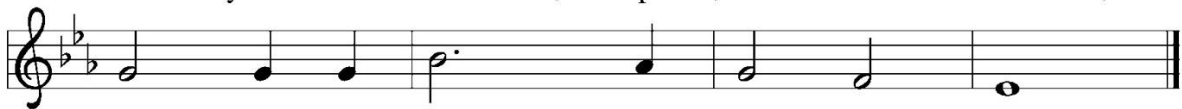
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



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!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904

Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** Holy One,

**C:** we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.

Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,

and journey humbly with you.

**All:** Amen.

## CLOSING SONG

### Alleluia, Song of Gladness

ELW 318



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
- 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
- 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## GOD SENDS US

### BLESSING

**P:** The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod

✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

**All:** Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God

## **POSTLUDE**

### **Farewell to the Alleluia**

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## **ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON**

### **Psalm 2**

You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (*Ps. 2:7*)

### **Psalm 99**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD; worship upon God's holy hill. (*Ps. 99:9*)

### **2 Peter 1:16-21**

*The apostle's message confirmed on the mount of transfiguration*

## 2/19/23 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by Norm and Shirley Turner in celebration of all winter birthdays!

**REBECCA CIRCLE FRONTIER SOUP SALE**-every week. See display in the Narthex.

**WORSHIP MASKING-Update** There has been a slight increase in the area of Covid cases and in our congregation. We have been sitting at a social distance as we have felt comfortable in the sanctuary. We need to continue Masking at your comfort level.

**“ASHES TO GO”** at Elburn Train Station, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 6am

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP** Wed., Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm

**POOL TABLE** for sale - \$50 donation – buyer needs to arrange to move it. Please see Tricia Painter if interested.

**CHANGING CHILDREN’S WORLDS** foundation in Geneva is looking for a volunteer to work in their office from now through April on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 2:30pm to 5pm. Light office work and phones. The foundation offers domestic violence classes for families. They are located at 411 Stevens St. in Geneva. Website is [www.changingchildrensworlds.org](http://www.changingchildrensworlds.org) and their phone number is 630-909-9411.

**LINE DANCING** continues every Thursday night in Fellowship Hall from 6pm to 7pm.

**CHILI BINGO NIGHT** on Sat., March 4<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 8pm

**BOWLING LEAGUE** The Lutheran Fellowship Bowling League, a joint league among area ELCA Churches, is looking for adults 18 or older to join us every other Sunday for an evening of adult Christian fellowship. Bowling skill or experience not required. Contact Nick Rex for more info: 630-742-5836 (text or voicemail) or [lutheranbowling@gmail.com](mailto:lutheranbowling@gmail.com).

**NOISY OFFERING** We collect a Noisy Offering whenever you wish to empty your change purse or pockets! Our next endeavor is for special light bulbs & lift rental necessary for the sanctuary & parking lot. Thank you for your support!

**BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS** The Bridge to Life Group continues to collect donations for the Elgin homeless. For details see the News Letter or Cathy Whiteside.

***Thank you for your generous donations!***

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

We want to thank Troop 46 & 946 for the delectable Pancake Breakfast. They collected \$931 dollars in the free will collection and donated those monies to Grace.

We thank the Troops for their work, donation and being part of the Grace community.

## **OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE**

Donations collected for the past week = \$5,034 (includes \$931 from Scouts breakfast, \$327 Thrivent Choice Dollars). Weekly donations needed to meet **2023 expenses** = \$3,500. Blessings upon Grace as we embark on a new year~

ZOOM FELLOWHIP WILL CONTINUE WEEKLY **AT 10:30 AM** on Sundays following our online worship services. Join our Grace family for sharing news, prayers information and more. Don't miss out! Check your eblast for details.

<https://zoom.us/j/96765863567?pwd=SWpGM0xlclVoaFBIUXI2dEVvNTd3UT09>

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## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH**

- \* God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- \* As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- \* Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- \* Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

## **FOR THE WORLD**

- \* For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus – it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- \* For the healing of the divisions in our Nation.

## **FOR OUR CONGREGATION**

- \* For God's Spirit to guide the Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- \* As we plan regarding the future of our congregation.

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY** (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- \* Adam & Julia Sajdak, grandson & granddaughter in law of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- \* Nathan Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- \* William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooley

\* David Brazee, Grandson of Steve and Cathy Lindquist

(If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

**FOR ALL**

- \* The continued support of our members
- \* For all members of healthcare around the world
- \* For those serving as first responders and in the military
- \* For our Nation, that extend peace in all things.

**FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT...** Andrew Kinsel and his family in Ukraine, Fred Alstadt, Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis, Nelson Brodhead, Joanna Alverado/Klaus, Jim (brother of Rita Burnham), Elaine Chaney, the Chavez family and Joe, Juanita Curley, Jane Cutler, Ken Deutschmann, Jack and Jan Docherty, **Rebecca Eagen**, Joyce Helander and Jim Serafin, Jay Ellingsen, Howard (friend of Alexa Diehl), Manfred Kaufmann, Paul and Kay Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Katie Kozeva, Lisa Landes, Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Ray Larsen, Gay Leslie (cousin of Kurt Redemann), **Pat and Chili Lindgren**, Sherry Manke, **Janelle McDonald**, George and Eileen Morris, Joan Mortenson, Mike Myers, Ray Navarro, Ed Nordwind, Donald Overby, Phil and Inge Peterson, Carol Prevenas, Pastor Art, Joan Rygula (sister of Lori U'Ren), Nancy Schaeffer, John Schnaitman, Kim Theros, Tia Thorne, Shirley Turner, Crystal Vines, Kristy Weydert, Wayne Whiteside, Catherine Zegial, and Barbara Zegiel.

**Our prayers to Karen Patterson, her family and friends**

on the death her husband Ken. He will be missed by all of us.

**A Celebration of Ken's Life** will be held at Grace on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am, followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

A thankyou note was received from Jeanine Luch's daughter letting Grace know that Jeanine enjoyed the Christmas card and the newsletters sent to her. She appreciated that we always remembered her.

*Please let us know your prayer requests for inclusion in our public prayers.  
Type them in the comments or send them to the church office via our prayer card on our website.*