Vasa Lutheran Church

The Transfiguration

Pastor Maureen Hagen Accompanist – Nick Kees

Sunday, February 11, 2024

ANNOUNCING THE DAY: Psalm 27:1-4

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

L: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh-

C: my adversaries and foes- they shall stumble and fall.

L: Though an army encamp against me,

C: my heart shall not fear;

L: though war rise up against me,

C: yet I will be confident.

L: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

C: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

CONFESSION AND 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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

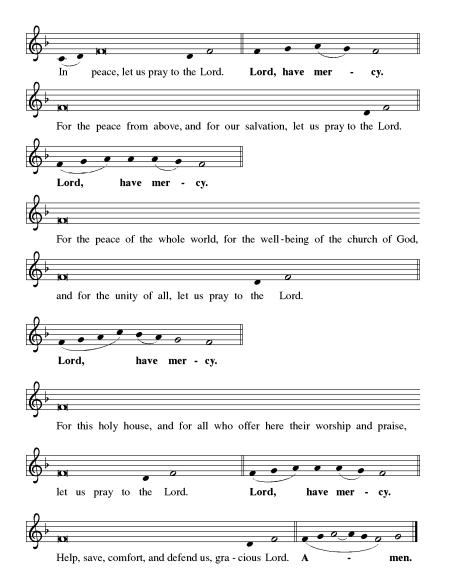
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

HYMN HOW GOOD, LORD TO BE HERE! ELW 315

GREETING: 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.

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HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord of light, **as you were transfigured on the mountain**, your followers were given a glimpse of your glory. Shine your light in our lives so that we will know how truly marvelous you are. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:27-9:8 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" 28 And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." 29 He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." 30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." NRS Mark 9:1 And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

2 Six 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, 3 and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5 Then 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." 6 He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" 8 Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN BE THOU MY VISION ELW 793 SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT ELW 815

CONFESSION OF FAITH using the words of 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, 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 CONGREGATION Each petition will end with the words, "Lord, in your mercy," Please respond with "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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us share the peace with one another.

GENEROSITY MOMENT

HYMN

SHINE, JESUS SHINE

ELW 671

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

L: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

L: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.



Paul Mikaelsen, Jay Mikaelsen, Scott Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Anne Rathman, Wendy Anderson, Geri Lindholm, Dale Anderson, and the Family of Jerry McRae.



Parish Pulse: **Jan. 31 an Feb 4** Participating in Worship: 53 +16 live-streams Total Offerings: \$1,540.00

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Randy Klein **Reader**: Jessica Anderson **Hospitality:** Lora Gruber

Worship Assistants Next Week (February 18)

Usher: Rick Samuelson Reader: Katie Featherstone Comm. Asst: Tim Carlson Hospitality: B-J Norman Because of Jerry McCrae's funeral on February 7th, *Women of all Ages and Stages* Bible Study is rescheduled for Wednesday Morning, February 14th. at the Lutheran Center. All are

welcome! (We will also meet Wed. AM, Feb. 21st!)



....**IS ON WEDNESDAY**, **FEBRUARY 14**th , at 5:30PM. A brief, child-friendly, Ash Wednesday service (with

imposition of Ashes) will conclude the evening.

MUSIC FOR FEB.11, 2024

HOW GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt. Music: W. Mercer, The Church Psalter and Hymn Book, 1854 **BE THOU MY VISION**

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931 Music: Irish traditional

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