

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 27, 2022 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



Prelude Music

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: ... we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

(words below)

(sung through twice, congregation in bold)

Verse 1

You are holy (**You are holy**)

You are mighty (**You are mighty**)

You are worthy (**You are worthy**)

Worthy of praise (**worthy of praise**)

I will follow (**I will follow**)

I will listen (**I will listen**)

I will love You (**I will love You**)

All of my days (**all of my days**)

Chorus 1 Will Be Sung Simultaneously

Chorus 1 - Leader

I will sing to and worship
The King who is worthy
And I will love and adore Him
And I will bow down before Him
And I will sing to and worship
The King who is worthy
And I will love and adore Him
And I will bow down before Him
You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You

Chorus 1 - Congregation

You are Lord of lords You are King of kings
You are mighty God Lord of ev'rything
You're Emmanuel You're the Great I Am
You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb
You're the living God You're my saving grace
You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days
You are Alpha Omega Beginning and End
You're my Savior Messiah Redeemer and Friend
You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You

(Ending)

ALL: You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You

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

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

A Litany of Boldness

A: O Creative God, You made us in Your image. You call us through the Holy Spirit. Let your loving kindness be upon us. Oh God of our ancestors, we remember the bold witness of those who paved the way for all—lay and ordained.

C: We give You thanks, O God.

A: O Holy One, Who breathes life into us all, we raise before You the bold people among us today: for those who pray, for those who parent, for those who study, for those who advocate, for those who laugh, for those who share, for those who extend hospitality, for those who smile.

C: We give You thanks, O God.

A: O Gracious One, forgive us when we are too timid to live up to the boldness You have placed within us..Enable us to recognize, honor and support the boldness you have placed within others. O God of infinite possibility, grant to us all the opportunity to act boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ.

C: Hear us, O Lord.

A: O God of abundant life, grant to us all emotional, physical and spiritual wholeness so that we might best serve others in Your name. Give us courage, hope and open hearts, that we might experience expanding possibilities and grow through change. Give us the courage and wisdom to act boldly on our faith in You, O creating, redeeming and sustaining One.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

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: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 99

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.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Celtic Alleluia

ELW 174

Gospel: Luke 9:28-43a

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

P: A reading from... **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. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Busekist

Song of the Day:

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

ELW 317

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.

Prayers of the Church / Sign of the Peace

Offering (encouraged for before or after service, using vase only and not ushers)

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

Words of Institution

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.

Communion

Communion Songs:

The Table How Good, Lord, to Be Here

ELW 315

The Table:

I will feast at the table of the Lord. I will feast at the table of the Lord. I won't hunger anymore At His table.
I will feast at the table of the Lord. I will feast at the table of the Lord. I won't hunger anymore At His table.

Come all you weary, come and find His yoke is easy, His burden light.
He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord.

There is peace at the table of the Lord. There is peace at the table of the Lord. I won't worry anymore At His table.

There is healing at the table of the Lord. There is healing at the table of the Lord. Oh and I won't suffer anymore
At His table.

Come all you weary, come and find His yoke is easy, His burden light.
He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord.

I know he has a place for me. Oh, what joy will fill my heart With the saints around the mercy seat of God.
Come all you weary, come and find His yoke is easy, His burden light.

He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord, at the table of the Lord.
I'm invited to the table of the Lord. I'm invited to the table of the Lord. He says come just as you are to His table.

Final Blessing

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song:

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671

Dismissal

A: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/04—Kenneth Smith
3/5—Cheryl Wegener

3/5—Jodi Kelly
3/5—Joe Berry

Please note the change: A COVID update from Council:

Last week, the Grand Traverse County Covid positivity dipped below the 14-day average 17.5% Covid positivity threshold set up by Council for our current precautions. **Therefore, we will transition to a new worship masking standard of "masks optional for vaccinated persons and required for unvaccinated persons."** This will ensure that we are doing our part to keep our parishioners and community safe. At the time of printing this bulletin, Munson Healthcare is still at its historic Pandemic Response Level of Red (<https://www.munsonhealthcare.org/services/community-health/covid19/pandemic-status>). Stay safe, pray for all good things, and see you soon!

