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TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

CAMP MT. LUTHER SUNDAY



Sunday, February 27, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **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.**

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. **Amen.**

HYMN: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 34: 29-35

The First Reading is from the 34th chapter of Exodus.

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.

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

PSALM: Psalm 99 (Please Read Responsively)

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.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4: 2

The Second Reading is from the 3rd chapter of 2 Corinthians.

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 9: 28-43a

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th Chapter.

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. ^{43a}And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE CHILDRENS’ SERMON

**THE SERMON by Chad Hershberger,
Camp Mt. Luther Director**

HYMN: *Shine Jesus Shine*

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

THE 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.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

Response to: "God of grace" **hear our prayer.**

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate the presence of God in bread and wine. All are welcome to receive this gift.

BLESSING

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. **Amen.**

HYMN: *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of, the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.

Verse 2: dancing

Verse 3: singing

SENDING

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the current COVID situation in our area, **everyone is asked to wear a mask and observe social distancing.** Additional seating is available in the basement where the Service can be viewed via video live stream.

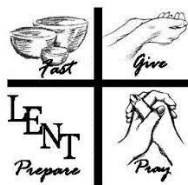
A **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held **in_2-weeks**, on **Sunday, March 13th**. It is important for all members to be in attendance.

Today is Camp Mt. Luther Sunday! We are thrilled to welcome Chad Hershburger, Camp Director, as our guest Pastor. We will be learning about the wonderful ministry that is happening at Camp Mt. Luther and how we can get involved!

Thank You to everyone who is helping to celebrate Camp Mt. Luther by wearing your favorite camp shirt or camp gear (hiking boots, etc.)!

Altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Yvonne and Orval Mull by Debbie & Ricky Bower, Patty & Jeff Roush and Dennis Mull.

Reading today's lessons is Nora Moyer.



Lent Begins March 2nd



Ash Wednesday – March 2nd - There will be 2 Worship opportunities as we celebrate Ash Wednesday. On March 2nd at **12:00 noon**, we will gather in the sanctuary for a brief Service of the Word and imposition of ashes. At **7:00 pm** that evening, we will gather in the sanctuary for our traditional Ash Wednesday Service. Both Services will offer Holy Communion and ashes.

What are “**Ashes-On-The-Go**” ? The ashes come to you! If you would like ashes to be brought to you at home or your workplace, contact Pastor Stina, sign-up for a time and she will bring ashes to you! Please email: stinaschaeffer@gmail.com

Prayer Chain – Susan Athey is handling all Prayer Chain calls & reports now through March 13th. Please contact Susan: sjdsathey77@gmail.com with all Prayer Chain requests. Thank you.

Adult Sunday School is held every Sunday morning in the church basement from 9:30 – 10:00 am. Join us as we open the Scriptures and learn with, and from, one another!

LENT PROJECT

This year our Lenten Project centers around Disaster Relief. We will join other congregations in our Synod and in the Susquehanna Interfaith Network for disaster response by creating “Flood Buckets”. These buckets are filled with practical items to help with clean-up. They are given to families who have experienced major flooding. Each bucket costs approximately \$50 to fill. We will be buying the contents in bulk to save money and because the items in the buckets are very specific as to type and size.

***** The Salem Council is issuing a challenge to the Congregation:**

Raise enough money to fill at least 25 buckets!

Look for donation buckets in the sanctuary starting in Lent!

******* BUCKET COLLECTION *******

We are currently collecting 5-gallon buckets with lids to be used for our “Flood Buckets” Lent Project. If you have access to empty buckets through work or a hobby, please save them for us!

**RIGHT NOW, WE ARE ONLY COLLECTING
BUCKETS & LIDS !**



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Camp Mount Luther, as a place set apart by God, is located on 400 acres in Union County, PA. The camp proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ, in the beauty of creation, serving the Upper Susquehanna Synod (ELCA) and the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania (ECUSA). We are committed to serving and being in partnership with the interdenominational, interfaith, and broader community.

God's Mission for Us: Sharing Christ, Planting Seeds.

Our Purpose Statement: A year-round ministry providing resources and experiences in faith formation, worship, recreation, and intentional Christian community for all ages.

Our Vision: Cultivate and integrate strong partnerships between Camp Mount Luther and all expressions of God's church.

During our summer program, we provide a staff trained in providing a safe emotional, physical, and spiritual experience for participants to grow in their faith. We teach our campers creation stewardship and encourage them to effectively use their outdoor leisure time, promoting good sportsmanship.

Created as children of God, we strive to improve participants' sense of self-worth, helping them discover their identity and vocation. Through that discovery, we promote service to others and Christian hospitality. We encourage participants to live a life of discipleship and Christian leadership.

Learn more at www.campmountluther.org

