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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 11, 2024

Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. Offerings are received at the door as you enter or leave. Please take a moment to complete an attendance registration slip found in the pew rack and return it to the offering plates also.

The Lord's Supper: As we come to the Lord's Supper we both receive and proclaim. We receive into our mouths not only bread and wine but the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Through our participation in this Holy Meal we proclaim his death until He comes. By our participation in the sacrament at this congregation which is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we are indicating our agreement with the confession of the LCMS. We request that only those who share this confession and are instructed in the sacrament take part today. For those desiring to receive the sacrament using the common cup (large chalice), it is offered at the 8:00 a.m. service in addition to the individual cups. Those with special dietary needs such as gluten free or alcohol free are encouraged to speak with the pastor.

Lectionary Summary: It was "a hard thing" that Elisha asked, but by his persistence he was able to see the prophet Elijah being taken "by a whirlwind into heaven." Although "chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them," Elisha received Elijah's cloak and a "double portion" of his spirit for preaching the Lord's Word (2 Kings 2:9–11). It was a hard thing, too, for Israel to see Moses and come near to him, when "the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God" (Ex. 34:29–30). Therefore, after "he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai," Moses "put a veil over his face" (Ex. 34:32–33). Only the Word of the Gospel lifts the veil, and "only through Christ is it taken away" (2 Cor. 3:14). Thus are we able to behold "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ," who is "the image of God" (2 Cor. 4:4–6). For the Law and the prophets are all fulfilled in Him. Therefore, "listen to him," and fix your sights on "Jesus only" (Mark 9:7–8).

Order of Worship Divine Service Setting One LSB 151

Preservice Music

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringing of the Bell

8:00 a.m.

JOpening Hymn: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

LSB 873

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only light, Sun of righteousness, arise; Triumph o'er the shades of night. Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by Thee; Joyless is the day's return Till Thy mercy's beams I see, Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief; Fill me, radiancy divine, Scatter all my unbelief; More and more Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.

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Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

10:30 a.m.

□ Baptismal Hymn: "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"

LSB 592

- 1 Dearest Jesus, we are here, Gladly Your command obeying; With this child we now draw near In response to Your own saying That to You it shall be given As a child and heir of heaven.
- Your command is clear and plain, And we would obey it duly: "You must all be born again, Heart and life renewing truly, Born of water and the Spirit, And My kingdom thus inherit."

Therefore we have come to You, In our arms this infant bearing.

Truly here Your grace we view; May this child, Your mercy sharing,
In Your arms be shielded ever, Yours on earth and Yours forever.

Order of Baptism LSB 268

- 4 Gracious Head, Your member own; Shepherd, take Your lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne; Way of Life, to heaven lead it; Precious Vine, let nothing sever From Your side this branch forever.
- Now into Your heart we pour Prayers that from our hearts proceeded. Our petitions heav'nward soar; May our hearts' desires be heeded! Write the name we now have given; Write it in the book of heaven!

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Stand

Order of Confession and Absolution

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Introit

- Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9
- Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!
- The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- **P** The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
- **C** Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!
- The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- **C** Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!
- 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.
- Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

Kyrie LSB 152

- **IP** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **IC** Lord, have mercy.
- For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **IC** Lord, have mercy.
- For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- Lord, have mercy.
- For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- Lord, have mercy.
- Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- **IC** Amen.

♬Hymn of Praise: "This Is the Feast"

LSB 155

- This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 - Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
 - whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- The Lord be with you.
- **IC** And also with you.
 - P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

IC Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:1–12

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." ⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me."

¹⁰And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Men's Chorus: "Beautiful Savior" (8:00 am.)

Epistle 2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. ¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

JAlleluia and VerseLSB 156

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel Mark 9:2–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed (8:00 a.m. only)

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.

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"

LSB 413

- O wondrous type! O vision fair Of glory that the Church may share, Which Christ upon the mountain shows, Where brighter than the sun He glows!
- With Moses and Elijah nigh The_incarnate Lord holds converse high; And from the cloud the Holy One Bears record to the only Son.

- 3 With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today What glory shall be theirs above Who joy in God with perfect love.
- 4 And faithful hearts are raised on high By this great vision's mystery, For which in joyful strains we raise The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Stand

 ∆ 5 O Father, with the_eternal Son And Holy Spirit ever one,
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace To see Thy glory face to face.

