

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

a community of the cross called to confess hope in action

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Kristen Capel, Steven Delzer

Organist Julie Urban

Vocalists Kim Bretheim, Sue Danielson, Bretheim, Annika Coyle, Carolyn

Deters, Daniel Magnuson, Tim Wicker

Instrumentalists Annika Coyle, guitar; Daniel Magnuson, guitar;

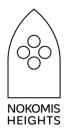
Krista Johnson, percussion

Lector Peter Eckman
Children's Message Cindy Nelson
Generosity Message Generosity Team
Camera/Recording Dana Lonn

In our prayers this week: The Feig family, on the death of Richard Feig; the Breed family of on the death of Brian's sister, Christine Comerford; Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Rich Gronner, Jack Hanson, Jennifer Harris, and Dee Levine; Mission Partners: Trinity and St. Peder's Lutheran churches, Community Emergency Service (CES), and Wapo Bible Camp

Join us each Sunday at 10 a.m. for worship Find us online on Facebook and YouTube

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Place of Worship. Space for Questions

NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 14, 2021 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE "In Dir Ist Freude" J.S. Bach

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another:
- C: Gracious God, have mercy on us.
 We confess that we have turned from you
 and given ourselves into the power of sin.
 We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
 In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
 things we have done and things we have failed to do.
 Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
 so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of 士 Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen

HYMN 866

"We Are Marching in the Light"

See music on pages 9-10.

GREETING

- L: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: We pray together:
- C: Dazzling Lord,
 in blinding light you showed your disciples
 a hint of your power and purpose.
 Reveal yourself to us today.
 Show us what you desire of us
 and how to broadcast your love to the world
 for the sake of the one who keeps company
 with the prophets Moses and Elijah,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen

WORD

THE PSALM Psalm 36:5-10

L: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 9:28-45

L: Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now 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. Just 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.

While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When 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.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly 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. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While 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.

And all were astounded at the greatness of God. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, "Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands." But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying. *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN 815 (st. 1-2) See music on page 11. "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Introduction

L: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

L: How often your people lose sight of your truth, O Lord. Forgive our short-sightedness and ignorance when you have clearly shown us how to live as your faithful children.

Gracious God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Your love extends to the heavens; ours is but a pale imitation of what you have shown to us. Bless our efforts to embody your love toward others and toward you.

Gracious God.

C: Hear our prayer.

L: The mysteries of this world can sometimes baffle us, Lord. Enfold us with awe at your power and grace, and embolden us to proclaim your gospel to all. Gracious God.

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Sometimes we must let go in order to heal fully.

Release us from past fixations, grievances and regrets, and equip us to take on a new future.

Heal those who cry out to you, especially...

(here we pray for members and friends in need of prayer).

Gracious God,

C: Hear our prayer.

Conclusion

L: Receive our prayers and shed light on our path, as we seek to walk in your ways and bring glory to you through your Son, Jesus, our Lord.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

SHARING THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERING "Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair"

Gabrielsen

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Almighty God,

C: giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise you, not with our lips only,
but with our whole lives,
turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys
of all our days into a living sacrifice to you;
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you;
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN 838 (st. 1, 3-4)

"Beautiful Savior"

See music on page 12.

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Moment of silence

POSTLUDE

"We Are Marching in the Light"

Shields

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