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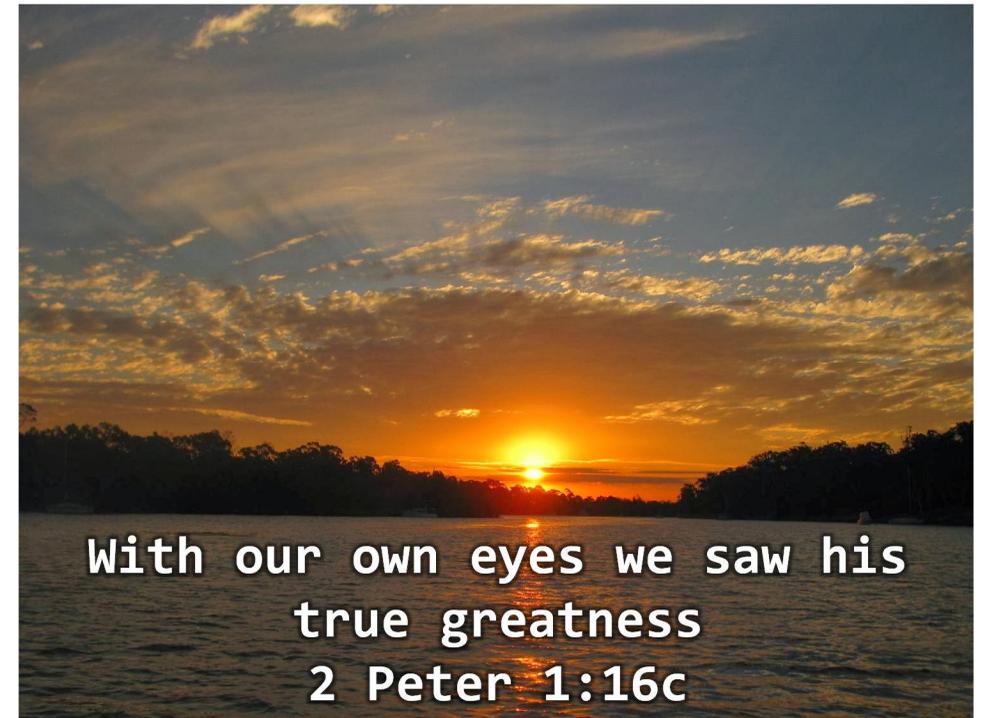


Imposition of Ashes
Holy Communion

Christ Lutheran Church

February 23, 2020

Transfiguration of Our Lord



*The Hands of Christ
Worshiping Learning Serving
Together*

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INTRODUCTION: 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..

Welcome Visitors! Please sign our guest book in the Gathering Area.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday. Everyone who seeks the Lord for forgiveness, mercy, and new life for daily living is welcome to the table. Ushers will direct you. If you prefer grape juice to wine, cups will be provided at the altar. Please dispose of your cups in the baskets at the end of the altar rail. Children are also invited to participate.

WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 2*

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.**

Today is Pancake Sunday

Following Service



There will be egg cup omelets, sausage, drinks, and of course pancakes!

There will be a free offering to The Military Moms of Brazoria County.

Throughout Lent, we will be collecting donations for the following items to add to military care packages:



Foot Powder

Men's Deodorant

Men's Razor's (3-4 per package)

Mouthwash (TRAVEL SIZE ONLY)

	February 23, 2020	February 26, 2020 Ash Wednesday	March 1, 2020
Reader	David Lykken		
Ushers			
Greeter	Barbara Shipp		
Ppt Tech	Jean Warren		
Musician	Mary Morgan	Mary Morgan	
\$ Counters	Charlotte Braden Diane Tweedle		
Altar Guild	Agnes's Team		
If you would like to be a part of the <u>Altar Guild</u> contact the Church Office: clcoffice2019@gmail.com or 979-297-2013.			

Calendar:

Sunday, February 23rd, Worship, 9:00AM
 Discussion Group, 10:15AM
 Pancake Sunday, Following Worship
 Tuesday, February 25th, Boredom Busters, 12:30PM
 Wednesday, February 26th Bread for Life, 11:30AM
 Ash Wednesday Service, 12:00PM
 Thursday, February 27th, Choir Practice, 6:30PM
 Sunday, March 1st, 9:00AM
 Discussion Group, 10:15AM

Attendance Last Weekend: 43

Lord's Work	Income	Expenses	+/-
January	\$15,316.00	\$15,848.13	-\$532.13
YTD 2020	\$15,316.00	\$15,848.13	-\$532.13
Bldg Loan	Income	Expenses	+/-
January	\$6,852.00	\$4,949.53	\$1,902.47
YTD 2020	\$6,852.00	\$4,949.53	\$1,902.47

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!**

GATHERING HYMN: *How Good, Lord, to be Here* #315 Red Hymnal

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters. **Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,
you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; ☩ your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven. **Amen.**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Alleluia, Song of Gladness* #318, vs 1 Red Hymnal

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.**

WE HEAR THE WORD

READING: *2 Peter 1:16-21*

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. This is my Son, my Chosen,
listen to him! Alleluia. *(Luke 9:35)*

GOSPEL: *Matthew 17:1-9*

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.

Thanks be to God.

WE ARE SENT

BLESSING

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: *Arise, Your Light Has Come* #314 Red Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

Preaching/Presiding: Paul Geisler, Jr.

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PREFACE

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: **send your Spirit on this meal.**

O God, you are Bread: **feed us with yourself.**

O God, you are wine: **warm our hearts and make us one.**

O God, you are Fire: **transform us with hope. Amen.**

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us Pray; Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Beautiful Savior* #838 Red Hymnal

STATEMENT OF 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 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.
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, your loving power is at work among us. Rouse and embolden your church, that we too might be transfigured, set alight in the world for the sake of the gospel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Awesome God, you speak and the earth trembles. You display your majesty in the mountains and your mystery in the clouds. Grant that we discover your magnificence in all of your created world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ruler of nations, your reign extends across all human borders. Guide world leaders (*especially*) in justice and righteousness, that they may work for equity for all people and protect the world that you have made. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Constant God, give strength to those who daily live with pain or illness. Walk alongside all caregivers with your never-failing presence. We pray especially Dorothy Krug, Terry Partridge, and Connie Spangenburg for that God lift up people to provide care and consolation. Lord, in your mercy, **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, you are a refuge for all who are neglected and abused. Bring freedom to those who are oppressed and give comfort to those experiencing pain of any kind *especially* Alison Blevins, Liz Ellett, Agnes Harris, Dennis Jones, David Lykken, Roselyn Lykken, Jimmy Neece, Richard Poklikuha, Steve Ray, Dennis Smith, Gail Smith, Joy Stanley, and Donna Tetlow. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of steadfast faithfulness, give strength to those who daily live with pain or illness. Walk alongside all caregivers with your never-failing presence. We pray especially Dorothy Krug, Terry Partridge, and Connie Spangenburg that God would lift up people to provide care and consolation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who measures our days, rejoice with those who celebrate their birthdays this week. Grant joy and support Shirley Weirich, Jeffery Sims, and Sammy Chambless. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of Moses and Elijah, you made your dwelling place at the top of a mountain with Jesus and his disciples. Dwell also in this congregation, that all who enter this community might be transformed by your dazzling brilliance. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Everlasting God, you offer eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the witness of those who lived and died in the faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WE SHARE THE HOLY MEAL

OFFERING & VIDEO MEDITATION *We present our gifts to God.*

OFFERING PRAYER

God of wonder,

you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

DIALOGUE

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.