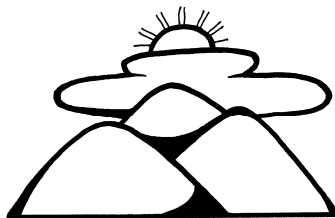


CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 23, 2020
8:00 AM



Introduction to the day

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. Some churches put aside

the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

Prelude: Cathie Helland

Gathering

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.

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.

Gathering Song: *Arise, Your Light Has Come!* (ELW 314)

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.

Canticle: *Let Streams of Living Justice* (ELW 710 verse 3)

Prayer of the Day

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.

Word

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18 (GNT Pew Bible page 98)

¹² The Lord said to Moses, "Come up the mountain to me, and while you are here, I will give you two stone tablets which contain all the laws that I have written for the instruction of the people." ¹³ Moses and his helper Joshua got ready, and Moses began to go up the holy mountain. ¹⁴ Moses said to the leaders, "Wait here in the camp for us until we come back. Aaron and Hur are here with you; and so whoever has a dispute to settle can go to them."

¹⁵ Moses went up Mount Sinai, and a cloud covered it. ¹⁶⁻¹⁷ The dazzling light of the Lord's presence came down on the mountain. To the Israelites the light looked like a fire burning on top of the mountain. The cloud covered the mountain for six

days, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from the cloud. ¹⁸ Moses went on up the mountain into the cloud. There he stayed for forty days and nights.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (GNT Pew Bible page 1478)

¹⁶ We have not depended on made-up stories in making known to you the mighty coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. With our own eyes we saw his greatness. ¹⁷ We were there when he was given honor and glory by God the Father, when the voice came to him from the Supreme Glory, saying, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased!" ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice coming from

heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we are even more confident of the message proclaimed by the prophets. You will do well to pay attention to it, because it is like a lamp shining in a dark place until the Day dawns and the light of the morning star shines in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all else, however, remember that none of us can explain by ourselves a prophecy in the Scriptures. ²¹ For no prophetic message ever came just from the human will, but people were under the control of the Holy Spirit as they spoke the message that came from God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 102)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 (GNT Pew Bible page 1156)

¹ Six days later Jesus took with him Peter and the brothers James and John and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. ² As they looked on, a change came over Jesus: his face was shining like the sun, and his clothes were dazzling white. ³ Then the three disciples saw Moses and Elijah talking with

Jesus. ⁴ So Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁵ While he was talking, a shining cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased—listen to him!"

⁶ When the disciples heard the voice, they were so terrified that they threw themselves face downward on the ground. ⁷ Jesus came to them and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid!" ⁸ So they looked up and saw no one there but Jesus.

⁹ As they came down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Don't tell anyone about this vision you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from death."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: *Vision* Pastor Tim Malek

Hymn of the Day: *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!* (ELW 315)

The Apostles' Creed & Sharing of the Peace (ELW p. 105)

Offering: *For the Fruit of All Creation* (ELW 679 verse 3)

Offering Prayer, Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 112)

Sending

Announcements and Blessing

Sending Song: *Alleluia, Song of Gladness* (ELW 318)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME TO CALVARY

Everyone is invited to sign the Friendship Registers at the end of each pew.

KIDS CORNER is a place where you can find kid-friendly items to use during Worship. It is located in the Narthex next to the coat room.

CALVARY'S PRAYERGROUND is located in the back of the Sanctuary. This area is designated for quiet play for children together with their parents.

CALVARY'S NURSERY is located on the west side of the Sanctuary and is available for your use. A nursing lounge is available in the Prayer Room located on the north end of Bethany Hall (in the basement).

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED -

Kyle Goosmann, Hazel Sundquist, Jessica Darger, Rice Hospital.

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY and remember in our prayers the families of Clifford Andreen, brother of Ron Andreen; Dorothy Huseby, daughter of Orleen Weideman.

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP in memory of Reuben Sjoberg's birthday, February 27, given by Gervaise & family.

NEW MEMBER CLASS TODAY

Sunday, February 23 at 9:05 AM in the Chapel.

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL You are invited to join us today at 9:05 AM in Bethany Hall, as we learn together about "Service to Our Neighbor" through interactive stations and experiences! Remember, there is No regular classroom Sunday School.

SINGING IN WORSHIP! Today, Children ages 3 years - Kindergarten are singing at the 10:15 AM worship service.

CREATIVE HEART - Just a reminder...

There is No Creative Heart on Wednesdays during Lent.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL We meet next Sunday, March 1, at 9:05 AM in the Youth room (located on the 1st floor, education wing). Our story this month is "Jonah". All pre-Sunday school age children and parents are welcome!

FIRST COMMUNION Next Sunday, March 1, all 2nd graders and their parents will meet in the Koinonia room at 9:05 AM for Holy Communion instruction with Pastor Naomi. Just a reminder, 2nd graders receive their First Communion at our Maundy Thursday worship service, April 9.