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Sermon "A Glimpse of Glory"

Pastor Buchhorn

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Preface LSB 160

The Lord be with you.

IC And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

IC We lift them to the Lord.

IP Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

↓Sanctus LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

 Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

IC Amen.

∏Agnus DeiLSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Those with mobility issues who would prefer to receive the sacrament at the pew are encouraged to remain standing at the conclusion of the Agnus Dei.

Those coming to the altar will be welcomed and dismissed half table by half table. It is helpful to fill the table from the wall toward the middle on both sides.

Used individual cups can be left in the holes in the altar rail.

Sit

Communion Distribution Hymns

☐'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

LSB 414

- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night; Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past And hope of things to be, We hail Thy body glorified And our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death, We see Thy kingdom come; We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain; But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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JSoul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB 636

- Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy your praises render. Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded; He, though heav'nly, high, and holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
 For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
 Open wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you there adore Him:
 Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, That I nevermore will leave You.

- He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure: 3 But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given. Though the wealth of earth were proffered, None could buy the gifts here offered: Christ's true body, for you riven, And His blood, for you once given.
- Now in faith I humbly ponder Over this surpassing wonder 4 That the bread of life is boundless Though the souls it feeds are countless: With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given. Oh, most glorious consolation, Pledge and seal of my salvation!
- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure, Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding: Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You; Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring: At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker Of this blessèd food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.
- Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven 7 On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish, To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness. By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You. 8 By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited; By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure. Through the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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Stand

♬Post-Communion Canticle: "Thank the Lord"

LSB 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

IC Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and

→ give you peace.

IC Amen.

Sit

■ Hymn to Depart: "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

LSB 417

- Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die; Alleluia is the anthem Ever raised by choirs on high; In the house of God abiding Thus they sing eternally.
- 2 Alleluia, thou resoundest, True Jerusalem and free; Alleluia, joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee, But by Babylon's sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.
- Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below;
 Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while forgo;
 For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.
- 4 Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, blessèd Trinity, At the last to keep Thine Easter With Thy faithful saints on high; There to Thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Laura Hassler, Brooks Widner, Kennedy Junck, Dana Tompkins, Terry Meyer, Candace Jareske, Larry Johnson, Chad Janke, Evan Bose, John Rebensdorf & Kadence Rees

ANNIVERSARIES: Earl & Janet Fuoss, Harley & Pam Henderson, Rick & Rose McKeown and Brooks & Sherri Widner

WE WELCOME: into the Lord's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Piper Lynn Anderson, daughter of Jared & Brenna (Vovos) Andeson. Piper was born December 18, 2023. Her sponsors are Colton Vovos and Justin & Megan Anderson. May God bless and keep this growing family.

NURSERY: A nursery room has been created to help parents with young children. The nursery is located in the first room west of the upstairs fellowship hall. Please feel welcome to use the room to quiet your child.

<u>PARENTS OF LITTLE CHILDREN</u>: Books which your children may enjoy are available in book bags located near the doors at the east end of the sanctuary. Please return the books after the worship service. Thank you.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS WERE \$7,210.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Join us for our continuing study of the book of Titus. Today we see more of the qualities that are to mark our life in Christ. Join us at 9:15 in the church basement

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>: As we gather today, we will study "The Chosen King." Desiring to be like all the other nations, the elders come to Samuel asking him to appoint a king over Israel. Samuel vainly tries to warn them against their plan, telling them the consequences the people will face. God reveals to Samuel that he will encounter the handsome Saul, whom Samuel anoints as king over Israel.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: There will be no Wednesday morning Bible Study this week due to our observance of Ash Wednesday. Join us for the 9:00 a.m. worship service instead. The class will resume February 21.

THE SEASON OF LENT: Ash Wednesday, February 14, begins the season of Lent. Lent is a 40-day season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope. We pray that our dear Father in heaven might richly bless this Lenten season for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts. We will observe Ash Wednesday with both morning and evening worship services with communion. The services will be at 9:00 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. Note that due to the penitential nature of the day there will be no Lenten Supper on Ash Wednesday. These will begin February 21.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES: On Ash Wednesday, February 14 there will be the opportunity for the optional imposition of ashes. In the Bible following his sin Adam was told "for dust you are and to dust you will return." Dust or ashes became a symbol of mortality and death. In the Old Testament, being covered in ashes and wearing sackcloth was an outward sign that a person was in mourning. In the Christian church it became a custom to observe the beginning of the season of Lent with penitents being marked by ashes. It is from this custom we get the name "Ash Wednesday." Those desiring to be marked by ashes as a part of your Ash Wednesday worship are invited to come to the Altar area for the imposition of ashes prior to the beginning of Ash Wednesday services or after the conclusion of the service.