-Your Bethlehem Church Council

Lent Update: As Covid numbers seem now to be heading in an encouraging direction, we hope to ease back into Fellowship supper gatherings this Lenten season. For March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6th, we are planning to have a "simple soup and bread*" dinner in the Fellowship Hall, followed by worship at 6:30. Our 1st Communion students will have class before dinner. Here's our schedule for each night:

5:30pm - 1st Communion Class in the Youth Room (others welcome to socialize in the Gathering Space)

6:00pm - "A Simple Soup* at Six"

6:30pm - Brief Worship (Holden Evening Prayer, Taize, or Scripture with Songs and short message for approximately 30 minutes)

****Our soup each night will be served also with bread, a veggie tray, dessert, coffee and punch.***

Our Lenten theme this year is "The Message and the Messenger" and will focus during the worship message on an eclectic mix of biblical and modern messengers of the gospel. We hope to see you then!

Please note that the new Building and Office Hours are: 9:00am – 2:30pm, Monday – Thursday.

Today's altar flowers are donated: *in Honor of the weekly collection counters.*

Sunday flowers: Those of you who donate for the weekly flowers: you are welcome to wait a few minutes after the service in the kitchen to pick-up a bouquet for yourself or someone else. The flower brigade is so thankful for your donation they want to thank you also.

Giving Statements Available: Your individual giving statements are available in your mailbox in the Narthex. The statement covers giving from January through December 2021. Please pick them up at your convenience. To save on postage, I will mail out the ones not picked up by the end of March 2022. Thank you for your generous support for the programs and ministries of your church especially during these uncertain times. Your Bookkeeper

The March issue of the STAR is available today. For current issues of the Star, feel free to check online at www.bethlehemtc.org < About Us > "The Online Bethlehem Star" or type this URL to get these directly: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/the-bethlehem-star-newsletter>.

Due Dates for STAR/Bulletin/Screen Announcements:

STAR: The third Friday of the month sent to admin@bethlehemtc.org (Please note STAR in subject line)

Bulletin/Verbal Announcements: Wednesday of the week sent to admin@bethlehemtc.org (Bulletin/Worship Folder is printed on Thursday morning.) (Please note Bulletin or Announcement in subject line)

Screen Announcements/Weekly BLC Emails: Tuesday of the week sent to annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org (Annie works Sunday – Wednesday)

Monthly STAR: Thanks to all of you who have said that you will read the STAR on line or pick it up at church. Those of you who come to church, be thinking if there is any member close in your neighborhood that you could deliver their copy to them. If you have recently decided to read on line or pick-up at church please call the office and let them know.

The newest Living Lutheran magazine and the April/May/June Christ in our Home can be picked up at the welcome table on Sunday mornings, from the Shooting STAR box below the outside mailbox, or during parking lot communion.

LAUNDRY BASKET PROJECT FOR 2022: We are collecting cleaning items to be given out during the Baby Pantry here at Bethlehem. There is an example basket in the Narthex along with a list of items needed. You may fill an entire basket OR bring single items if you prefer. We would like to have baskets available beginning in March. Thank you for your participation!

Book Club: The book for the Mar. 22 book club meeting at 5:30 on ZOOM is *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. I am assured that it is different from the TV show if you have watched that. I think it is going to take many of us out of our "comfort zone". Books from the library are in the plastic bin outside of church. Be sure to sign your name on the sheet next to the number that matches the number on your book. Below is a description of the book:

"Set in the near future, it describes life in what was once the United States, now called the Republic of Gilead, a monotheocracy that has reacted to social unrest and a sharply declining birthrate by reverting to, and going beyond, the repressive intolerance of the original Puritans. The regime takes the Book of Genesis absolutely at its word, with bizarre consequences for the women and men of its population" —

If you are not already on the email list and would like to join the discussion please send your email to Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net.

