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FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024 + TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

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

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. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

HYMN:

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

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GREETING (p. 203)

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 (Read Responsively)

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;

for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Glory be to God in Heaven"

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- 1** *Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.*
- 2** *Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.*
- 3** *Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

Response: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6 (*Read Responsively*)

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

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

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

⁴God 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."**

⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.

Response: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

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Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.

Spirit, open my heart.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 9:2-9. **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 anymore, 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.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN:

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED (p. 104)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERING HYMN:

"Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"

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HOLY COMMUNION (p. 206)

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (p.206)

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

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*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains:
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (p. 207)

LORD'S PRAYER (p. 208)

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.

COMMUNION HYMN (p. 208)

"Lamb of God"

- 1** *O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.*
- 2** *O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.*
- 3** *O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.*

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER (p. 208)

BLESSING (p. 209)

HYMN:

"Beautiful Savior"

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SENDING (p. 209)

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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GIVE ONLINE

We, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, welcome all to share Christ's love, grow in faith, and to live a life of service glorifying God.

The Radio Broadcast is in memory of Chuck Hanson who passed away in 2016 given by Sarah & Estelle Hanson.

Volunteers to host a Lent Supper are needed for Wednesdays this coming Lent. A sign up for your group or family to host can be found on the information counter. With questions about what goes into hosting a Lenten Supper, be in touch with Pr. Kyle.

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 14th. We'll gather for worship at 6:30 p.m. in-person and online to remember our mortality and God's promise of life in the midst of death. There will be no Lent Supper before Ash Wednesday worship.

Join us for Lent 2024! Sundays, we'll gather around the theme "Altered by the Spirit" and follow where the Spirit leads through the book of Acts. In between worship at 9:40 a.m., we'll gather for conversation in the Conference Room on the Acts and Gospel texts. Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in-person and online, we partner with Faith, Trinity, and Kathryn/Nome/Fingal Lutheran to present "Turning the World Around: Bible Anti-Heroes and Villains". Hear different pastors give their takes on how God works through some of the Bible's most colorful characters. Suppers beforehand at 5:30 p.m. will raise funds to help offset student's lunch debt at VCPS.

"A Night in New Orleans"- an ELCA Youth Gathering Fundraiser Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 3rd at 5:30 p.m. at Our Savior's. Enjoy a night out with friends and family, and multi-course New Orleans themed meal to help raise money for Youth from Faith, Trinity, and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches to attend the National ELCA Youth Service Trip this July. Tickets (**Adults (12+) - \$25.00 and Children (11 and Under) - \$15.00**) are available in the church office through Sunday, February 25th.

Radio broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship is on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on KOVC 1490 AM. To sponsor a broadcast, please contact the church office. The cost is \$100 and may be given in memory or in honor of someone or a significant event. Your gift to this ministry is appreciated.

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. To that end, be alert and persevere in praying for all the Lord’s people.” (Ephesians 6:18). This week we hold these people of Our Savior's in prayer, as well as those concerns close to our hearts: Joe & Kandice Plagens, Noah, Isabella, Luke, Owen; Ross Powell, Claire, Corbyn; William & Nancy Powell; Doug Quick; William & Josie Quick; Eric Randa; Kenneth & Diane Rasmusson.

February 11-18, 2024

TODAY: 8:30 a.m. Worship
 8:30 a.m. Facebook Live
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

MON: 11:05 a.m. & 11:50 a.m. Sr. High Lunch

TUES: 9:00 a.m. Quilters
 1:30 p.m. Text Study

WED: **Ash Wednesday**
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Lent Worship-Choir Sings
 7:00 p.m. Committees
 8:00 p.m. Council
 8:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group

THURS: 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Pastor’s Conference-Our Savior’s Lutheran-Valley City

SAT: 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Fellowship

NEXT SUN: 8:30 a.m. Worship-Choir sings
 8:30 a.m. Facebook Live
 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 9:30 a.m. No Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship-Choir sings
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

**Mission Support
 January 2024**

Year To Date Income	\$354,768.64
Year To Date Expense	301,965.19
YTD Income over Expense	52,803.45
A week of OSLC ministry:	\$6,875.75
General Fund Offering:	\$12,135.38

2021-2024 Growing in Grace Capital Appeal



\$830,680.00 Total Pledged
 By 125 Households
 through June 4, 2023

\$758,480.40 Total Given
 through January 29, 2024