NOISY OFFERING Next Sunday, March 1, we will be taking another Noisy Offering during the 10:15 AM Worship Service. Children will pass a bucket during the closing worship song and worshipers are encouraged to share their coin money. The Noisy Offering will be in addition to our regular offering. Funds collected through May, will go to support Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. Thank you for your support!

HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

If your child is older than 2 grade and has not had an opportunity to receive instruction, please contact Janel or Pastor Naomi at 235-2508 or janel@calvarywillmar.org

CALVARY CREATION CARE TEAM

meeting, Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 PM in the Friendship Room.

**CAMP HOUSE NORTH SHORE GET-AWAY
July 17- 21, 2020**

Join friends and families, for a relaxing north woods get-away at Camp House in Brimson, MN! (Come for all or part of the time). Camp House is one of GLLM's bible camps located 30 minutes from Two Harbors, MN. Sleep in comfy, but rustic cabins (toilets and showers are in a bath house not in cabins), or bring your camper/tent. Enjoy lake activities and North Shore recreation.

For more information Contact Pastor Naomi at pastornaomi@calvarywillmar.org or (320) 894-2863 cell.

2020 SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

Join us for a week at bible camp! Calvary's Camp Week (at GLLM) this year will be **June 21-26!** Come join Janel and other Calvary kids for this exciting week at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp! If this week doesn't work, sign up for another week. For more information check out the GLLM website (www.gllm.org) or talk to Janel.

BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2020

Calvary will pay for 1/2 of the cost of camp for every Calvary youth who attends a Lutheran Bible Camp. Additional scholarships are also available. Questions? Talk to Janel

**CALVARY'S BOOK CLUB: A PLACE TO
BELONG & THRIVE**

March's book will be "The Alice Network" – by Kate Quinn. *"The Alice Network" is a notable historical fiction novel that brings the readers back to the Great War. Author Kate Quinn tells a story of two women in wartime Europe. One is an American socialite Charlie St. Clair. Her pregnancy forces her to leave her country and move to Europe in search of a cousin who disappeared in France during the Nazi occupation. The second is a female spy Eve Gardiner who became a part of France's*

Alice Network during the Great War.

Our group meets once a month to discuss that month's book. Next meeting Monday, March 16 at 7:00 PM in the Friendship Room at Calvary. Everyone is welcome; join us when it fits your schedule. If you have questions or would like to be added to our Facebook group please contact Sara Bennett (320) 444-3769/ sarabennett26@gmail.com

FREE PIANOS – Calvary has five upright pianos that it no longer needs. If you're interested in having one, please contact Vicar David at david@calvarywillmar.org or 235-2508 by March 1. We ask that you provide for your own moving of the instrument. Thank you!

DON'T FORGET TO SCHEDULE YOUR PHOTO SESSION FOR THE CALVARY CHURCH DIRECTORY To register on line go to Calvarylutheran@calvarywillmar.org and click on the Sign Up for Calvary Picture Button or if you have questions you can contact Erica Mathews at 320-444-0626.

HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE CALVARY DIRECTORY: Erica Mathews needs someone to sit at the Welcome Table during the directory pictures to double check addresses and to direct the people to the Koinonia Room. The hours are 5-9 PM on Thursday, February 27, 9 AM-12 PM and 12-5 PM on Saturday, February 29. If you can help please call Erica at 320-444-0626.

Next Sunday—March 1

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

Calvary Staff

Pastors: Tim Malek, Naomi Mahler,
Dean E. Johnson
Vicar: David Severtson
Faith Formation Coordinator: Janel Skindeliien
Ministry Associates: KJ Farhat, Karina Rice
Office Manager: Teri Sokulski
Ministry Coordinator: Dawn Fisch
Assistant Bookkeeper: Keith Neumann
Custodian: Bruce Laffen, Debbie Petersen,
Jasmine Rankin
Head Usher: Randy Novak
Prayer Ministry: Sandi Bennett, Julie Neumann,
Dianne Plahn
Kitchen Coordinator: Enola Dowdell
Calvary Cemetery Sexton: Ron Keith

Missionaries

Rev. Philip & Lou Knutson, Southern Africa
Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania
Rev. Alex LaChapelle, Kenya

2020 Executive Committee

President: Mike Haugsby; Vice President: Sara Bennett;
Secretary: Holly Ulrich; Treasurer: Craig Holmgren;
Pastors

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Kaylee Jahraus (18-21)
Michelle Kotrba (19-22)
Elissa Nelson (20-23)

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Mike Haugsby (18-21)
Charles Ulrich (19-22)
Kim Larson (20-23)

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Jena Berget (19-22)
Shane Baker (20-23)

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Jeremy Schmidt (18-21)
Britta Willenbring (18-21)
Jeanne Ashburn (19-22)
Sandy Hanson (20-23)

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John Kappers (18-21)
Nikki Erickson (19-22)
Holly Ulrich (19-22)

Board of Youth & Family

Sara Bennett (19-22)
Michael Newberg (19-22)
Karen Loge (20-23)

Serving Today

Preaching: Pastor Tim Malek
Worship Assistants: Pastor Naomi Mahler,
Vicar David Severtson
Acolytes:
8:00 - Julia Severtson, Katelyn Garberding
10:15 - Christian Fink, Alexandria Eckhoff

Greeters:

8:00 - Donavon & Kathy Monson
Jenifer Monson
10:15 - Kathleen Vossen
Charlotte Helmuth

Lectors:

5:30 - Susan Roepke
8:00 - Joni Hanson
10:15 - Britta Willenbring

Office Volunteer:

8:00 - Mary Ellen de Cathelineau
10:15 - Julie Olson

Sound:

8:00 - Doug Sawatzky
10:15 - Shawn Swenson

Video - Jason Hultgren

February Altar Guild: Susan Roepke, Sandi Bennett,
Becky Behm, Julie Olson & Cheryl Ruter

A Measure of Our Faithfulness Worship Attendance		
Saturday, February 15		36
Sunday, February 16	8:00	89
	10:15	187
Wednesday, February 19		30
Total:		342

Our Week at Calvary

Sunday 23	Transfiguration of our Lord Sunday
	8:00 AM First Word Worship
	9:05 AM All Ages Sunday School
	9:05 AM New Member Class
	10:15 AM Foundation & Praise Worship
	1:00 PM Scouting BSA
	6:30 PM Sr. High Youth Group
Monday 24	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study "Amazing Collection"
	10:30 AM Prayer Time
	2- 9:30 PM Life Touch - Church Directory
	5:15 PM Grief Care
	6:30 PM Cub Scouts
	7:00 PM Scouting BSA
	7:00 PM Planning Team Meeting
Tuesday 25	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
	10:00 AM Staff Meeting
	10:30 AM Program Staff Meeting
	2- 9:30 PM Life Touch - Church Directory
	6:00 PM Daisy Girl Scouts Troop 3655
Wednesday 26	9:00 AM Beliveau Women's Bible Study
	12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Communion Worship
	5:30 PM Lenten Meal
	6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Communion Worship
Thursday 27	9:30 AM Bible Study
	11:00 AM Circle Bible Study Leaders
	1:00 PM Doing Days/Quilting
	2- 9:30 PM Life Touch - Church Directory
	7:00 PM Calvary Creative Care
Friday 28	12:15 PM Yoga
	2- 9:30 PM Life Touch - Church Directory
Saturday 29	8:30 AM Equipping Congregation Day
	9:00 AM Foundation & Praise Rehearsal
	10-5:00 PM Life Touch - Church Directory
	5:30 PM Chapel Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 1	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
	8:00 AM First Word Worship with Holy Communion
	9:05 AM Sunday School
	9:05 AM Early Childhood Sunday School
	9:05 AM Forum
	10:15 AM Foundation & Praise Worship with Holy Communion & Receiving New Members
	5:00 PM Games & Grub

EQUIPPING CONGREGATIONS DAY-Saturday, February 29, 2020

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM Vinje Lutheran Church.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend! For information on the event please visit www.swmnelca.org/events page. Calvary will pay the registration fee.

24 EXCITING WORKSHOPS AT EQUIPPING DAY ON FEB. 29

--ATTEND 1 FROM EACH GROUP DURING THE DAY--

Group A

- Church Treasurer Alert! Your Job Just Became More Difficult
- Responding to Childhood Trauma as Church: How, & Why?
- Getting to Know Your Neighbor of a Different Faith
- Different Gifts Members Can & Want to Give to Your Church
- Suicide Awareness and Prevention
- The Use of Improv Comedy for Everyday Ministry
- The Intersection of Aging: Staying Young & Growing Old
- Ministry With Older Adults on the New Frontier of Aging

Group B

- Safety & Security at Church: One Congregation's Story
- ELCA YOUTH GATHERING: 2021 IN MPLS. TIME TO PLAN!
- The Holy Spirit, Faith Formation, & the Care of Souls
- Music & Mission: From Rural Roots to Global Family
- Congregational Vitality: Looking inward or Outward?
- Leading the Congregation in a Polarized World
- The Role Food & Agriculture Plays in Climate Change
- What's Going On in the ELCA? –Bishop Jon Anderson

Group C

- Farms & Rural Stress: Origins and Ways to Help
- Millennials, Generation Z, and the Church: How Future Generations are Leading us into new Life as Church
- Creative Use of Memory & Story in the Church
- From Candidacy to Call Committee: A Discernment Journey
- A Living, ever Changing Document: the Church Constitution
- Navigating Tough Conversations with Youth in the Church
- Exploring the Narrative Lectionary of Scripture Readings

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH &
DISCIPLESHIP & OUR CALVARY MISSION!
SIGN UP TODAY!!**