MIDWEEK CLASS TIME: During the season of Lent our Midweek classes will begin following the midweek worship service at approximately 7 p.m. The classes should conclude by 8 p.m.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Our Men's Bible study will meet this Saturday (2/17) from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. at Cup of Grace. Join us for breakfast and a time of encouragement around God's word. The group meets twice monthly on the first and third Saturday mornings.

<u>WSC SUNDAY SUPPER</u>: All students are invited to join us Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. for a free home cooked meal served at the Cup of Grace campus center. Join us for this time of food and fellowship before jumping into another week of classes.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS: Devotional booklets for the season of Lent entitled "Lamb of God" are available at the entryways this morning. The booklets from Lutheran Hour Ministries help us to see Jesus as both human and divine. He is concerned about people's everyday lives and their eternal welfare. As God's Son, He bore the weight of our sins so we in faith can carry His mission to the world. These devotions are also available in an electronic format. See lhm.org for details.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Today, Sunday, February 11th @ 5:30pm in the church basement. This coming month as we dive into a short devotional; we plan to do a soup swap. How does this work? There are plastic containers and Ziplock bags in the front of the church to fill up with soup options. How many soup options are up to you. We just ask that you bring a sample of the soup to share as well as the recipe to our Bible Study. Then we will swap away. If time allows, we will also plan to make our candles and soap. As always, bringing items is optional. This is open to all ladies and friends are always welcome. Reminder we are a low-key group so if you are unable to make it every time that's okay you are always welcome to come when it works in your schedule. Questions contact Julie Bose or Teresa Tiedtke

LENTEN MEALS: Lenten meal will begin February 21st. If your organization would like to serve a meal, please contact the church office. This is a great way to further fellowship within the church.

FEBRUARY NEEDS YOU! Grace Lutheran Blood Bank will be held Tuesday, February 13th, from 1;00 pm. to 6:00 pm. LifeServe Blood Bank provides blood to 158 hospitals, including Providence Medical Center. Did you know that donating blood not only saves lives but also has a positive impact on your heart health? Here are a few ways that donating blood can positively impact your health:

Improved Circulation: Donating blood helps maintain healthy blood flow and can

reduce the risk of developing cardiovascular issues.

Reduced Risk of Heart Disease: Regular blood donation can lower your risk of heart disease by reducing excess iron levels in the body, which can be harmful to your heart. **Lower Blood Pressure:** Donating blood can help regulate blood pressure levels, which is essential for a healthy heart.

WAYNE FFA BREAKFAST Sunday, February 25th from 9am-1pm, at the High School Shop (west side of high school). Free will donation. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, juice, coffee, and sausage will be served. Breakfast available to-go.

<u>LUTHERAN HOUR</u>: "Redeeming DIY" -- Lutheran Hour Speaker: <u>Rev. Dr. Michael</u> Zeigler Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

PARTCIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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ELDER ON DUTY: Chuck Potosnyak (8:00) Payton Janke (10:30)

ACOLYTES: Chloe Kai & Reagan Heithold (8:00)

Dreu Jensen & Colston Starzl (10:30)

READERS: Louise Green (8:00) Jo Junck (10:30)

GREETERS: Kris Fox and Connie Mindrup (8:00) Galen & Kathy Wiser (10:30)

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LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Ray & Theresa Jensen in memory of LaVerne

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		THIS WEEK AT GRACE
TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
	5:30 pm.	Women's Bible Study @ Grace
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner
MONDAY	7:00 pm.	Mission Council
TUESDAY	1:00 pm.	Blood Bank
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Ash Wednesday Worship
	2:00 pm.	Ladies Aid
	4:30 pm.	Bell Choir
	6:15 pm.	Ash Wednesday Worship
	7:00 pm.	Midweek
THURSDAY	10:00 am.	Preschool Chapel
	7:00 pm.	Choir
SATURDAY	7:30 pm.	Men's Bible Study
	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner