

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 19, 2023

P=Presider R=Responses

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please register your attendance in the books at the end of the row where you are seated, and fill out a prayer request card and place it in the offering basket as you desire.)*

P Let us pray.

R Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for the faithful shepherds you have sent to Zion over the many years in this place. Thank you for their ministry done in your name. Bless their memory among us. We now wait in expectation for a new pastor. Wherever they may be, tend their heart, giving them courage to preach your Word, knowledge of your vision for the future, and the will to model consistent and godly living. Guard their family, that they may experience a healthy transition to our congregation. Bless them and us with genuine friendship. And bless the congregation that is left behind with a sense of your comfort and leading. Good and faithful God, prepare us for our new pastor. Set our hearts aright, encourage our faith, heal our divisions. Show us how to let go of what has gone before and, with open and eager hearts, take hold of what is coming. We pray all in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

"Praise Him, All Ye Little Children" ~Music: Carey Bonner; Lyrics: Anonymous

"All Creatures of Our God and King" ~Music: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; Lyrics: St. Francis of Assisi

(Please stand, kneel or remain seated)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

R Amen

BENEDICTION

P Wherever you go, may God go with you: may he go before you to show you the way...behind you to encourage you...beside you to befriend you...above you to watch over...and within you to give you peace. In the name of our Creator, Redeemer, and Friend.

R Amen

SENDING HYMN

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

HYMN NO. 671

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 grace 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

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950; Music: Graham Kendrick

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

R Thanks be to God.

"I Know Whom I Have Believed" by James McGranahan & Daniel W. Whittle

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God (Your Only Son)"

HYMN NO. 336

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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"Sometimes 'Alleluia'" by Chuck Girard
 "Alleluia" by Jerry Sinclair

(Please stand as you are able)

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

R **Amen**

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

R **Amen**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin. Holy One, source of our renewal,

R **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R **Amen**

GATHERING

(Please remain standing as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" (vs.1,2,3,5)

HYMN NO. 434

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
 does its successive journeys run;
 his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
 till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made,
 and praises throng to crown his head;
 his name like sweet perfume shall rise
 with ev'ry morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of ev'ry tongue
 dwell on his love with sweetest song;
 and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.**

**Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;
 angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R **And also with you.**

PSALM 2 *(Read Responsively)*

A Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?

R **The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and his anointed, saying,**

A “Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast their cords from us.”

R **He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the LORD has them in derision.**

A Then he will speak to them in his wrath
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

R **“I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.”**

A I will tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to me, “You are my son;
today I have begotten you.

R **Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

A You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

R **Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

A Serve the LORD with fear; with trembling kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

R **Happy are all who take refuge in him.**

(Sung)

HYMN NO. 191 *(Holy, Holy...)*

R **Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

Text and Music: Marty Haugen, 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

R **Amen**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

R **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

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to share the body and blood of Jesus that are present in the bread and wine of communion. If you do not wish to participate, you may still come forward for a blessing. As you come forward, please have your hands open to receive a wafer (the body of Christ). If you desire a gluten free wafer and/or white grape juice, please hold up two fingers to the server.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R **And also with you.**

RESPONSE

(Please be seated)

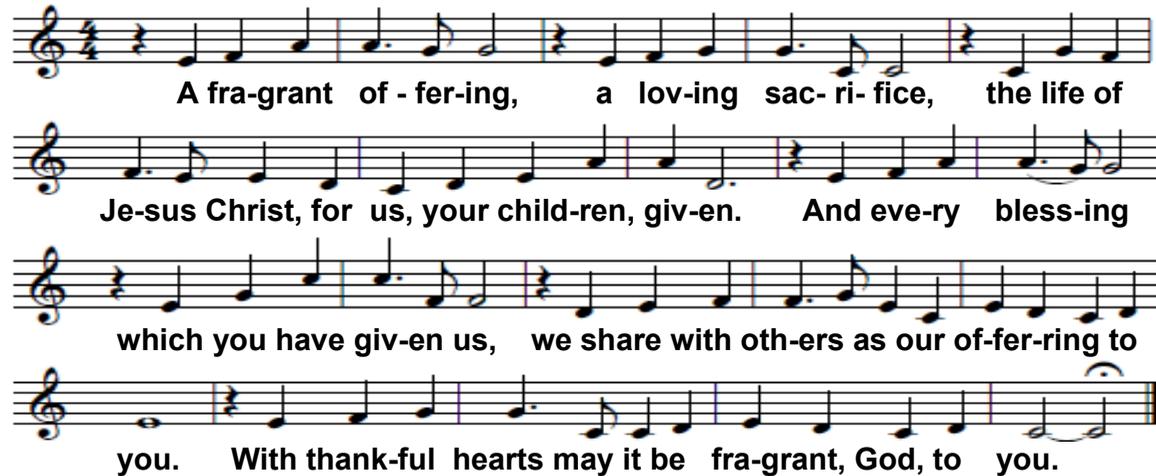
OFFERING

“Wonderful Words of Life” by Philip P. Bliss

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERING SONG

“A Fragrant Offering”



A fra-grant of - fer-ing, a lov-ing sac- ri- fice, the life of
Je-sus Christ, for us, your child-ren, giv-en. And eve-ry bless-ing
which you have giv-en us, we share with oth-ers as our of-fer-ring to
you. With thank-ful hearts may it be fra-grant, God, to you.

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(Please remain standing as you are able)

DIALOGUE *(Spoken)*

P The Lord be with you.

R **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

R **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Now the Feast and Celebration”* **HYMN NO. 167**

**Refrain: Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!**

**Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed
and united us to be one great people of God. Refrain**

**Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. Refrain**

**For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God;
to make all things new. Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

R **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. 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.

R **Amen**

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Blessed Are They” by Lee Dengeer **Chancel Choir**

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

SECOND READING 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" **HYMN NO. 172**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th Chapter.
R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

P The gospel of the Lord.
R **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Rev. Kay Johnson

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY "How Good, Lord..." (vs.1,2,3,5) **HYMN NO. 315**

**How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.**

**How good, Lord, to be here! Your beauty to behold
where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.**

**Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,
we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.**

**How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.**

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize, in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

R 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