CHOIR NEWS: The choir hopes to continue singing one time per month on weekends when the majority of singers are in town. If you are interested, please contact Tony Bero at 231 942-1162 or bero.tony@gmail.com

Stony Lake Camp Registration is open and free to all young campers interested! The deadline has been extended indefinitely and there is still room! Please register online as soon as possible and let Annie know! The week Bethlehem Adult Leaders will be there is Week 1 (June 19 – 24) so make sure you register for that week! Reach out to Annie either after worship or at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org with any questions or concerns.

Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service. While we do not have Altar Flowers during Lent, there are plenty of dates available for the rest of the year. You may use the sign-up poster in the Narthex by signing on the date you request. **Then fill out a pink slip with the necessary information and place it and a check for \$40 (payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or BLC) in the offering plate on Sunday morning (Preferable) or during the week, in the Administration Assistant's mailbox near the church office entrance.** You may select either "in honor" or "in memory" or "to celebrate". If someone has already signed on the date you would like, feel free to add your name – we welcome more than one on a Sunday.

Celebrate a new child in your life with a rose on the baptismal font! Cost \$10.00 per rose. Contact Barbara Oster at beo6475@yahoo.com or 231.668.7038.

The outdoor food pantry is closed until spring to make sure that none of the food is damaged by the cold. You can still bring in your staples at any time and place it in the teal bin under the table by the mailboxes. One BLC member knew of an apartment complex for low income residents with food needs and delivered 12 overflowing bags of what had been outside to the very grateful recipients. Please keep the residents of the 72 unit Brookside Commons Apartments in your prayers. Watch for the pantry to jump back into full swing in the spring.

Our blog has been renamed "Paths of Hope". Check it out on the Bethlehem website: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/new-blog-paths-of-hope>.

The Wednesday morning bible study of Matthew meets from 9-11am. All are welcome. Bring your own bible. We read the bible and then talk about what we read. We say a prayer for any needs that are shared. Come. Join a fellowship. Leader is Barbara Graf.

Quilters need help! We meet on Tuesdays 9:00am-11:00am. It is not traditional quilting. We tie three layers of fabric together. The "quilts" are sent all over the world when needed by Lutheran World Relief. So if you can tie or even cut, please join us on Tuesday mornings.

"Zoom Book Study" gathering via Zoom has returned on Wednesdays at 1:30pm for the new year. Besides the thought-provoking discussions, we also have great conversation and fellowship. For this series, we have a new book, *Home By Another Way* by Barbara Brown Taylor. It contains sermons that walk us through the church year. The book can be ordered through Amazon - if necessary, Barbara Oster can help with ordering. Please contact Pr. Paul if you are interested in joining. We will not meet this Wednesday because of Ash Wednesday observances.

Please continue to turn in your Olesons' receipts to Bethlehem. Thanks for your support.

Have something important going on at Bethlehem that you'd like others to know about? Maybe a Small Group? A Club Event? Feature it on the Screen Announcements and on our Facebook Events Page! **If there is something you'd like featured or included for either Screen Announcements or Facebook Events please reach out to Annie at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org.**

Bethlehem sends weekly emails directly to your inbox with important announcements and information! If you are not getting them for any reason or if you have something you'd like to have added please reach out to Annie at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org.

The church calendar has returned below. Please be sure to notify the office (admin@bethlehemtc.org or 231.947.9880) to be sure that your group is on the calendar.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 27

10:00am—Worship Service (S)
11:00am—Parking Lot Communion
1:00pm—Confirmation Class (FH)

Tuesday, March 1

9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)
9:00am—Property Work Group
10:00am—Staff Meeting (CR)

Wednesday, March 2

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—Bible Study (YR)
11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)
7:00pm—Ash Wednesday service (S)

Thursday, March 3

5:30pm—ACOA (GS)
7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal (FH)

Friday, March 4

5:00pm—Drive My Way (FH)

Saturday, March 5

9:00am—All-Star DE (FH)

Sunday, March 6

10:00am—Worship Service (S)
11:00am—Parking Lot Communion
11:15am—Worship and Music Committee (CR)