

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP
Transfiguration Sunday

February 27, 2022

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

PRELUDE *Variations on "Fairest Lord Jesus"* Robert lau

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The Light has been shining.

People: The Light of Epiphany has been shining.

Liturgist: We have seen the coming of the kings.

People: We have seen the coming of John the Baptist.

Liturgist: We have seen the coming of Jesus.

People: But the season of Epiphany is almost over.

Liturgist: Today, with the Transfiguration, we see Jesus clearly.

People: But in Lent the Lord is hidden in shadow.

Liturgist: Some will follow him.

People: Some will mock him.

Liturgist: Some will be healed by him.

People: Some will crucify him.

All: Let the light shine while it may. Let us all in our worship together walk to that light that shines in the darkness, and shines forever.

*HYMN *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* No. 173

OPENING PRAYER

God of glory and mercy, before his death in shame, your Son went to the mountain top and you revealed his life in glory. Where prophets witnessed to him, you proclaimed him your Son, but he returned to die among us. Help us face evil with courage, knowing that all things, even death, are subject to your transforming power. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE *Holy, Holy, Holy* No. 64 (Stanza 4)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, whose nature is love, and who has been revealed in one Lord, Jesus Christ, by one Holy Spirit of grace.

We believe in the authenticity and inspiration of the Holy Scriptures; we believe that the Bible is the revealed Word of God and has authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He came in the flesh, died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day according to scripture.

We believe that holiness and joyful living are connected; we believe that the church is called to practice good works, and in this way the people of God will bring glory to the Father in heaven.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Shine, Jesus, Shine* Kendrick/arr. Stan Pethel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, and strength of the thoughts that seek you, bless the hearing of these words and the meditations of our hearts. Breathe your life into us that we may live that joy-filled life which can be ours in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL *Luke 9:28-36*
MESSAGE *Reflection Inspection* Pastor Janet Saddel

*HYMN Take Time to Be Holy No. 395

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession (unison)

We confess to you, O God, that we have not remembered you enough this week. We have gone our own ways without being mindful of your presence. We have sought our own welfare without thinking of others. We have neglected your kingdom for the pursuit of our own desires in this world. Forgive us, we pray, and turn us again to remembering the things that matter. Let our commitment to you become fresh and strong again. In Jesus' name. Amen.

+Pastoral Prayer
+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)
+Organ Response

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *All Glory be to God on High* Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau
*Congregational Response *Take My Life* Tune: HENDON
Take my life, and let it be consecrated Lord to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
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*HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 384

*BENEDICTION

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Praise to the lord* Gordon Young

*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.
Liturgist: Reverend Glen Esler

Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd

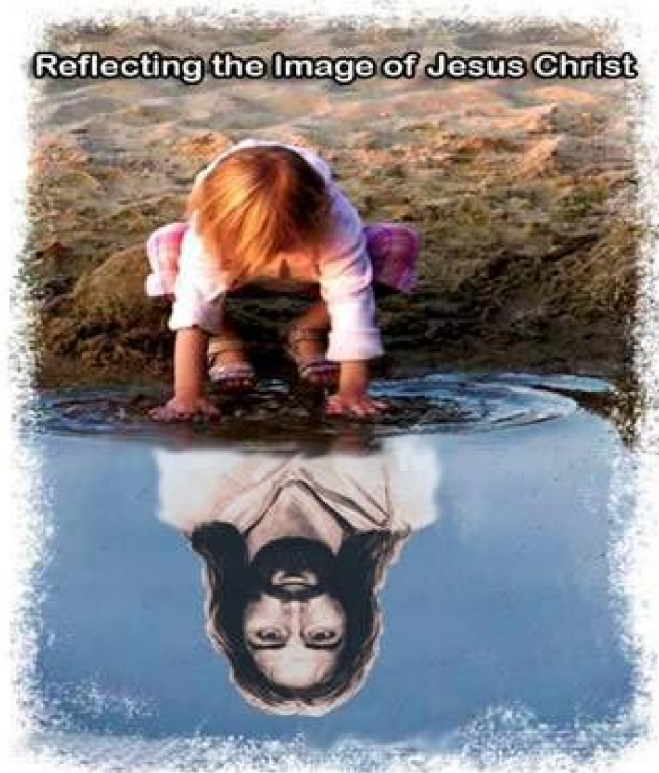
We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP †
Celebration of Faith



Reflection Inspection

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2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 and Luke 9:28-36
Speaker: Pastor Janet Sadel

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Paul says it's like seeing God in a mirror: when we gaze into God's glory and spend time with God, then we reflect that glory, just as Moses did. The more time we spend with God, the more that glory will grow.

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Our lives can be changed daily; improving, becoming brighter as we change from glory into glory. This is the goal of our faith - our image is to reflect the image of Christ. Like a mirror, we reflect the light of Christ to those around us.

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Grace doesn't stop after we receive Christ because God never leaves us just as he found us. Yes - "come as you are," but God loves us too much to leave us as we are. God wants us to be our best selves. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. And we must join in the process - we must participate in the work of sanctification, of being made holy.

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9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
11:00—Confirmation Class [Forge]
11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]
11:00 - Safe Sanctuary [Hall]
3:30 - Drama Rehearsal
4:30 - Private [Hall]
6:00—Middle School Youth Night

MONDAY

10am—Staff Meeting
4-8—Private [sanctuary]
6:00 - CR Praise band rehearsal [WC]

TUESDAY

Free Noon Meal [LCCM]
7:-00 - Board of Trustees
7:00 - Disciple [Lounge]

WEDNESDAY

5:30-8:00 - High School Yth [Hall/Forge]
7:00 - Celebrate Recovery
7:00 - Traditional Choir [choir rm/sanctuary]

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