

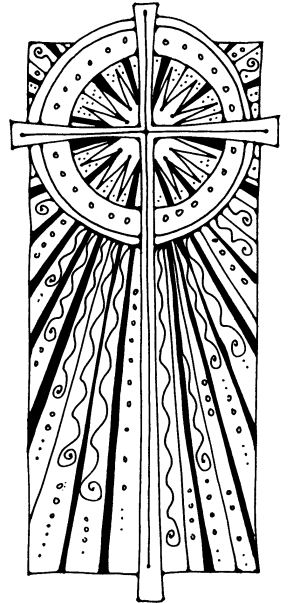
Peace Lutheran Church + ELCA

Menomonie, WI

Transfiguration Sunday

Worship with Holy Communion

9 a.m. Sunday, February 19, 2023



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INVOCATION

We come here as many, varied in backgrounds and perspectives, each with a journey and wisdom to share.

Whenever we gather, help us to value the diversity that is ours in the body of Christ.

We join the world's creatures, the earth, sky, and sea, we join with all people in lands far and near.

All these are neighbors, without them we're less; each one God-created, each one Spirit-blessed.

We gather this Sunday in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

Amen.

CONFESSION

In this Epiphany season, rejoicing in the star and magi, let us go before God and confess how our words and actions contribute to the darkness instead of adding to the light.

God of Love and Light...

We confess that we are not always the light-bearers you desire us to be.

We shine a spotlight on the transgressions of others while trying to keep our own sins hidden in the dark. We burn bridges by being impatient, opinionated and judgmental. We inflame others by lashing out in anger.

We go through our days enveloped in the gloom of fear and doubt.

We let our witness become a smoldering ember until it dies out completely.

Forgive us Lord, and teach us to walk as children of light, sharing your love, forgiveness and healing with all people everywhere. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

God is light, and in God there is no darkness as all. If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "O God, My Faithful God"

ELW #806

GREETING:

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

And also with you.

KYRIE: pg 203

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray. **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.**

THE FIRST READING 2 Peter 1:16-21

A reading from 2 Peter

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.

¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Pastor Dave Whelan for leading our worship today!

Thank you to our organist, Kittrick Singerhouse

Thank you to our volunteers today:

Reader: Kevin Hintzman

Ushers: Tom Johnson & Mary Hendrickson



UPDATES

Ash Wednesday Worship

6 p.m. on February 22

Pastor Dave Whelan officiating

We are uncertain about upcoming Lenten services. We ask your patience as we wait for an interim. We will get a schedule out as soon as possible....watch Facebook and our website.

Office Hours for the Month of February

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Confirmation Class:

The Confirmands will have regular Confirmation Classes the weeks there are no Lenten Services. If there is a Lenten service, Confirmands are required to attend the worship service instead of class.

Please plan on attending the Ash Wednesday Worship—no confirmation class.

Contact Kathy Forster with questions.

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.**

DISTRIBUTION

Visitors and guests, all who believe in the Lord Jesus are invited to come forward and join this family in receiving this gift of life.

BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God...

**that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and
salvation. Be the light for our path, that we may live peace, do justice,
love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

...Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" ELW # 656

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live and share the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



THE PSALM FOR THE DAY Psalm 2

Please read responsively

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

- ¹Why are the nations in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- ²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together,
against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**
- ³"Let us break their yoke," they say;
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- ⁴**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the LORD holds them in derision.**
- ⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them,
and in rage fills them with terror.
- ⁶**As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain."**
- ⁷Let me announce the decree of the LORD,
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.
- ⁸**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**
- ⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- ¹⁰**And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**
- ¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear,
and with trembling bow in worship;
- ¹²**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ADULT CHOIR: "Go Up to the Mountain of God"

(Michael Helman)

GOSPEL: GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

*The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord*

*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.*

- ¹Jesus 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."**

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

ELW # 733

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in the true man, Jesus, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit. We trust God.

We are called to be God's church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, as our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

A brief silence

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, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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 those we name silently.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Our gracious and giving God...

...we give back to you

today, perhaps not as we ought, but as we are able. Use our gifts in this church and through this church to continue your work and to share the life-changing gift of Jesus. Amen!



GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION