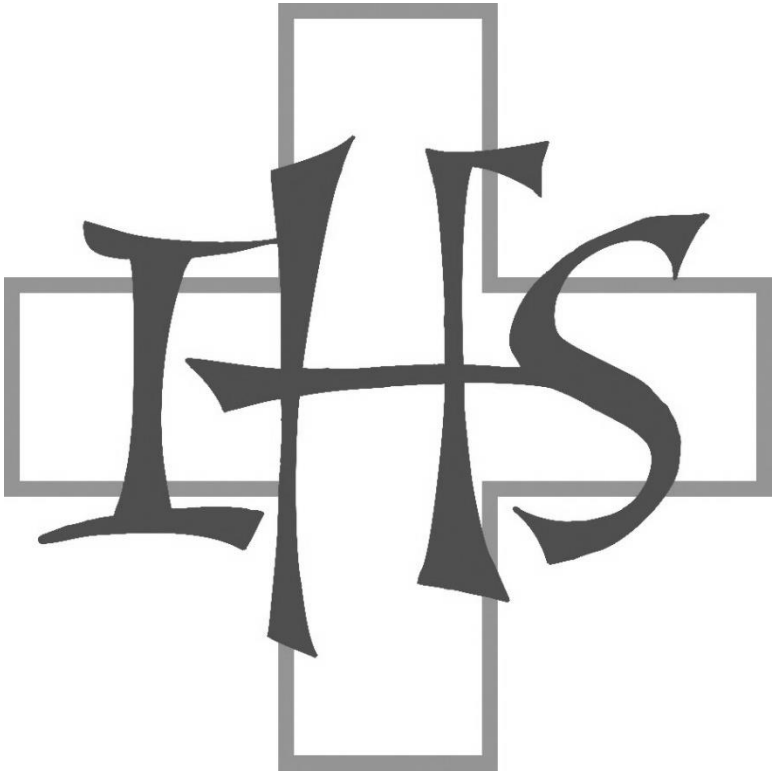


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Psalm 98:2

Order of Worship

February 12, 2023 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 98:2, 7-9

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

the world and those who dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before
the LORD,

for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with equity.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Divine Service

Invocation for the Epiphany Season

L This is the day the Lord has made;

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalm 118:24

L Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

Isaiah 60:1

C We have seen His star and have come
to worship Him!

Matthew 2:2

L Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

C And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

Isaiah 60:1

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

C Amen.

Opening Song

A Place at Your Altar

Gustafson, Sadler

Chorus x2, Verse, Chorus x2, Verse

Chorus

The musical score is written on four staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Chorus' and begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains the lyrics: 'I will seek a place at Your al - tar,'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'hum - bly draw near to You; I will hide my - self'. The third staff has a first ending bracket over the final two measures, with the lyrics: 'in Your shad - ow, wor - ship in spir - it and truth.'. The fourth staff has a second ending bracket over the final two measures, with the lyrics: 'wor - ship in spir - it and truth.'. The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

I will seek a place at Your al - tar,
hum - bly draw near to You; I will hide my - self
in Your shad - ow, wor - ship in spir - it and truth.
wor - ship in spir - it and truth.

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Verse

E - ven the swai - low has found a nest where
 she can lay her young; So, we are long - ing to find
 that rest. So, in - to Your courts we come,
 in - to Your courts we come. *Fine*

Prayer of Confession

- L** Heavenly Father, as we come in the name of Jesus, confident that with you there is forgiveness, we ask you to hear the confession of our sins.
- C** **Often we do not follow the guiding light of your Word, but turn to the artificial lights of sin which Satan has placed on our path.**
- L** Many times our thoughts and words, our intentions and our actions have been sinful.
- C** **We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In our sin, we have fallen short of the glory of God, and have no power to free ourselves from our sinful condition.**

We pause for silent confession and reflection

Song of Confession

Turn My Heart

DeShazo

Chorus x2, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus

CHORUS

Turn my heart, O Lord, like riv - ers of wa - ter,

— turn my heart, O Lord, by Your hand; Till my

whole life flows in the riv - er of Your Spir - it,

and my name brings hon - or to the

Lamb. Turn my

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VERSE

Lord, I sur - ren - der to. Your work in

me; I rest my life with - in Your

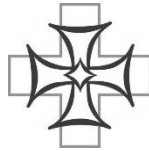
lov - ing hands. Turn my

and my name brings hon - or to the Lamb. *Fine*

- L** For all our sins – those known to us and others, and those known only to you,
- C** **We ask you Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

L Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen!



Psalm

Psalm 119:1–8

Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse

¹Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!

²**Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,**

³who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways!

⁴**You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.**

⁵Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

⁶**Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

⁷I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

⁸**I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Prayer

L Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:21–37

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹[Jesus said:] "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'
²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'
³²But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**



Sermon Song

Ancient Words

DeShazo

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus x2, Verse 4, Chorus x2, Ending

VERSE 1



1. Ho-ly— words long pre - served for our walk in this world;—



— They re-sound— with God's own heart, O, let the

§ VERSES 2, 3 & 4



an-cient words im - part; 2. Words of life, words of
(3.) words of our
(4.) blood stains each



hope, give us strength,— help_ us cope;—
faith hand - ed down_____ to_ this age,—
page, they have died_____ for_ this faith;—



— In this world___ wher - e'er we
— came to us___ through sac - ri -
— Hear them cry___ through the



roam, an - cient words will guide us home.
fice; O, heed the faith - ful words of Christ.
years; Heed these words and hold them dear.

CHORUS



An-cient words, ev-er true, chang-ing me, chang-ing



you; We have come with o - pen hearts, O let the

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1. an-cient words im - part. 2. 3. Ho-ly_ part. An-cient

CHORUS

words, ev-er true, chang-ing me, chang-ing you; We have

2nd time to Coda ⊕

come with o-pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im - part.

INSTRUMENTAL D.S. al Coda

⊕ Coda ENDING 4. Mar - tyr's_

part. We have come with o-pen hearts, O let the

an - cient words im - part.

O let the an - cient words im - part.

Sermon

“Teach Me, O God”

1 Corinthians 3:1-9



Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- L** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response after each petition

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- L** Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

- L** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- C** **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.**

Benediction

- L** Arise! Shine! For your light has come.
- C** **And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!** *Isaiah 60:1*
- L** This is the day the Lord has made;
- C** **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**
- L** The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Closing Song

Let the Peace of God Reign

Zschech

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 1, Chorus

Verse



Fa - ther of life, draw me clos - er,
O, Ho - ly Spir - it, You're my com - fort,



Lord, my heart is set on You; Let me
strength - en me, hold my head up high; And I'll



run the race of time, with Your life en - fold - ing mine, and let the
stand-up-on Your truth, bringing glo - ry un - to You, and let the



peace of God, let it reign,
peace of God, let it reign.

Chorus



O Lord, I hun - ger for more of You,



Rise up with-in me let me know Your truth;



O, Ho - ly Spi - it, sat - u - rate my soul, and let the

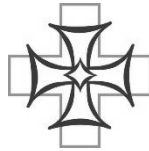


life of God fill me now, let Your

heal - ing pow'r bring__ life and make me whole, and let the

peace of God,___ let it reign._____

Fine



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Resources for Meditation this Week

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

19 February 2023

Readings

Exodus 24:8–18

2 Peter 1:16–21

Matthew 17:1–9

God Manifests His Glory in the Body of Christ Jesus, Transfigured for Us by His Cross

The Transfiguration confirms *“the prophetic word ... to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place”* (2 Peter 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were *“eyewitnesses of his majesty”* (2 Peter 1:16). *“He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun”* (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: *“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased”* (Matt. 17:5). By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, *“the appearance of the glory of the LORD”* is no longer *“like a devouring fire”* (Ex. 24:17), but it is graciously revealed in His own body. As *“Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel”* went up the mountain with Moses and *“beheld God, and ate and drank”* (Ex. 24:9, 11), we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar.

